

**Co-Curricular**  
**Meridian School District**  
**Co-Curricular Code of Conduct**

As participants in Meridian School District's extra-curricular programs and activities, it is understood that the following rules apply for the entire year. These rules are in effect from the first day of practice/ meeting one year, through the first day of practice/meeting the following year.

**Attendance**

A student participant must be in school the entire day of a game/activity in order to participate in that game/activity unless he/she has a prearranged excused absence. Students must also be in attendance the entire day following a game/activity unless they have an administrative approved, prearranged excused absence (for example: Dr. appointment, funeral) or an absence excused for illness or injury; not more than one of these exceptions is allowed in a school quarter. Any exception to this due to additional extenuating circumstances must be appealed through building administration. Any unusual circumstance should be discussed with the Principal and parent before it becomes a concern.

**Behavior**

The first violation of the following rules may result in a probationary period of one year (after the applicable discipline has been imposed). A further violation of the following rules, after a violation-free probationary period of one year, may be eligible to begin the "offense count" back at a first offense.

- No excessive use of profane or vulgar language
- No engagement in any behavior that violates the co-curricular code
- No cheating or plagiarizing on coursework, tests or exams
- Abide by all regulations as prescribed by the Meridian Board of Directors and understand that any act of exceptional misconduct as outlined in the Meridian Student Handbook will also be considered a violation of the MSD Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.

All violations of the following rules are cumulative during the student's time at each school.

- No smoking, vaping (e-cigarettes) or chewing of tobacco
- No use or possession of intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs
- No misuse of OTC or prescription drugs (See WIAA rule 18.26.2 on Legend drugs, controlled substances and the consequences).
- Commit no unlawful acts (See note below).
- Not to be present at any function or in any circumstance where alcohol or illegal drugs are involved.

**High School Discipline**

- **First Offense:**  
The student will be immediately suspended from activities for fourteen calendar days, this will include suspension from a minimum number of contests or events. Each sport/activity specific suspension is illustrated in the table below. Should the period of suspension be less

than fourteen days, the student will forfeit participation in games/events in a subsequent sport or activity. The table below illustrates each sport/activity specific suspension. The student may, at the discretion of the coach, be allowed to participate in practices but cannot take part in contests during the time of suspension.

Length of Season (Contests)	Activity	Contests Missed	If remaining season is less than 14 days
Less than 10	<i>All Clubs</i>	<i>1 week to include 1 contest</i>	<i>1 week of practice</i>
Less than 10	Cross Country	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 contests
10	Football, Track, Fall Cheer	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 contests
12	Golf, Swim	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 contests
16	Soccer, Volleyball	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 contests
18	Girls Bowling	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 contests
20	Basketball, Baseball, Fastpitch,	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 contests
33	Wrestling,	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 contests
40	Winter Cheer	14 day to include a minimum of 2 contests	2 Contests

*\*Activities in which students represent Meridian as an extension of a course requirement for which students receive a grade are governed by the Student Handbook and are not considered co-curricular activities*

- **Second Offense:**

The student will be dismissed from the team/group for the remainder of that season. Should the period of suspension be less than twenty-one days, the student will forfeit participation in one-third of the games or events in a subsequent sport or activity. The student may, at the discretion of the coach, be allowed to participate in practices but cannot take part in contests during the time of suspension.

- **Third Offense:**

The student will be suspended from participating in all extracurricular activity programs within the Meridian School District for the remainder of his/her high school career.

- **Appeal:**

A student may appeal any offense within 1 week of the punishment. An appeal meeting will take place with the Principal, Athletic Director, Student, and Parent/Guardian present.

A student's appeal will be approved or denied within 2 school days of the appeal hearing.

If a student win's his/her appeal they will be placed back on the previous step.

Administration may enforce alternative punishment if appeal is granted but discipline is warranted.

