



# Wright City R-II School District

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## ATHLETIC / ACTIVITIES PACKET

\*Students are ultimately responsible for their own eligibility in regards to athletics and/or non-sports-related extracurriculars.\*

This packet contains information for middle school and high school students who wish to participate in any athletic sport(s) and/or non-sports-related extracurricular(s). The following three (3) items must be on file at the Athletic Director's office prior to participation:

1. A signed copy of the Wright City R-II School District's Athletic / Activities Packet
2. A valid MSHSAA Physical Examination Form
3. A signed copy of the Annual Form

Please direct any question(s) and/or concern(s) to our District's Athletic Director:

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Wright City High School

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# Eligibility:

Any student who wishes to participate in any athletic sport(s) and/or non-sports-related extracurricular(s), and their guardian(s) will be responsible for reading the following Wright City School District Athletic Policy. The student and their guardian(s) will be required to sign this copy of the document in the space provided to indicate they have read and understand the policies. Students participating in athletics and/or non-sports-related extracurricular(s) in the Wright City School District will be required to abide by the rules and regulations established by the Missouri State High School Activities Association and Wright City R-II School District. This signed policy must be returned and will remain in effect for one year. No student will be allowed to participate in any interscholastic contests until this signed form is returned.

**1. Before a student-athlete may participate in any activity in the Wright City R-II School District, s/he must have on file in the Athletic Director's office the following forms:**

- a. A signed copy of the Wright City R-II School District's Athletic / Activities Packet
- b. A valid MSHSAA Physical Examination Form
- c. A signed copy of the Annual Form

**2. Any student-athlete charged with a crime is not eligible to participate in extracurricular activities until all matters have been resolved within the legal system and the school.**

**3.** Any student-athlete who (1) is arrested for, charged with, and/or issued an indictment or information regarding, (2) pleads guilty to, (3) is convicted of, (4) receives probation for, or (5) receives a suspended imposition of sentence for any violation or alleged violation of federal, state, or local law (regardless of whether the matter is pending in a local court, the juvenile justice system, or the adult justice system) **shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of the action, notify the Athletic Director or Principal. Failure to provide such notification within the stated time frame will result in the student's removal from the respective team/activity. If said situation takes place out of season, the athlete still needs to notify the coach in the required time frame, if the athlete is not part of a team yet- said information needs to be reported to the coach on the first day of tryouts.** In addition, students should note that by failing to provide this information, students possibly jeopardize their team's season and may cause the team to be placed on probation.

**4. Student-athlete will not indulge in or be found in possession of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs including the use of vapes.**

**Sports/Band/Guard/Dance Season:**

- First Offense - Suspension from 20% of season contests or activities
- Second Offense - Suspension from 50% of season contest or activities
- Third offense - Suspension from athletics for 365 days from the date of the third offense.

**Clubs - FFA, Trap shooting, Speech & Debate, HOSA, FBLA, DECA, Scholar Quiz, Dance competitions:**

- First Offense- Suspension from 20% of season including practices and/or competitions
- Second Offense - Suspension from 50% of season including practices and/or competitions
- Third offense- Suspension from clubs for 365 days from the date of the third offense
- **If a student goes 365 without an offense they will start over at step one.**
- **Suspensions will carry from season to season.**
- **Suspensions will carry over the summer [and only prohibit the participation for in-season competitions].**
- **ALL SUSPENSIONS WILL START AFTER THE STUDENT RETURNS TO SCHOOL AFTER SERVING OSS FROM SCHOOL DISCIPLINE**
- A felony conviction will result in the suspension from all athletics for one calendar year from date of court ruling.
- The student-athlete will continue to practice with the team or group during the time s/he is suspended from interscholastic competition or activities, unless the suspension is for the remainder of the season.
- The student-athlete will continue to attend all games that take place while the student is serving suspension (provided they are not on OSS with the school) unless the suspension is for the remainder of the season. While serving suspension student must remain in street clothes and must sit on the bench and be a positive teammate. Unless the suspension is for the remainder of the school year or for one calendar year, at which point the student-athlete is no longer a member of the team.
- There will be no penalty to the student who requests help in the form of assessment or treatment for chemical abuse prior to violation of this policy. A student who continues chemical abuse after requesting help will be suspended for all Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) activities and sports for a year.
- Posted photographs or videos of student-athlete participation in illegal activities could be cause for suspension. Student-athletes should avoid situations where proximity to illegal activities could result in such an issue.

**5. Student-athletes should be aware of all eligibility guidelines and should not play simultaneous sports without first consulting the coach or sponsor of the current activity season.**

- A student-athlete is ultimately responsible for his/her own eligibility . Student-athletes should ask questions to coaches, read policies, or ask administrators for clarification before issue results in an eligibility concern.

**6. A student-athlete who has been absent from class for any amount of time may not practice or participate in a sport on the day of the absence.**

This means that if you miss the school day, and the building administrator has not excused the absence, you are ineligible to compete in extracurricular activities that day.

- This also means that if a student is late to school or they leave during the day without doctors notification they are ineligible for that evening.
- If the absence occurs on a Friday and the student-athlete wishes to participate in an extracurricular activity on Saturday (if one is scheduled), the athlete must get permission to do so from an administrator.
- If the student has an unexcused absence and an extracurricular activity falls on the consecutive days that school is not in session the student is ineligible to participate. This means that the student is ineligible to participate until they attend school for a complete day of attendance.

