

Fairview Schools

Extracurricular Activities Guideline

2026-2027



Activity Code of Conduct: No student shall be required to participate in an MHSA sanctioned or non-sanctioned extracurricular activity. Extracurricular activities shall be seen as a privilege and a chance to represent Fairview School. Along with this privilege there are responsibilities and rules that must be followed as certain practices are undesirable and harmful to the participant. Among those rules is the requirement to sign and adhere to the established extracurricular guidelines which are intended as a deterrent to undesirable and possible harmful practices and as a means to teach self-discipline. The definition of extracurricular activities for the purposes of this handbook are those activities associated with the school and MHSA activities that primarily take place outside of school hours. These activities include, but are not limited to:

Football	Basketball	Volleyball
Track & Field	Cheerleading	Golf
Cross Country	Speech & Drama	Softball
FFA	FCCLA	Science Club
Baseball	Music (district and state groups)	Explore America
Wrestling	Academic Olympics	Pep Band
Math Club		

We encourage students to be honest at all times; therefore, students who self-report any violations will receive one half the number of days suspension for the level of violation. Self-reporting pertains only to students who come in on their own volition. Reporting by the student's parent/guardian is also considered self-reporting. Self-reporting constitutes notification to one of the following individuals, superintendent, principal, athletic director, activity director, and/or coach/advisor. Disciplinary consequences and suspension from any and all athletic and non-athletic extracurricular activities will begin immediately upon confirmation of the violation and will end at midnight on the final day of the suspension period. This policy is in effect from the first day of practice in the fall to the last activity in the spring of the last day of school, whichever is later.

Requirements for Participation:

1. Be regularly enrolled in Fairview School or otherwise enrolled as defined later in this code of conduct.
2. Have paid all participation fees by the designated time, or have made prior arrangements with administration.
3. Be in regular attendance on the day of the activity, game or practice or on the school day preceding an activity, or with prior approval of administration. (Friday/Saturday School do apply if warranted.)
4. All extracurricular participants, if in grades 5-12 must complete an extracurricular guidelines form for each activity in which they participate.
5. MHSA Pre-participation Physical Examination/Concussion form by the designated time. All cost(s) associated with extracurricular participation are the responsibility of the participant.
6. Must complete an ImPACT Assessment prior to the start of each athletic season. The ImPACT assessment established an athlete's "normal" cognitive baseline. When a concussion is suspected, a follow-up or "post injury" assessment is required to determine if the results have changed from the baseline. The results of the two assessments will assist in the "return-to-play" decision. This screening is not an IQ test.
 1. As per policy [3415P](#), any participant suspected of sustaining a concussion/head injury or or other serious injury will be immediately removed from the activity. To return to the activity, the participant will be required to provide written documentation stating they are cleared to participate from a licensed healthcare professional.
7. Ride the transportation provided by the school in order to take part in an out-of-town activity.

. In certain circumstances, a participant may be able to take alternative transportation to an event. These cases must be approved by administration and the activity sponsor at least 24 hours in advance of taking the alternate transportation.

a. A student may leave an activity with their parent/legal guardian. In order to do so the participant must,

i. Wait until the conclusion of the full event (unless otherwise approved).

ii. Must acknowledge the coach/activity sponsor at the conclusion of the activity prior to taking their child.

b. If for some reason a parent would like their participant to leave an activity with someone other than themselves, a request must be made in writing and pre-approved by district administration at least 24 hours in advance of the activity.

8. Remain academically eligible. Activity eligibility lists will be sent to coaches and advisors each Monday.

. A student who may be failing one or more classes will be placed on the warning list week

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a. If the same student is on the eligibility list for a second consecutive week in the same class(es) it will result in the student being ineligible.

