

The Mustang Standard

Activities & Athletics

Extracurricular activities are those activities that supplement the regular school curriculum. All extracurricular activities are designed to promote character building qualities of participation and leadership. Students who voluntarily participate in extracurricular activities are representatives of our school and school community. They are held to the highest standards of good citizenship, scholarship, and conduct. This is *The Mustang Standard*.

The following standards are for all students involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities. For student-athletes, this is for in-season as well as out-of-season.

Attendance

- Must attend the entire day of school in order to participate in practices, competitions, meetings, or events. (Only exception is scheduled appointments). Should other extenuating circumstances arise, it must go through the Principal's office or designee for approval for participation. If a student is absent for a full day, he or she is not allowed to participate. Absences on Friday may impact participation over the weekend and must go through the Principal's office or designee for approval.
- All absences must have notes from a parent/guardian, medical professional, or court system if appropriate (driver's license, etc.).
- The school must have communication of absence within 3 days of the last day of absence in order for it to be excused.

As stated in the Parent-Student Handbook...

Parents and guardians are required to notify the school of student absences. If the school does not receive notification that the parent and guardians are aware and in support of the absences within three days of the student's return to school, absences will be considered unexcused.

Accountability

- Unexcused absences will impact participation after the three-day grace period and until corrected with a note or notification from parent/guardian or other professional.
- Skipping class
 - a. First offense: Make up seat time as designated by administrator
Additional consequence: Loss of participation from a week (7 calendar days) of practices, sessions, meetings & competitions. Must meet with administrator and/or Director of Student Activities to review the standards and signed agreement before being allowed to rejoin the team/organization. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.*
 - b. Second offense: Make up seat time as designated by administrator
Additional consequence: Loss of participation from the team/organization for remainder of season or through current grading period and/or the next grading period.
Student must go through reinstatement process in order to participate/try out for other teams/organizations. Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.
 - c. Third offense: Make up seat time as designated by administrator
Additional consequence: Loss of participation for the remainder of the school year and suspension from and/or attendance at all school extracurricular activities for 45 school days. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.*
Student must go through reinstatement process in order to return for participation or tryout for other teams/organizations during the next school year.
- Excessive tardies (cumulative of 5 or more in a semester)
 - a. First offense: Make up seat time as designated by administrator.
Additional consequence: Loss of participation for one practice, meeting, or session.

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Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments if necessary.

- b. Second offense: Make up seat time as designated by administrator
Additional consequence: Loss of participation for two practices, meetings, or sessions.
Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments if necessary.
- c. Third offense: Make up seat time as designated by administrator.
Additional consequence: Loss of participation from a week (7 calendar days) of practices, sessions, meetings & competitions. Must meet with administrator and/or Director of Student Activities to review the standards and signed agreement before being allowed to rejoin the team/organization or participate/try out for other teams/organizations.
Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.
- d. Fourth offense: Make up seat time as designated by administrator.
Additional consequence: Loss of participation from the team/organization for remainder of season or through current grading period and the next grading period.
Student must go through reinstatement process in order to return to the team/organization or to try out for other teams/organizations.
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Academics - must remain in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or better during the current school year.)

Grades will be monitored twice quarterly (interim & end of quarter) for the entire year, not just during the competition season for student-athletes and other seasonal teams or organizations. This may impact out-of-season practices, meetings, school events, etc. throughout the year as well as into the next school year if applicable.

As stated in the *Student Code of Conduct* under Extracurricular Activities as well as *The Parent-Student Handbook*...

Students are not permitted to participate in organizations and engage in related activities to the detriment of their classroom work.

Students who fall below academic expectations will follow the protocols as listed below:

Academic Monitoring

- Student has at least 1 "F" or 2 "Ds."
Student will be required to attend homework club (when available) or work with a teacher twice weekly until grades improve, meaning no "F" or at a minimum only one "D." The grades will be reevaluated at the next interim report or end of quarter, whichever occurs first. The student may continue participation while on *Academic Monitoring*. If the student does not improve above 1 F or 2 Ds, student will be placed on *Academic Probation*.
Note: Student may continue attending homework club (when available) (when available) or working with a teacher upon improvement if desired by parents/guardians, coaches, or sponsors.

Academic Probation

- Student has 2 or more "Fs" or does not improve above 1 "F" or 2 "Ds" for a nine-week period.
Student will be removed from participation from the team/organization and will be required to attend homework club (when available) or work with teachers until grades improve, meaning no "F's."
Student may not participate, practice, or compete in competitions until moved up to *Academic Monitoring*. The student must not have any Fs in order to move to *Academic Monitoring* from *Academic Probation*. The grades will be reevaluated at the next interim report or end of quarter, whichever occurs first.
Student will go through the reinstatement process. Conditions of the reinstatement will be given to the student and parents/guardians in writing.

