

Missouri State High School Activity Association (MSHSAA) Eligibility and Authorization Statement

STUDENT AGREEMENT (Regarding Conditions for Participation)

This application to represent my school in interscholastic athletics is entirely voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I have studied and understand the eligibility standards that I must meet to represent my school and that I have not violated any of them.

I have read, understand, and acknowledge receipt of the MSHSAA brochure entitled "How to Maintain and Protect Your High School Eligibility," <http://www.mshsaa.org/resources/pdf/1011EligibilityBrochure2.pdf> which contains a summary of the eligibility rules of the MSHSAA. (I understand that a copy of the MSHSAA Handbook is on file with the principal and athletic administrator and that I may review it in its entirety, if I so choose. All MSHSAA by-laws and regulations from the Handbook are also posted on the MSHSAA website at www.mshsaa.org).

I understand that a MSHSAA member school must adhere to all rules and regulations that pertain to school-sponsored, interscholastic athletics programs, and I acknowledge that local rules may be more stringent than MSHSAA rules.

I also understand that if I do not meet the citizenship standards set by the school or if I am ejected from an interscholastic contest because of an unsportsmanlike act, it could result in me not being allowed to participate in the next contest or suspension from the team either temporarily or permanently.

I understand that if I drop a class, take course work through Post-Secondary Enrollment Option, Credit Flexibility, or other educational options, this action could affect compliance with MSHSAA economic standards and my eligibility.

I understand that participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege and not a right. As a student athlete, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

- I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.
- I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.
- I will respect the property of others.
- I will respect and obey the rules of my school and laws of my community, state, and country.
- I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state, and country.

I have completed and/or verified that part of this certificate which requires me to list all previous injuries or additional conditions that are known to me which may affect my performance in so representing my school, and I verify that it is correct and complete.

MSHSAA By-Law 212

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 "creditible 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, alcohol, 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:

1. A student who violates a local school policy is ineligible until completion of the prescribed school penalties.
2. The eligibility of a student who is serving detention or in-school suspension shall be determined by local school authorities.
3. A student shall not be considered eligible while serving an out-of-school suspension.
4. 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.
5. If a student misses class(es) without being excused by the principal, the student shall not be considered eligible on that date. Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until the student attends a full day of classes.
6. Each individual school has the authority to set more restrictive citizenship standards and shall have the authority and responsibility to judge its students under those standards.
7. 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.

MSHSAA By-Law 2.3.2 Academic Requirements

A student in Grades 9-12 must meet the following requirements in order to be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic activities:

A. Semester Prior to Participation:

The student shall have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, or a student must have made standard progress for his or her level the preceding semester in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.

B. Semester of Participation:

The student shall currently be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater; or a student must be enrolled in a full course at his or her level in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.

MSHSAA Concussion Material: I have accessed and read the MSHSAA materials on Concussion which includes information on the definition of a concussion, symptoms of a concussion, what to do if you have a concussion, and how to prevent a concussion. Packets are available in the Athletic Office or use the following link: http://www.mshsaa.org/resources/pdf/ConcussionPacketHB300_Final.pdf.