

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP POLICY

This policy determines if a student meets the citizenship standards required of Macon County R-1 to represent the school in any school activity. A major goal of each school activity is to teach and promote good citizenship and sportsmanship. It is important to have a written policy concerning good school citizenship so coaches, sponsors of activities, the administration and the Board of Education can work consistently with all students. Students participating in any activity should be aware and informed of the contents of this policy as it may affect them. This should be done prior to the participation of the student. It will be the responsibility of the individual in charge of an activity to ensure that the student is informed prior to participation.

1) GOOD CITIZENSHIP results when a student is in good standing with the school, community, and society. Any student whose conduct reflects discredit on the school, a team, or an organization would not be considered a *creditable* school citizen. Such misconduct could lead to suspension from school as well as a school activity and the individual may not represent the school during the suspension.

This conduct includes but is not limited to:

- Breaking the law other than minor traffic offenses
- The use, distribution, or promotion of illegal and/or illicit activities and behaviors. This includes but is not limited to personal websites, cell phones, and social networking sites (such as My Space, Facebook, and You Tube, etc.)
- “Hazing” and other inappropriate initiation practices will not be tolerated as a member of any athletic team or organization.
- Students are responsible for following the guidelines of the citizenship policy year round.

2) ATHLETICS:

a) Athletes must comply with the training rules set by the coaching staff of Macon County R-I Schools.

These rules are to be in writing and each athlete is to receive a copy.

b) A coach may suspend an athlete for one game but must inform the principal. In cases where suspension for the season or semester is necessary, the athletic director, principal and superintendent shall be included. Parents are to be informed prior to any suspensions from an activity.

c) An athlete may be suspended from interscholastic competition and still be required to participate in practices awaiting the end of the suspension.

d) Athletes must comply with the MSHSAA regulations.

(3) OTHER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS: School organizations may have rules of conduct and responsibilities. These rules should be in written form. Each participant is to be informed of the rules, responsibilities and the effect they may have upon student participants. Violating training rules, inappropriate school behavior, and disrespect for school employees, truancy, or any conviction or charge (with probable cause) could result in a suspension penalty.

Procedures that will be followed to enforce violations of the citizenship policy

Punishment administered for acts of poor citizenship:

If a violation of the citizenship policy occurs at any time during the calendar year the student will be subject to the guidelines contained in the policy. Any student violating the citizenship policy will be assigned one of the penalties listed below.

(A student or the student’s parent/guardian is required to report a violation to a coach or sponsor within 48 hours of the violation. If the coach or sponsor learns of the violation by other means, 365 days will be added to the punishment as mandated by MSHSAA.

Violations are cumulative for the school year under this policy except for drug and alcohol violations which are cumulative for a student’s entire high school career. If probations and suspensions are completed by the end of the school year, the student’s good citizenship status is reinstated for the following school year for all violations other than drug and alcohol. (Alcohol and drug violations would carry over.) Suspensions or other requirements not fulfilled during the current school year will be carried over into the next school year until completed.

Consequences

Summer Violations: If a student commits a violation of the citizenship policy from the time school ends in the spring until practice starts in August for the fall sports season, it will be considered a summer violation. Any student that breaks a law other than minor traffic offenses during the summer will result in the student being suspended from all activities for the first two calendar weeks of school. Students may fulfill the suspension by sitting out the required number of games or by sitting out the required number of competitions or performances, whichever comes first on the school calendar. The student will be required to miss a minimum of the first two games or all officially scheduled games during the two calendar weeks of the suspension. For students not in athletics, the student will miss at least one performance or competition or all performances or competitions scheduled during the suspension. 2nd offense in the same year: the student will automatically fall under the conditions of a level 2 violation of the citizenship policy.

According to National Honor Society rules any infraction results in permanent expulsion. Students in any other school activities outside the regular classroom are required to attend practice but will not be allowed to participate in any type of performance or competition until the entire suspension has been served and all reinstatement requirements have been met.

Probation Students that have minor violations of the citizenship policy can be put on probation for up to one school year. If a second incident occurs while they are on probation they will receive a level two penalty depending on the violation.

Level One Violation: Minimum suspension of 10 school days up to a maximum suspension of 20 school days commencing from the date action is taken by school officials from all school activities outside the regular classroom (MSHSAA activities, extra-curricular activities, club and organization activities). If the infraction occurs during the pre-season, the student will be required to miss a minimum of the first two games or all officially scheduled games during the two calendar weeks of the suspension. For all other school activities the student will miss at least one performance or competition or all performances or competitions scheduled during the suspension (If the suspension requirements have not been previously met in the two week suspension.) According to National Honor Society rules any infraction results in permanent expulsion. Students in any other school activities outside the regular classroom are required to attend practice but will not be allowed to participate in any type of performance or competition until the entire suspension has been served and all reinstatement requirements have been met. All level one suspensions would carry over from one school year to the next if all requirements were not met during the current school year.