Note: Failure to follow through on academic & attendance expectations whether in or out-of-season will impact trying out for or participating in the next activity and/or the next school year.

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Conduct

As stated in the Student Code of Conduct...

A student has all rights expressed and guaranteed by the United States Constitution and by federal, state, and local laws. These rights do not permit a student to disrupt the educational process, break school rules, present a health or safety hazard, or disregard directions of those in authority. Individual rights do not include infringing upon the rights of others in the school community.

Students have the primary responsibility to maintain a climate of mutual respect and trust in order that the dignity of the individual be protected and the pursuit of opportunities for each student be realized.

Students involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities who are in violation of the rules, regulations, and policies of the *Student Code of Conduct* will also be held accountable as stated below:

Detention

- a. First offense: Loss of participation the day of detention or the next scheduled day of participation.
- b. Second offense: Loss of participation for two days or the next two scheduled days of participation.
- c. Third Offense: Loss of participation for five days or the next five scheduled days of participation.
- d. Fourth Offense: Immediate removal from participation for the remainder of the season, a grading period and/or the next grading period.
Student must go through the reinstatement process to be considered for participation with other teams/organizations.
- e. Fifth offense: Immediate removal from participation with team/organization for the remainder of the school year.
Student must go through the reinstatement process to be considered for participation for the next school year if applicable.
- f. More than five offenses: Suspension from and/or attendance at all school extracurricular activities for 45 school days.

Note: Loss of participation may impact participation during competitions or events upon return at the discretion of the coach/sponsor.

In-School Suspension

- a. First offense: Immediate removal from team(s)/organization(s).
Student must go through the reinstatement process in order to return to the organization or team and/or to try out for other teams and organizations. Conditions of the reinstatement will be given to the students and parents/guardians in writing. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.*
- b. Second offense: If reinstated after first violation requiring ISS - immediate removal from participation for remainder of season. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.* Must go through a reinstatement process in order to return to the team/organization and/or try out for other teams and organizations. Conditions of the reinstatement will be given to the student and parents/guardians in writing.
- c. Third offense: Student will not allowed to participate/try out for any team/organization until the next school year. Suspension from and/or attendance at all school extracurricular activities for 45 school days. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.*
- d. Fourth offense: Student will not be allowed to participate/try out for any team/organization for one year from the date of last suspension. Suspension from and/or attendance at all school

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extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year if more than 45 days are remaining.
Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.

Out-of-School Suspension

- a. First offense: Immediate removal from participation with team/organization for the remainder of the season, grading period and/or next grading period.
Must go through reinstatement process in order to participate/try out for other teams and organizations. Conditions of the reinstatement will be given to the student and parents/guardians in writing. Suspension from and/or attendance at all school extracurricular activities for 15 school days after returning to school from the suspension. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.*
- b. Second offense: If reinstated for participation after first violation requiring OSS - immediate removal from all participation for the remainder of the school year and will not be allowed to participate or try out for any other team or organization until the next school year. Suspension from and/or attendance at all school extracurricular activities for 45 school days after returning to school from the suspension. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.*
- c. Third offense: Student will not be allowed to participate/try out for any team/organization for one year from the date of last suspension. Suspension from and/or attendance at all school extracurricular activities for 45 school days or 60 calendar days to include summer vacation after returning to school from the suspension. *Co-curricular students will be given alternate assignments.*

Note: Repeated violations requiring additional ISS or OSS may also impact participation in any school sponsored activities such as attending events on or off campus (sporting events, concerts, dances, prom, etc.) for the remainder of a school and in to the next school year if applicable.

Students involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities whose conduct is considered unbecoming of a representative of our school with any organization or team within the school community, community at large or have any violations of the law beyond a traffic ticket are also subject to the accountability measures as outlined above for In-School Suspension or Out-of-School suspension. This is outlined in the *L-DHS Extracurricular Handbook* which covers all activities.

Note: Student disciplinary records are documented and maintained every year the student is in school until graduation. Previous violations regarding attendance, poor academic performance, and any violations that required In-School Suspension or Out-of School Suspension will also impact participation during the remainder of the student's enrollment in school.

Reinstatement process:

Student and parent/guardian are to meet with the Principal or designee, the Director of Student Activities, and coach/sponsor, if possible, to review standards and the signed activity agreement. The conditions of reinstatement will be provided in writing at this time. Student is not eligible to be reinstated until such meeting is conducted with all parties as listed above.

Your signature of the Extracurricular Activity Rules form is also an acknowledgement of your receiving these standards.