



Hallsville R-IV School District
Activities Handbook
2020-2021

HALLSVILLE R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT
Athlete Information Sheet
(Revised July, 2018)

Student Responsibilities and Citizenship Requirements:

Eligibility to represent a school in extracurricular activities is a privilege to be attained by meeting the standards of eligibility cooperatively set by the member schools of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, as well as any additional standards set by the Hallsville R-IV School. Students who represent the school in extracurricular activities must be creditable citizens, as determined by school officials, to be eligible for participation. Any student whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or the school, are not considered "creditable citizens". Conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline. Athletes are always in the public eye and personal conduct must always be above reproach.

(Note: The following information is from the MSHSAA Official Handbook)

Students who represent a school in interscholastic activities must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper authority. Those students whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their schools are not considered "creditable citizens." Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

A. Law Enforcement: A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty (i.e. jail time, fine, court costs, etc.) or special condition of probation (i.e. restitution, community service, counseling, etc.) has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies. Moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs or injuries to others. After a student has completed all court appearances and penalties, and has satisfied all special conditions of probation and remains under general probation only, local school authorities shall determine eligibility.

B. Local School:

- A student shall not be considered eligible while serving out-of-school suspension.
- A student who is expelled or who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.
 - from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.
- If a student has an unexcused absence, they shall not be considered eligible on that date. Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until they attend a full day of classes.
- Each school shall diligently and completely investigate any issue that could affect student eligibility.

- C. **Student Responsibility: Each student is responsible to notify the school of any and all situations that would affect his/her eligibility under the above standards. If the student does not notify the school of the situation prior to the school's discovery, then the student shall be ineligible for up to 365 days from discovery, pending review by the Board of Directors.**

(Note: The following are Hallsville R-IV Schools policies and practices)

Therefore, the following regulations have been written to insure the meeting of the above ideals by representatives of the Hallsville R-IV Schools:

- A. Any students who are suspended from school because of involvement with drugs, including alcohol, act or threat of extreme violence, attack on a staff member, and/or possession of a weapon shall be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities as outlined below:

-First offense = the student(s) are suspended from all extracurricular performance events for a minimum of 40 school days, but they can be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the Activities Director.

-Second offense = the student(s) are suspended from all extracurricular performance events for a minimum of 80 school days, but they can be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the Activities Director.

-Third offense = the student(s) are suspended from all extracurricular activities performance events for a minimum of 160 school days, but they could receive a longer suspension at the discretion of the Activities Director.

- B. All students, whether spectators or participants, are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. This includes showing proper respect for coaches, activity supervisors, players, opposing fans, and officials. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension and/or loss of the right to participate in extracurricular activities.
- C. All students and parents should read through the Athlete Participation Agreement very carefully and recognize the level of commitment that must be made to be a successful athlete in any Hallsville sports program. The expectations of the Board of Education, the administration, the athletic coaching staff, and the supporters in the community are for the athlete in this district to stand out from all other students, and have the courage to lead peers in positive behavior and recreation.

Academic Progress:

Participating students, including student managers, are evaluated for academic progress during the season. The method for reporting is described below:

High School

Student athletes will be evaluated for academic progress approximately every three weeks as a part of the scheduled high school progress reports while representing the school in extracurricular activities. The academic reporting is the student's current grade, as accumulated from the beginning of the quarter or semester, at the time of the report. High School eligibility is different than Middle School because it is determined every semester (18 week grading period)

If a student athlete's grades during a progress report are determined unacceptable, they will be **assigned to Academic Support**. The High School Academic Support program runs during the Tribe time.

Middle School

Student athletes will be evaluated for academic progress during each season. A grade check will be done during the first week of practice for each sport to determine eligibility (check grades from previous quarter). **Middle School eligibility is different than High School because it is determined after every quarter (9 week grading period)**

A student with 2 F's or more on their 4th quarter report card is not eligible for fall activities.
A student with 2 F's or more on their 1st quarter report card is not eligible for winter activities.
A student with 2 F's or more on their 3rd quarter report card is not eligible for spring activities

Notes & Reminders:

If a student has an unexcused absence, they shall not be considered eligible on that date

When a student receives a full day of ISS they can practice and they will be suspended for one contest

When a student receives an OSS they are not eligible for practices or contests until their suspension is over. They are not eligible for a minimum of one contest

A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded

Any student that discredits themselves or the school could disqualify them from participation.

Important Guidelines/Procedures:

Athletes are to arrive to school on time each day, and **must attend a full day of school** in order to be eligible to attend a practice or a contest, **unless** arrangements are made **ahead of time** with the athletic director or the school principal.

Athletes are required to ride the team bus to and from all competitions not played in Hallsville. If a **parent or guardian is present** at an away event and **personally** signs the release form, athletes may be released to their parent/guardian. Athletes **cannot** be released to anyone except a parent/guardian.

Athletes should not participate in non-school sports during a season of participation without checking with the activities office to make sure there is not a violation of the MSHSAA rules.

All high school athletes must have earned 3.0 credits the previous semester, and **must be currently enrolled in at least 3.0 credits in order to be eligible.**

All middle school athletes must have been promoted at the end of the previous year and cannot have failed more than one class the past quarter.

Families of athletes that anticipate moving the residence of the student into another school district should check with the activities office about the MSHSAA rules to cover a move of an individual or the entire family.

Open communication is extremely important in resolving conflicts or problems.

Student/athlete—if at any time you have questions or concerns while participating in a sport , **you should follow these steps:**

1. Athlete should meet with coach of the team and discuss the matter.
2. Athlete and parent set up an appointment to meet with the coach.
3. Athlete and parent set up an appointment to meet with the Activities Director if resolution is not found with coach.

Campus facilities are to be used by students only during supervised time by District staff. No unsupervised use of the facilities is allowed. Specifically weight room , gyms, locker rooms and gated fields.

CHECKLIST for student participation in extracurricular activities:

- . Physical w/ insurance signed/returned
- . Student/parent agreement signed/returned
- . Permit to video signed/returned
- . MSHSAA eligibility /credits/residency
- . Grades/ progress reports

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