Level Two Violation: Minimum suspension of 28 calendar days up to a maximum of 180 calendar days commencing from the date action is taken by school officials from all school activities outside the regular classroom (MSHSAA activities, extra-curricular activities, club and organization activities). Loss of privilege to compete interscholastically for the remainder of the current sports season, or if the remainder of the current season is less than four (4) weeks, to carry over into the next sports season that student participates in up to a maximum suspension of 180 calendar days from competition. A student would be required to practice from the beginning of the next sport if they become eligible during the season. A suspension would include a minimum of four games missed to fulfill the requirements of the suspension. For all other school activities the student will miss at least 2 performances or competitions or all performances or competitions scheduled during the suspension (If the suspension requirements have not been previously met **during the** suspension.). All level two suspensions would carry over from one school year to the next if the requirements were not met during the current school year.

Level Three-Violation: Minimum suspension of one calendar year, maximum suspension for the remainder of a student's high school career commencing from the date action is taken by school officials from all school activities outside the regular classroom (MSHSAA activities, extra-curricular activities, club and school organization activities). Students in any other school activities outside the regular classroom may continue to attend practice but will not be allowed to participate in any type of performance or competition until the entire suspension has been served and all reinstatement requirements have been met. All level three suspensions would carry over from one school year to the next if the requirements were not met during the current school year.

Additional Citizenship Information:

1. Parents should be contacted for a conference each time disciplinary action is taken which results in suspension from participation in activities.
 2. Student under arrest: If there is admission of guilt by the student or if, after reviewing the case, school officials feel there is strong evidence, e.g., witnesses which indicate probable guilt, then school officials are required to restrict the student from participation before legal outcome of the case. All conditions set by the courts (fines, community service, or any other conditions must be fully completed before a student is eligible for competition or performances. (See MSHSAA handbook for more information).
 3. Student involved in inappropriate behavior: i.e., truancy, disrespect to teachers, fighting, using abusive language or other examples of misconduct. After a review by the head coach, sponsors, building coordinator and principal, the student and parents will be notified of the results. Penalties will range from a reprimand and placing the student on probationary status to temporary or permanent restriction from representing the school in interscholastic activities. The seriousness of the case and attitude of the student will affect the determination of the penalty. Reoccurrence will require that permanent restriction be considered.
 4. Unsportsmanlike Acts: Such acts during a contest resulting in ejection from participation will cause the student to be restricted from representing the school for the next contest. A student who commits an unsportsmanlike act but is not ejected may also be subject to at least a one game restriction from representing the school. Each instance of unsportsmanlike behavior is to be reviewed by the head coach, **athletic director**, and principal before a final decision is reached.
 5. Drug and alcohol violations are considered to be very serious violations of the citizenship policy. This type of violation will be subject to a cumulative policy for grades 9 through 12.
 6. Administrators, coaches, and sponsors will work together in enforcing the citizenship policy. The above rules are minimum standards only. Administrators, coaches, and sponsors reserve the right to deal with acts of poor citizenship more severely, if necessary.
- * A season begins with the first possible practice date for any sport or activity as determined by MSHSAA guidelines and ends with the final event in that sport or activity during a given school year for Macon County R-1 participants. 6/2001
- ** Probation: A period of time when the student's good citizenship status has been jeopardized by the student's actions.

Student Drug Testing Program

Macon R-1 Schools has implemented a student drug testing program. The purpose of this program is to deter chemical abuse or misuse by our students. It is not the purpose or intent of the district's drug testing policy to identify students for punishment under the district discipline code for incidents resulting from student drug tests. However, the program does not affect other policies and practices of the school in dealing with drugs or alcohol use or possession where reasonable suspicion is obtained by means other than the mandatory and random sampling discussed here.

- The student drug testing program is mandatory for all students participating in activities recognized by MSHSAA or any clubs or organizations of Macon R-I Schools in grades 6-12. All students involved in the covered activities will be included in the random pool for testing throughout the school year.
- Once a student's name enters the testing pool, they will be in the pool the remainder of the school year and subject to random testing.
- If the student and the student's parent both consent, students who are not participating in any of the covered activities may become part of the random testing pool. Once they enter the program they are under the same guidelines as any other student participating in a covered activity.
- A student may refuse to be randomly tested, but if he or she chooses to do so, he or she will immediately be suspended from participating in covered activities for 365 calendar days.
- Any student who is enrolled in the A+ program and has a positive drug test will be removed from the program and is ineligible for all benefits from the A+ program.
- All new students enrolling after the school term begins along with their parents/guardians will meet with the Activities/Athletic Director to review the policy.

To read the entire Macon R-1 student drug testing policy go to www.macon.k12.mo.us and click on administration, then click on school board, then click on policies. Look at policy JFCI and JFCI-AP.

Middle school students will follow the same guidelines for first, second and third violations.

However, any middle school student that has failed a drug test in middle school and has served out the entire length of the suspension will come into the high school under probation. If they remain drug free for 365 calendar days after they enter high school, they will be reinstated at the high school level as any other student who has never failed a test. After 365 calendar days in high school, if they fail a test they would be considered a first time offender. If they fail a drug test within the first 365 calendar days of high school they will serve the suspension for the appropriate level offense (second or third level).