

PHILOMATH MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

Grades 6–8

ACTIVITIES AND AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

Philomath Middle School offers interscholastic sports and activities for students in grades 6–8. All students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities.

Season	Sports	Approximate Dates
Fall	Cross Country — All Students (6th, 7th & 8th grade)	September – November
Winter	Basketball — Girls (7th & 8th grade) Basketball — Boys (7th & 8th grade)	November – January January – March
Spring	Track & Field — All Students (6th, 7th & 8th grade)	March – May
Season	Activities	Approximate Dates
Year- round	Archery, Theater, Oregon Battle of the Books, Robotics —All Middle School Students	Season Varies

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

The following must be completed before all students can participate in school sponsored activities or after school sports practice/competition:

- Completed Emergency Medical Authorization form
- Signed Activity and Athletic Acknowledgement Form (student and parent/guardian)

Student athletes, in addition to the items listed above, must provide the following prior to attending practices:

- Current physician's physical examination (Must use school approved form. Physicals are valid for two years)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All students are encouraged to take part in extracurricular activities. To remain eligible, students must meet all of the following requirements:

- **Attendance:** Students must have regular attendance at school to be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity (athletic contests, performances, activity events, etc.). Students who fall below a regular attendance threshold may receive a temporary activity/athletic suspension pending a meeting with a school administrator.
- **Academic Standing:** Students must be earning passing grades in all enrolled classes.
- **Student Behavior:** Students must maintain satisfactory conduct.
- **Weekly Grade Checks:** Eligibility is reviewed every week. See the Academic Eligibility section for full details.

PARTICIPATION FEES

PARTICIPATION FEES – There are no participation fees for athletics or activities currently. Fee requirements are subject to change at any time due to policy or administrative regulation change.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS-STUDENT ATHLETES

RULE

Student-athletes must earn a passing grade in every class in which they are enrolled. Eligibility checks will be made weekly.

ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PROCESS

1. Teachers submit academic grades to the office each Thursday.
2. Students with a Failing “F” or No Pass “NP” mark in any class will be notified by the Athletic Director or head coach of their ineligibility.
3. The student remains ineligible until the next scheduled grade check and meets eligibility standards.

Coaches may assign students experiencing academic difficulty to study sessions.

ACADEMIC INELIGIBILITY

A student-athlete who fails to meet academic eligibility standards will be suspended from interscholastic competition for a minimum of one week. To resume competition eligibility, the student-athlete must demonstrate passing scores in all classes at the next weekly eligibility check. During this period, the student-athlete:

- Must attend all practices and team meetings
- Must be present on the bench in street clothes at all home games
- Will not travel to away games or meets

Grades and current assignments are available online through the Synergy Student Information System. Contact the school office at (541) 929-3167 if you need your Synergy ID and password.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPATION

RULE

Student-athletes and activity participants who are in violation of the school code of conduct and/or receive a school-administered out-of-school or in-school suspension will be immediately suspended from their team or activity for the duration of that suspension.

Additionally, any student-athlete or activity participant who receives an uncontested police citation or is convicted of any violation may be immediately suspended from their team or activity.

Any form of harassment, intimidation, menacing, or hazing by students, staff, or third parties associated with the district is strictly prohibited in the Philomath School District and will not be tolerated. Violations may result in discipline up to and including expulsion. Refer to the student handbook for definitions.

STUDENT-ATHLETES— FIRST OFFENSE

- The student-athlete can be suspended from participation for two (2) calendar weeks, which must include a minimum of one (1) interscholastic contest.
- If suspended from school, the student-athlete may not practice or participate during that period. Upon return to school, the student-athlete must attend all practices, meetings, and home contests for the remainder of participation suspension if different from a school suspension.
- While under participation suspension, the student-athlete may not travel with the team. At home contests, the student-athlete's location is at the discretion of the head coach.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Student-athletes or student-leaders who fail to comply with the terms of their suspension will receive an additional five (5) days of participation suspension per violation.
- Participation suspensions carry over from one sport season to the next.
- Violations do not carry over from middle school to high school.

STUDENT- ATHLETES — SECOND OFFENSE

- The student-athlete will be suspended for the remainder of the sport season. Second offenders forfeit all school team awards.

Note: The consequences for all disciplinary actions are at the discretion and judgement of the school administration.

Activity Participants— FIRST OFFENSE

- The participant may be suspended and/or removed from the activity depending on the severity of the incident or code of conduct violation.

** Athletic/Activity seasons are defined as the period beginning with the student's eligibility clearance through the conclusion of activity or the awards ceremony for that sport.*

**The period of student leadership begins when a student leader runs for office until the term expires at the end of the subsequent school year.*

A signed acknowledgement from both student and parent/guardian must be returned to the school before the student is permitted to participate in any activity or athletic program – See back of Emergency Medical Authorization form.