

**Mountain Home School District 193**  
*Student Code of Conduct and Responsibility for Participation Agreement in  
Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities*  
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**I. Policy Statement/Code of Conduct**

Students participating in extracurricular activities and co-curricular activities must realize these are special opportunities that will occur during their high school careers. When a Mountain Home High School student visits another school, he/she represents everything that is associated with their activities, sport, and school. This includes all the hard work and extra time it takes to become a successful team or organization. In some cases, the students will be wearing the school colors and a uniform that represents pride in the school and its traditions. These students represent the school, coaches, fellow participants, and the community ... It is a tremendous responsibility and honor.

Our school district considers participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities to be a privilege. As a student participating in an extracurricular and co-curricular activity, it is your responsibility to always conduct yourself according to the highest standards of behavior. Students in school or involved in school activities either on or away from the school premises are expected to obey their school officials, respect property, maintain order and decorum, and conduct themselves in a manner as to bring credit upon themselves and their school.

Participants who fail to follow or adhere to established rules and policies will be disciplined according to procedures listed below and their opportunity to participate in further extracurricular and co-curricular activities may be limited or denied.

**Definition of Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities**

**Extracurricular Activities** are defined as those activities that take place outside of the regular school day and do not involve class credit.

**Co-curricular activities** are defined as any activity held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class but outside of the regular school day including, but limited to, activities such as debate, drama, band, and choir.

**II. Academic Requirements to Participate in Extracurricular & Co-curricular Activities.**

All participating students in extracurricular and co-curricular activities are expected to place their academic requirements above all else and devote their attention to achievement in the classroom.

Extracurricular and co-curricular activities are considered a privilege and a supplement to a student's overall education.

In order to participate in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities, a student must comply with Rules of the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) governing academic eligibility.

The athletic director or activity advisor will provide a list of ineligible students to coaches, sponsors, and directors five (5) days following the end of the semester. A student will be allowed to participate until the list is made available. A student will be declared ineligible on the day the coaches, sponsors or directors receive the list of ineligibility.

A student must attend at least two periods for the high school & three periods for the Jr. High the day of a scheduled school activity or athletic event when classes are in session to participate in the extracurricular and/or co-curricular activity. Failure to attend school will make a student ineligible for participation in that day's extracurricular and co-curricular event.

All students involved in extracurricular and co-curricular activities are responsible for making arrangements with teachers regarding assignments, makeup tests or other responsibilities prior to departing school for such events.

### **III. Prohibited Conduct and Consequences**

#### **A. Policy Statement:**

It is the policy of this school and the school district that a student participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities shall not engage in the prohibited conduct described herein below, in school or out of school, at any time during the scholastic year, defined as the beginning of the fall sports/activity season and ending the last day of the school year. To ensure that all students understand this policy, prior to the start of the season, coaches or activity sponsors shall, during a meeting thoroughly review this policy with prospective members or participants.

#### **B. Minor Infraction:**

A minor infraction involves student behavior that occurs while the student is engaged in an extracurricular and co-curricular activity or is otherwise under the direct supervision of a coach or activity advisor. A minor infraction is one that is determined to be a slight deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student expectations, such as inattentive behavior or school truancy. The coach or activity sponsor will handle these minor infractions as soon as possible. It will be at the coach or advisor's discretion as to what consequence is given. The consequences are listed below:

##### **1. First Offense:**

The coach or activity sponsor shall verbally reprimand the student on the inappropriateness of the action.

##### **2. Second Offense:**

A student/parent conference may be held with the coach or activity advisor. The student may be placed on a probationary status; this requires the student's complete cooperation and respect for the rules which apply to participation in the extracurricular and co-curricular activity. At this time the student and the parent will be advised of the consequences if a third offense should occur.

##### **3. Third Offense:**

The student may be dismissed from the extracurricular and co-curricular activity for the remainder of the season or duration of the activity.

#### **C. Major Disciplinary Violations:**

Include, but are not limited to; insubordination to a coach, unauthorized entry and/or theft and/or vandalism of school property; verbal or physical abuse of other students, school employees, or visitors - including cyber bullying and general misuse of social media; possession of firearms or weapons on campus; making bomb threats or activating the school fire alarm without appropriate

cause, fighting - except in cases where administration/authorities prove that due to certain circumstances other measures should apply (i.e. self-defense).

**D. Criminal Conduct and Other Prohibited Conduct:**

- a. Breaking of any of the criminal laws of any city, county, state, or the United States, other than infraction or minor traffic violations. Examples of breaking the law include, but are not limited to, theft, vandalism, burglary, assault, battery and unauthorized possession of a firearm or other object that could be used as a weapon.
- b. Insubordination and/or persistent negative attitude related to practices, contests, officials, coaching or sponsor directives.
- c. Physical and/or verbal abuse (i.e. hazing, fighting, harassment) of other members or potential members of athletic and/or activity groups.
- d. Actions of sexual misconduct and/or harassment.
- e. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin or handicapped condition.
- f. Any act or omission resulting in expulsion from school. The Mountain Home High School District pursuant to Idaho Code Section 33-205 regulates this.

