

Marquardt Middle School Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities

The following code of conduct defines eligibility, explains attendance procedures, and identifies behavior expectations and disciplinary consequences for all middle school students who participate in extra-curricular activities.

As a valuable part of the middle school educational process, participation in extra-curricular activities provides students with opportunities to develop both individual talents and cooperative skills. In practice, performance, and in competition, middle school students learn the essentials of fair play, honesty, and obedience to rules.

Students represent their school; they are expected to be exemplars of strong character, excellent behavior, and good sportsmanship. While on school premises, riding on school buses, or in any activity that has a direct relationship to school, students are expected to behave in an orderly and appropriate manner with respect for the rules set forth by Marquardt Middle School. Because education is the primary goal and helping students make good decisions is the main objective, middle school activity sponsors and coaches will reinforce the expectation of good behavior and academic performance of participants and will maintain regular communications with school personnel.

Activities function best when all members are present; therefore, students are expected to have consistent attendance in extra-curricular activities in order to remain eligible for continued participation.

Absences and Participation

School day attendance

Practice schedules and attendance rules are set by coaches and sponsors in a consistent and fair manner and are approved by the principal or athletic director before implementation.

Unless an exception is approved administratively, students **must attend a minimum of four classes in a school day** in order to participate in an extra curricular activity that day. Students who have an excused absence from school are excused from practice, competition, or performance. They may not dress or participate on the same day as their absence unless an administrative exception is made.

Students who are excluded from school may not participate in practices, competitions, or performances during the period of the exclusion. Students assigned a partial day of in school suspension may not participate on the same day unless the administration grants the privilege. Students who are excluded from school for disciplinary purposes for a total of 4 or more school days during the same season or activity period will be excluded from participation in the activity for the remainder of that season or activity period.

Unless an administrative exception is made, a student who is unable to participate in physical education class is considered unable to participate in an athletic competition or performance the same day.

Practice/game attendance

An unexcused absence is one in which the coach or sponsor was not notified at least 24 hours prior to the day of absence.

- ◆ 1st unexcused absence – notification to player and parent by coach.
- ◆ 2nd unexcused absence – notification to player and parent by coach.
- ◆ 3rd unexcused absence – dismissed from the team or club.

If a student is not at a practice, without proper notification, the student will not start, may have limited playing time or be asked to take a lesser role in a performance.

The middle school's philosophy is to allow students to experience many opportunities. Students need to find balance between homework and extra curricular opportunities. Once a student commits to an activity, they need to attend as many practices and games as possible.

Academic Policy

During a student's involvement with a school team/squad, he/she must maintain a passing grade in all subjects. A PASSING GRADE IS DEFINED AS A "D" OR ABOVE.

Grades for student athletes will be checked bi-weekly throughout the season. This will occur every other Friday of the season. The athletic director will be responsible for distributing the forms to the team leaders each week. It is the responsibility of the coaches to return the form to the athletic director.

PENALTIES – After confirmation that the student has not met the academic requirements, he/she is considered ineligible and the following consequences will occur:

LEVEL 1 (First time with 1 or more low grades) – Probationary 2 Week Period. The student will receive a warning letter. He/she will be expected to practice and will be able to participate in any competition during the two-week period.

LEVEL 2 (Second time with 1 or more low grades) – 1 Game Suspension and Academic Watch. The student will receive a suspension letter, as well as an academic watch document that they must have completed each day for any class with a grade below a D. He/she will be expected to attend practices, and may participate in competitions following the 1 game suspension, but only if the student is meeting the expectations outlined on the academic watch form. The student will remain on level 2 for the remainder of the season to ensure he/she stays on track with their academics.

LEVEL 3 (Third time with 1 or more low grades) – Exclusion. The student will receive a letter and be dropped from the team/squad for the remainder of the season.

Student Behavior On AND Off of School Premises

Any use of drugs, alcohol, or smoking will result in immediate removal from the team and further school consequences will also occur.

Behavior Policy

Student athletes are expected to display appropriate behavior at all times. **Any student receiving a written detention or school suspension will not be allowed to participate in a game, practice, performance, or club, on the day the detention or school suspension is written.**

We follow the Marquardt Way

(Students in an extra-curricular activity are held to the following expectations)

I will be **Respectful.**

I will...

Respect officials, adults, other students, other groups, and my group.

Accept decisions as they are made and abide by them.

Never use unacceptable language, cheat, "grandstand" or taunt others.

Accept success modestly, defeat gracefully and continue to work hard.

I will be **Responsible.**

I will...

Make academics a priority.

Attend practices as scheduled.

Be on time to practices, competitions, and performances.

Remember my uniform.

Control my emotions and avoid arguing.

Work to be a good representative of my activity or sport and my school.

Make good choices.

Follow through on my commitments.

I will be **Safe.**

I will...

Inform my coach when I am injured.

Stay away from substances that will affect my abilities.

If any of the above rules are not followed or expectations are not met, parents will be contacted and it may result in loss of playing time. Based on the severity of the behavior, a player may be removed from the team at the discretion of the principal or athletic director.

ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY TO SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES!!

Without a parent signature, the student may not participate in the activity.

Together, everyone achieves more. Go Mustangs!



I have received, read, and understand the *Marquardt Middle School Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities* and will comply with the rules and expectations that are described within.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____