

Athletic Rules and Code of Conduct

Sullivan Band And Orchestra

Band and orchestra are offered to students beginning in the 4th grade. Arrangements for instrumental instruction are made by the directors. Additional information regarding our music programs will be made available in early September.

Sullivan Sports Program

Throughout the school year, our schools offer 4th and 5th grade intramural sports to students. Intramural sports take place after school and students are responsible for providing their own transportation home following the conclusion of intramurals. All students are encouraged to participate, and further information will be made available once the school year begins.

MacArthur Athletic Rules & Code of Conduct

The Athletic Code applies to all students who want to participate in athletics. Athletics includes competitive sports, extracurricular activities, cheerleading and pom-poms. This code applies in addition to other rules and regulations concerning student conduct and imposes additional requirements on student athletes and cheerleaders.

Participation in athletics is a privilege. Those who participate in athletics have a responsibility to favorably represent the school and community. Student athletes are expected to conduct themselves both in and out of school in a manner appropriate to their responsibilities as representatives of the school and district. If a student fails to comply with the terms of this code, the privilege to participate in athletics may be lost in accordance with the terms of this Athletic Code.

IESA Eligibility for most athletics is also governed by the rules of the Illinois High School Association [or] Illinois Elementary School Association and, if applicable, these rules will apply in addition to this Athletic Code. In a case of a conflict between IESA and this Athletic Code, the most stringent rule will be enforced.

Eligibility All student participants will be deemed “eligible” to participate based on weekly grade reports. Students become ineligible if they earn either two (2) “D”s or one (1) “F” on the most current weekly grade report; these are generated either Monday

night or Tuesday morning each week. Student participants will NOT be allowed to attend practice during their ineligibility, unless the coach/sponsor is actively monitoring the students' academic progress during the week. Students will NOT be allowed to "dress out" for games/contests/performances during their ineligibility.

All students will be granted a two (2) week "grace period" at the beginning of each quarter/trimester to allow student participants to remain eligible when only a few grades have been recorded.

Requirements for Participation An athlete must have the following fully executed documents on file at the school office before the athlete's first participation in any activity:

1. A current physical examination report completed by a physician licensed in Illinois to practice medicine in all its branches which finds the athlete is physically able to participate; and
2. A permission slip to participate in the specific sport in which the athlete intends to participate signed by the athlete's parent or guardian; and
3. Proof the athlete is covered by medical insurance; and
4. A receipt showing the athlete and his/her parents received a copy of the Athletic Code, understand the terms of the Athletic Code and agree to abide by its terms and conditions, including student concussion and head injury protocols.

Behavioral Conduct All student participants will be deemed "eligible" to participate based on weekly PRIDE reports. Students become ineligible if they receive:

- One (1) major write up, plus one (1) minor write up that week.
- Two (2) major write ups that week
- Four (4) minor write ups that week.

The ineligibility begins immediately upon meeting one or more of the criteria listed above and will last for a one (1) week period. Students will be allowed to practice during their ineligibility, but may NOT participate in a game, contest, or performance.

Suspensions (in or out of school) All students who are suspended, in or out of school, are ineligible during the day(s) they are suspended. Students may NOT participate in any practice, game, contest, or performance. If a suspension is assigned on a Friday, students are considered ineligible over the following weekend.

Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Except with respect to prescription drugs used by the person for whom such drugs were prescribed in the manner intended by the prescribing medical doctor, the possession, use, distribution, purchase or sale of any alcoholic beverage, drug, drug paraphernalia, controlled substance, look alike, tobacco or tobacco product or any other substance which, when taken into the human body is

intended to enhance performance or alter mood or mental state, including any item or substance which is represented by a student to be, or is believed by a student to be any of the foregoing, regardless of the true nature or appearance of the substance, is prohibited in school buildings, on school buses and on all other school property or school related events at any time. This prohibition shall include all school sponsored or school related activities, whether held before or after school, evenings or weekends and shall additionally include a prohibition of use by a student athlete in any instance where the school can demonstrate a reasonable connection to the school program or school athletic program. For purposes of this procedure, students who are under the influence of prohibited substances shall be treated in the same manner as though they had prohibited substances in their possession.

Rules in Effect The rules set forth in this Athletic Code are in effect throughout the calendar year and twenty-four hours a day, whether or not school is in session and including vacation periods, and holidays. The rules apply on and off campus and whether or not the misconduct occurs at school or a school-sponsored activity or in some other locale. The rules apply from the beginning of the athlete's first tryout or practice in the first sport which the athlete attempts until the completion of the athlete's athletic eligibility in all sports.

The rules set forth in this Athletic Code are in effect throughout the school year from the first practice session for any particular sport during a particular school term until the last day of that sport or until the last day of the school term whichever comes last and twenty-four hours a day, whether or not school is in session and including vacation periods, and holidays. The rules apply on and off campus and whether or not the misconduct occurs at school or a school-sponsored activity or in some other locale. The rules apply to an athlete from the beginning of the athlete's first tryout or practice in the first sport which the athlete attempts until the completion of any school year or the completion of the athlete's season whichever comes last.

Absence from School on Day of Activity An athlete who is absent from school after noon on the day of an activity is ineligible for any activity on that day unless the absence has been approved in writing by the principal. Exceptions may be made by the coach: 1) for a medical absence pre-arranged with the coach or 2) for a death in the athlete's family. An athlete who has one or more trancies or who has been suspended from school may be suspended from participation in athletic activities by administration.

An athlete who is absent from school on a Friday before a Saturday event may be withheld from Saturday activities at the sole discretion of the coach.

Participation is dependent upon school attendance as well as academic performance and behavior. Students must be in school a minimum of 5 hours of attendance in order to participate. Students who go home sick are ineligible to participate in that day's after school events.

Travel All athletes shall travel to athletic events and return home from athletic events with the team on which the athlete competes by use of school approved means of transportation. A written waiver of this rule may be issued by a coach or administrator upon advance written request of an athlete's parent or guardian and provided the parent or guardian appears and accepts custody of the athlete. In no case shall a waiver be issued unless the alternate means of transportation anticipated by the waiver will be provided by the parent. Oral requests shall not be honored and oral permissions shall not be valid.

Any student athlete found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the school district's athletic discipline policies, rules and regulations as provided herein.

Modification of Athletic or Team Uniform Students may modify their athletic or team uniform for the purpose of modesty in clothing or attire that is in accordance with the requirements of the student's religion or the student's cultural values or modesty preferences.

The MacArthur Eligibility Committee reviews these policies for effectiveness yearly, and may adjust, edit or modify these policies during the year, as needed, upon notification to students, parents, and staff.

Cross-References:

PRESS 6:190, Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

PRESS 6:190-AP, Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities

PRESS 7:240, Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

PRESS 7:240-AP1, Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Activities