

School District of Janesville
Middle School Athletics & Activities
Co-Curricular Code of Conduct & Handbook
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I. REGISTRATION PROCESS

A. RESPONSIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Every SDJ middle school student is welcome to participate in school-sponsored athletic and non-athletic activities. However, some common sense rules are designed to support student success as a member of these programs. Any student planning to participate in good standing in a school-sponsored activity is responsible for understanding the expectations of this code and being in full compliance from the first day of practice or school (whichever comes first) through the end of the school year. *Our plan is for each student to participate in at least one school-sponsored program.*

B. REGISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

A student may not participate in athletic activities until the student and (1) parent / legal guardian have read, acknowledged, and completed the online athletic registration process through Infinite Campus, which includes signing the: Athletic Code, Concussion Awareness agreement, and insurance requirement form. (An alternative registration process is available for families who may not have access to technology. Contact your school Athletic Director).

C. REGISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN NON-ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Each school club and activity has its own registration process. You can obtain the required forms, schedules, and other relevant information directly from the main office or the advisor who is running the program.

II. ATTENDANCE/ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY

A. ATTENDANCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

A student must be in attendance at school from 9:00 AM for the rest of the school day to be eligible to participate in a contest/game/performance on that day. The only exception is when there is a prearranged excused absence communicated with the main office via Infinite Campus or by calling the attendance line at your school.

B. ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

PRE-SEASON GRADE CHECK

Academic eligibility criteria are determined on the 1st day of the season through Infinite Campus. This report will be based on missing assignments **10** school days before the start of the next season. If any student-athlete has **2 or more** missing assignments in any one class, that student is considered ineligible for game competition until they have completed and turned in all assignments. Once verified, eligibility would be restored immediately.

MID-SEASON GRADE CHECK

The mid-season grade check will be run on the 15th day of the season. If any student-athlete has 2 or more missing assignments in any one class, that student is considered ineligible for game competition for 5 school days and nights. A grade check will be run on day 5, if a student completes and turns in all assignments at this time, eligibility will be restored on day 6.

STILL MISSING ASSIGNMENTS AFTER 5 DAYS?

If a student-athlete still has missing assignments on the day-5 grade check, they will be immediately suspended from all team activity (practice, games, meetings, etc.) until all assignments have been turned in. Once verified, eligibility would be restored immediately.

III. BEHAVIOR RESPONSIBILITY

A. TIER I REFERRALS

Students are expected to follow all school rules. When rules are not followed, it will likely lead to a suspension from participation in contests/games/performances. These suspensions from participation can range from 1 game/contest/performance to losing participation privileges for the remainder of that activity/season. **Major office disciplinary referral** consequences are aligned with consequences from your school's main office.

The **1st Major** office disciplinary referral a student-athlete receives during his/her athletic season will result in the loss of eligibility for one game.

A **2nd Major** office disciplinary referral will result in the loss of eligibility for 2 or more games, as deemed by the building administration.

A **3rd Major** office disciplinary referral will result in losing eligibility for the rest of that season and may extend into the next one.

B. TIER II REFERRALS

At the discretion of the building administration, a student could be suspended from participation in any school-sponsored activity for 1-5 full seasons for the following infractions:

1. ATODA Infractions on or off SDJ grounds.

- a. Use of or possession of alcohol, drugs, or any form of tobacco (This includes any E-Cigarette or vaping device or product). This includes any look-alikes.
- b. Being present at a gathering where alcohol, any forms of tobacco, or illegal drugs are being used. You must leave as soon as safely possible.

2. Conduct unbecoming of an SDJ student.

- a. Showing disrespect for others based on race or cultural differences. Bullying, harassment, hazing, and the like.
- b. Any issue with law enforcement (may or may not include citations)
- c. Other inappropriate behavior that is not representative of a School District of Janesville Middle School student.
- d. Fighting and/or battery.

IV. OTHER POINTS OF EMPHASIS

A. CARE OF EQUIPMENT

- Each athlete is responsible for the proper care and safekeeping of the school-issued equipment. Lockers must be secured before and after practice or competition

- Lost items must be paid for promptly. The money should be turned in to the building athletic director, and a receipt shall be given upon payment.
- School athletic equipment is to be used for school-related activities only.

B. TRAVEL AND TRIP CONDUCT

- Team members must use the mode of transportation designated by the School District of Janesville to reach the site of practice or competition. They must also return to school by this same mode of transportation unless a parent or legal guardian REQUESTS IN PERSON AND GIVES WRITTEN PERMISSION to take the athlete home in his/her private vehicle.
- Coaches may exercise their discretion with respect to: 1) The degree of talking, chanting or singing on the way to or from a practice or competition; 2) The consumption of food or drink; 3) Team dress.
- All athletes shall conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect positively on themselves, on others and on their school.
- Athletes are responsible for keeping buses clean.

C. SPORTSMANSHIP

- Racial comments, taunting, or any other derogatory remarks made while being involved in a middle school sport/activity will be dealt with very severe consequences, which can include ineligibility from any sport for the remainder of the school year. Unsportsmanlike penalties, technical fouls, and disqualification from competition also fall under this category.
- When you, as a parent/legal guardian, watch your athlete participate in our middle school athletic program, we ask that you conduct yourself in a positive and sportsmanlike manner. You must show respect for officials, athletes, coaches, event workers, and other spectators.

D. APPEALS PROCESS - ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

A parent/guardian and/or student has seven (7) calendar days after notification of suspension to file an appeal. The review of any appeal will be limited to determine if the process (due process afforded to the student) of the policy was properly followed. During the appeal process, the suspension shall remain in effect unless otherwise directed by the school administration.

A written appeal may be submitted to the Principal/Designee by the student participant and/or his/her parents/guardians within seven (7) calendar days of the student being informed of the disciplinary action by the Athletic Director. The appeal should explain how due process was not afforded to the student-athlete. The Principal/Designee and District Athletic Director will review the appeal and respond in writing within seven (7) calendar days. The decision of the Principal/Designee is final.