**E. Procedure Governing Code of Conduct Violations:**

If any member of the school's administration, faculty or coaching staff witnesses or has evidence of a student having committed any of the above enumerated prohibited or criminal acts either on or off campus, the student's conduct shall be handled with one of the following procedures.

**First Infraction - Criminal Conduct and Other Prohibited Conduct:**

**In Season:** Suspension from participation for the remainder of the season. Before the student/athlete participates in another activity they may be required to complete 10 hours of community service. The nature of that service will be determined by school administration, if needed.

**Second Infraction - Criminal Conduct and Other Prohibited Conduct:**

Permanent loss of eligibility for the remainder of the school year.

**F. Use of, Sale or Distribution or Possession of tobacco/e-cigarettes:**

Smoking means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted or heated tobacco, drug or plant product intended for inhalation, in any manner or in any form, whether electronic or otherwise. "Smoking" also includes the use of any oral device, electronic or otherwise, that provides vapor of liquid nicotine, drug, and/or other substance, and the use of inhalation, which simulates smoking or drug use.

Tobacco is any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means.

**1st Violation - Use of, Sale or Distribution or Possession of tobacco/e-cigarettes (excluding illegal substances - marijuana, etc.):**

If a student is involved in an extracurricular activity, the student will be ineligible to participate in upcoming competitions or events a minimum of 14 calendar days and complete a substance abuse

class through the school before returning to competitions or scheduled events. Any related costs for the class may be the responsibility of the student. During the suspension period the student may be allowed to participate in team practices. Students shall not travel, dress in uniform, associate or participate with the team or group at its scheduled competitions for the duration of the suspension. Disciplinary action is subject to the discretion of MHHS administration. The student will be allowed to sit on the bench but not in uniform.

**2nd Violation - Use of, Sale or Distribution or Possession of Tobacco/E-Cigarettes (excluding illegal substances - marijuana, etc.):**

Same consequences as the first violation, except for the length of the suspension will be a minimum of 22 calendar days. Student will also be required to complete 10 hours of community service before returning to competitions or scheduled events. The nature of the community service will be determined by school administration. Disciplinary action is subject to the discretion of MHHS administration.

**3rd Violation - Use of, Sale or Distribution or Possession of Tobacco/E-Cigarettes (excluding illegal substances - marijuana, etc.):**

Student will be subject to all of the previous consequences and will lose eligibility for the remainder of the school year.

**Sale or Distribution, Use or Possession of Alcohol-**

Alcohol shall include any liquor, wine, beer, spirit, or other alcoholic substance, whether in a liquid or powder form, mixed with other substances, or otherwise.

**1st Violation:** Loss of eligibility for the remainder of the school year. Disciplinary action is subject to the discretion of MHHS administration.

**Sale or Distribution, Use or Possession of Drugs-**

Drugs shall include any controlled substance, any illegal substance, any abused substance, any look alike or counterfeit drug, any medication or any inhalant not approved for the use being made of said medication or inhalant, any substance whose use is to alter behavior or mood, any medication not prescribed by a physician for the student in possession of the medication.

Paraphernalia shall include all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use, in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a prohibited substance.

**1st Violation:** Loss of eligibility for the remainder of the school year. Disciplinary action is subject to the discretion of MHHS administration.

# Mountain Home High School

## *Athletic/Activities*

### *Transportation Policy*

The following procedure is to be adhered to by all activity advisors, teachers, and coaches when students are transported on district buses, chartered buses, or by individuals driving personal automobiles and transporting students on any of the following events:

- Classroom field trips.
  - Activity club field trip or destination trip.
  - Athletic event.
  - Any school sponsored trip.
- A. Student participants **MUST** ride school provided transportation to and from the destination of the scheduled event.
- B. Students may only ride home with someone other than the supervising teacher, coach, or advisor when their parent/guardian is present, and permission is granted.
- C. If, for some extraordinary reason, a student needs to ride home with someone other than a parent/guardian or because of some other special circumstances requiring the student to drive themselves, the following **MUST** take place prior to the day before the scheduled departure:
1. Parent/guardian contact **MUST** be made with the advisor, coach, or teacher.
  2. A statement in writing from the parent/guardian **MUST** be on file in the principal's office stating the following information:
    - a. Valid reason for not riding on transportation provided.
    - b. With whom the student will be riding. (Person **MUST** be older than 21 years of age.)
    - c. If riding with another parent/guardian, their acceptance of responsibility, in writing, **MUST** accompany the filed statement.
    - d. The statement must include that the parent/guardian accepts responsibility and liability in **FULL** for any adverse events.
    - e. The statement of release **MUST** be signed and dated.
    - f. In the event that a student must drive him/herself, a mandatory conference will be held with the student, parent/guardian, teacher/coach/advisor, and principal. In addition, the student **MUST** provide a liability release from the school district and a copy of the route the student will take.