- b. If a student receives a failing grade due to academic dishonesty, the student will not be given a warning week and will be instantly ineligible.
 - c. Second semester final grades will be used to determine eligibility for any student that participates beyond the duration of the regular school year.
 - d. If a student fails a quarter, they will be ineligible for the first two weeks of the next quarter.
 - e. Eligibility/Ineligibility will be checked on a weekly basis. If a student is ineligible, they will remain until they begin to receive a passing grade during the next Monday grade check.
9. Not be 19 years of age before midnight on August 31 of the current school year.
 10. Not be in his/her 9th semester of high school.
 11. Not attend a wedding, dance, picnic or other function where alcohol or drugs are illegally present unless approved in advance by the coach/advisor. In these cases, the advisor will establish conditions under which the participant may attend.
 12. Not possess (the knowing control of anything for a sufficient time to be able to terminate control, ([Montana Code Annotated 16-11-302](#)) or consume, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products including alternative nicotine and vape products, or illegally use or possess drugs.
 13. Students who receive a minor in possession will be immediately suspended from all extracurricular activities pending the outcome of the due process procedure. Students present where alcohol, tobacco or alternatives, or drugs are illegally present are considered guilty by association. The spirit of the rule allows for a participant that may find themselves in this situation to leave immediately and self-report as described above. A committee (minimum of 2) composed of a coach/advisor, athletic director, and/or a member of administration reserves the right to make the final judgment on all guilty by association violations on an individual case basis.

Violations of rules 11-13: will result in the following consequences, which are cumulative throughout a participant's high school career. Penalties may carry over from spring activities of one year into fall activities that next year or span other breaks in activities. During the period of any and all suspension(s), participants are expected to attend meetings, rehearsals, and/or practices. If the suspension is the result of a drug, alcohol, or tobacco related offense the students must enroll and participate in and complete an approved chemical dependency class before they will be eligible to participate in any activity. All costs associated with the chemical dependency course and evaluations shall be the responsibility of the activity participant.

1. First offense- Four competition week suspension for all extracurricular activities. Students who self-report will receive a two competition week suspension. From all extracurricular activities.
2. Second offense- Eight competition week suspension from all extracurricular activities. Students who self-report will receive a four competition week suspension.
3. Third offense--Twelve competition week suspension from all extracurricular activities. If the suspension of a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense, the student must obtain a professional evaluation and follow the recommendations made. Following the twelve week suspension, and completion of the evaluation, the student may be able to participate in the following season's extracurricular activity.

4. Fourth offense-will result in a permanent suspension from all extracurricular activities. A student may petition the school board after serving a 24 month extracurricular activity suspension.

Additional Expectations: Student conduct is expected to conform to reasonable standards and socially acceptable behavior. Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to theft, incidents involving lewd conduct, extreme insubordination, destruction of property, violent behavior, flagrant violations of any school or activity regulation or policy, or incidents involving law enforcement. School administration reserves the right to immediately suspend any extracurricular participant due to extreme misbehavior for a period not to exceed twelve calendar months. This decision may be appealed following the formal appeal process.

1. Curfew:
 - a. Sunday through Thursday, participating students must follow City of Fairview curfew rules. 10:00pm for anyone under the age of 18.
 - b. Friday and Saturday, participants will be advised as to the curfew regulations. A committee composed of coaches and administration will handle all curfew violations on an individual case basis. 12:00am for anyone under the age of 17.
2. Cell phones and other electronic devices will be allowed during school-sponsored activities. Cell phones will be turned in at the discretion of the coach/sponsor on overnight trips. Inappropriate use of cell phones or other electronic devices will result in immediate confiscation of the device. Inappropriate technology use will be handled by district administration.
3. All participants will display good sportsmanship at all times when dealing with teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and spectators. Inappropriate language and behavior will not be tolerated.
4. Individual coaches may impose and implement additional rules following approval of the athletic director.
5. If a participant has an outstanding debt owed to the district, they may not participate in extracurricular activities.
6. No refunds of activity fees will be given to students who quit or are removed from activities due to disciplinary action.
7. While ineligible or serving a suspension it is at the sole discretion of the coach/sponsor whether or not the participant can travel with the team and take part in competition day team activities while under this suspension. Under no circumstance may a student travel with the team to an overnight trip while ineligible or serving a suspension.
8. If an activity group arrives home late following an activity, the superintendent may allow late arrival to school the following day.