### **MHS and MMS**

In all cases involving the use of illegal drugs or alcohol, the student shall be required to submit to a MSD drug/alcohol counselor or an accredited community drug/alcohol evaluator employed by a community agency and must abide by the recommendation of that agency before being reinstated.

Note: The continued eligibility for students involved in criminal offenses, even though not committed on school property or at a school event, will be subject to a review by a committee consisting of the Administration, Athletic Director, Coach and School Counselor. A student may be found ineligible for one game, a number of games or placed on behavior probation. Repeated criminal offenses either in school or outside of school will likely result in ineligibility for the remainder of the season depending on the circumstances involved.

### **Meridian High School Co-Curricular Academic Eligibility**

In order to participate in Co-curricular activities, students must continuously demonstrate academic achievement. Evidence of passing grades must be presented every two weeks. If there are any failing grades, the student must bring the grade up to passing or have special circumstances approved by administration before participating in the next competition.

A student must pass all classes during the previous grading period as well as maintain passing grades throughout the quarter. If the student earns a grade of F, NC, or I, the student may begin participating in interscholastic competitions when...

- If the student received a grade of I or incomplete...  
When the incomplete has been made up and the teacher has submitted a passing grade to the registrar.
- If the student received a grade of NC or no credit...  
When a weekly progress report shows that the student has 90% or better attendance for a minimum of three school weeks during the current semester.
- If the student has received a grade of F... (see below)

### **Previous Semester Grades**

- Fall student athletes who fail two or more previous semester classes are ineligible to compete for five weeks (WIAA).
- Fall student athletes who fail one semester class are ineligible to compete in the first 15% of their next sports season.
- Spring student athletes who fail one or more previous semester classes are ineligible to compete in the first 15% of their next sports season.
- Alternative Education (Running Start, IMPACT!, etc) student athletes who fail one or more previous quarter classes are ineligible to compete in the first 15% of their next sports season. If the quarter ends mid sports season the student will have the choice to impose the penalty of 15% immediately, or when the next quarter starts.

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<b>Length of Season</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>% Games Ineligible</b>	<b>Contests Missed</b>
Less than 10	<i>All Clubs/Activities</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>1 contest/performance</i>
Less than 10	Cross Country	15%	1 meet
10	Football, Track, <i>Fall Cheer</i>	15%	1.5 (consecutive contests at highest level)
12	Golf, Swim	15%	2
16	Soccer, Volleyball	15%	2 games OR 1 game AND 1 tourney
18	Girls Bowling	15%	2.5 (consecutive contests at the highest level)
20	Basketball, Baseball, Fastpitch,	15%	3 games
33	Wrestling,	15%	5 matches OR 1 tourney OR equivalent
40	Winter Cheer	15%	6 games

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- Students who document successful completion of course work (pre-approved by the school) that makes up credit for the classes failed may recover their whole eligibility.
- Note: Class makeup/Credit recovery: Students attempting to recover credit from failed course work (i.e. Summer/Online) must re-take the same class. Any exceptions to this must have prior administrative approval.

**Current Semester Grades**

- Goal: All students will earn a C- or better.
- Grades will be checked on a two week basis.
- The first two week grade check (to occur on the Monday, at least 10 days after the start of the semester) of each semester will place failing student athletes on a probationary “grace period”. Students with failing grades retain full eligibility status. This is considered a “status” warning and takes into consideration the infancy of the term.
- The second grade check (week five) of the semester will identify those with failing grades as ineligible for competition.
- For the remainder of the semester, any student whose grades in any class slip under 60% are ineligible for competition.
- MHS Students may restore their athletic eligibility at any point in time. There is no set term of suspension. Note: Passing status must be communicated from the teacher to administration, in person, electronically (email, text), or by phone. (\*Hand notes are not acceptable. The WIAA penalty for forgery is a one calendar year athletic suspension).

In addition, it is understood that as a member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, all students in the Meridian School District are subject to WIAA regulations.