**7. Student-athletes are responsible for returning all equipment issued to them.**

- Student-athlete is financially responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged equipment, uniforms, or other items issued to them by the school.
- All financial obligations must be taken care of within one week of the conclusion of the sports season. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action commensurate to the district's policy on theft.
- No student-athlete will receive an athletic award or receive equipment for another sport until all prior equipment is returned and all financial obligations have been paid.

**8. A student-athlete may not quit one sports team and join another sports team during the same season, unless the following guidelines have been met:**

- All equipment, uniforms, and other items released by the school to the student/athletic must be returned.
- The student, parent/guardian, head coach of the sport being dropped, head coach of the sport the student is wishing to join, and the athletic director must sign an athletic release, granting approval for the student to switch from one sport to the other.

- No student will be allowed to quit one sport for another after the first game of the season has been played in each sport.

### **Students Who Dual Roster:**

- Must declare primary sport day one
- Will attend all practices for both teams if they don't take place at the same time
- Will attend all competition for each sport as long as they don't conflict, if there is a conflict they will attend the primary over the secondary, Unless:
  - Competition trumps practice
  - Post season tournament competition trumps regular season game or practice

### **9. Wright City student-athletes will be exemplary citizens and will always engage in actions that represent our school proudly: - Failure to meet these expectations could result in disciplinary action, which could include removal from the sport or athletics.**

- Act in a courteous and respectful manner when acting as a representative of Wright City High School.
- Behave responsibly in the dressing room.
- Respect the property of all school districts, including ours.
- Treat the officials with respect and their decisions with tolerance. Never argue with an official! Handle adversity in a positive and productive fashion. Being cited (penalty, technical foul, ejection) by an official during an athletic contest for unsportsmanlike behavior (taunting, arguing with an official, or other disrespectful behavior deemed inappropriate by game officials) will result in a one-game suspension, to be served the next contest.
- Respond to poor sportsmanship of the opponents and opposing fans by elevating your performance rather than resorting to words, gestures, or force.
- Shake hands with the opponents after the games, and congratulate them in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.
- Always remember that you are representing the Wright City School District while competing in athletics. Always let your actions bring glory to our school.
- When engaging in social networking electronically (Facebook, twitter, message boards, etc.), student athletes will refrain from making threatening remarks, negative comments about other players or coaches, or any other messages that could possibly create an issue within a team or in the school building.

### **10. Wright City Student-Athletes and Parents/Guardians are expected to communicate with coaches and administrators in a respectful and organized manner to express concerns, ask questions, or request feedback.**

- In regards to non-harmful issues, concerns or questions the following process should be followed:
  - The first contact about any issue, concern or question must occur between the student-athlete and the coaching staff, with the student respectfully initiated the contact.
  - If further contact about any issue, concern, or question is needed, the parent/guardian should meet with the coaching staff in an attempt to resolve the issue. The student-athlete should be present unless all parties are in agreement that s/he should not be. Any meetings between coaches and parents/guardians should be scheduled in advance.
  - If no resolution has occurred after these first two contacts, then a third contact should occur with the Athletic Director and/or a building administrator present.

\*\*These contacts should remain respectful and productive.\*\*

- In regards to issues or concerns that the student may be in harm's way:
  - REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### **11. General Items:**

- The Wright City School District has as its primary goal the academic education of all students. Therefore, each coach or sponsor has the obligation to encourage students to perform within reasonable academic expectations. Athletes may not participate in games if they have more than one F.
- We encourage every student to be involved in as many activities as possible. Every sponsor and coach agrees that no student will lose status in an activity because of participation in other school activities.
- Each coach and sponsor has the right to establish additional expectations pertaining to the activity. These expectations may include attendance at practices, contests, trips, and for other items pertinent to the particular activity. No expectations established by an individual sport will conflict with the rules stated in this policy.
- Students serving an Out-of-School Suspension are not allowed on school grounds during the time of their suspension and may not participate in or attend any school functions, home or away.
- Students need to read the MSHSAA How to Maintain and Protect Your High School Eligibility brochure to ensure compliance with all MSHSAA eligibility standards.
- Students should be aware that the principal will be notified of all violations of this policy and that, in addition to the penalties established in this policy the student may be subject to the disciplinary policy established by the Board of Education.

**12. Hazing/cyber bullying of other athletes is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action from the building administration; this includes online or posted comments.**

- Each situation will be handled individually - however at a minimum the athlete will have a 20% suspension from competition in the season.

**13. Due Process:**

- The student, and/or parent/guardian, has the right to a hearing before the Athletic Director.
- The decision of the Athletic Director may be appealed to the Building Principal.
- The decision of the Building Principal may be appealed to the Superintendent.
- The decision of the Superintendent may be appealed to the Board of Education.



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## SIGNATURE PAGE

I, (Print Student Name) \_\_\_\_\_,

have been provided a copy of the Wright City R-II School District's Athletic/Activities Packet and understand that I am responsible for adhering to the rules and regulations within.

Student Signature

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(Name)

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(Date)

Guardian's Signature

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(Printed)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

Please list all sports/activities you are involved in:

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