At all stages of the disciplinary process, students will be accorded due process of law. Admission of guilt may waive all additional hearing procedures.

Safety and the well-being of each participant are the primary concern of all coaches and advisors. It is imperative that participants and their parent(s)/guardian(s) involved in extracurricular activities realize that there is an inherent risk of possible injury, paralysis, severe injury or death during participation. If a medical event takes place all coaches and advisors are instructed to,

1. Notify parent(s)/guardian(s)
2. Administer necessary first aid
3. In the event of a serious injury, call and ambulance if one is not present or seek additional assistance from a medical professional.
4. Accompany or assign a designee to accompany the participant to the hospital and arrange treatment if the parent is unavailable.

Otherwise Enrolled Student: For the purposes of these athletic guidelines and otherwise enrolled student may be defined as a full-time enrolled student who changes to an alternate enrollment, which may include but is not limited to online school, distance learning, home-school or part-time enrollment. Please review all Montana High School Association regulations as a participant may fall under the “transfer student” regulations.

In order to participate or continue to participate in Fairview School extracurricular activities an otherwise enrolled student:

1. If a participant is ineligible prior to becoming otherwise enrolled, eligibility status will remain unchanged for a period equivalent to one school semester.
2. Will completely serve all suspensions of Fairview School extracurricular activity competition weeks.
3. Must keep the principal and counselor informed of successful completion of grade-level curriculum on a weekly basis. Fairview School may ask to approve otherwise enrolled curriculums to ensure the curriculum is on grade level. (Please review MHSA eligibility policy.)

Extracurricular Due Process: The following due process will be followed in the event of extracurricular activity discipline,

1. A signed incident report must be turned into the coach/sponsor, athletic director or administration.
2. Questioning of the student will be done by the superintendent, principal activities director, or coach/sponsor.
3. If the student admits guilt, a call will be made to the parents to inform them of the admittance of guilt. A follow-up letter will also be sent following the call.

4. If the student does not admit guilt, a hearing time, place and date will be set. The hearing may include but is not limited to the following,
 - a. The accuser
 - b. The participant
 - c. Participant's parent/guardian
 - d. Activities Director
 - e. Coach/Sponsor
 - f. Principal
 - g. Superintendent
 - h. The participant may also bring any additional representative they wish to be present that may have knowledge of the situation.
5. No public athletic or other public performance will be permitted until a decision of guilt or innocence has been made by the hearing or by the courts if that course of action is requested by the participant and/or parent.
6. Following the hearing the participant and parent/guardian will be informed of the decision.
7. After notification of the decision, the parent/guardian may appeal the decision to the Fairview School Board by submitting, in writing, a formal request to the superintendent within two school days of the decision. Following this request, the Fairview School Board will then follow their due process procedure.

Competition Week: A week in which a participant or member of a team/activity has a scheduled competition/event. The Activity Director will determine the number of missed activities at the beginning of the suspension. This is due to cancellations and postponements of activities. Activities will be consecutive no matter if they are rescheduled. Canceled or postponed events will not count toward a competition week. If two events are originally scheduled for the same week, and one of the competition/events is rescheduled to another week, in which there were previously no competitions, the rescheduled week does not count as a competition week. If only one competition is scheduled for a week and it is rescheduled to another week, then the rescheduled competition counts as a competition week (the originally scheduled week would not count.)

School Insurance: When an injury occurs to a participant during a school related extracurricular activity, Fairview School does not carry the primary insurance coverage for the participant. The participants' personal health plan shall be the primary carrier, and all bills must be submitted to the participant's personal insurance coverage, prior to the school's insurance becoming involved. Fairview School carries Catastrophic and Concussion Insurance through the Montana High School Association.

Athletic Fees:

Grades 5-12 Participation Fees	\$50.00
Family Activity Ticket	\$150.00
Adult Individual Activity Ticket	\$75.00
Student Individual Activity Ticket	\$40.00
Single Adult Activity Admittance	\$8.00
Single Student Activity Admittance	\$6.00
Single Senior Citizen Activity Admittance	\$5.00