Wright City R-II School District Activities & Athletics Handbook 2026-2027

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This handbook contains information for Wright City Middle and High School students who wish to participate in any athletic sport(s) and/or school-sponsored activity. 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 Activities and Athletics Handbook
2. A valid MSHSAA Physical Examination Form
3. A signed copy of the MSHSAA Annual Form

Students are ultimately responsible for their own eligibility in regards to athletics and/or school-sponsored activities.

3. Student-athletes will not use or be found in possession of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs including the use of vapes. Failure to abide by this policy will result in the following suspensions:

- First Offense - Suspension from 20% of the remaining games/events
- Second Offense - Suspension from 50% of the remaining games/events
- Third Offense - Suspension from athletics for 365 days from the date of the third offense.

- If a student goes 365 days without an offense, they will start over at step one.
- Suspensions will carry over the summer [and only prohibit the participation for in-season competitions].
- If a student is serving OSS or ISS, their suspension from games/events will start after serving their suspension.
- A felony conviction will result in the suspension from all athletics for one calendar year from date of court ruling.
- The student-athlete may continue to practice with the team or group (per the coach's discretion) during the time s/he is suspended from interscholastic competition or activities, unless the suspension is for the remainder of the season.
- 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.

4. Hazing/cyber bullying of other students is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action from building administration in accordance with Board policy.

- Each incident will be reviewed individually. Appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension from athletic participation, may be imposed based on the nature and severity of the violation.

5. Student-athletes should be aware of all eligibility guidelines and should not play the same sport (i.e. AAU basketball and HS basketball) in the same season without first consulting the athletic director and coach or sponsor.

- A student-athlete is ultimately responsible for his/her own eligibility . Student-athletes should be aware of MSHSAA policy and ask the Athletic Director for clarification in regards to their eligibility.

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 any part of the school day, and the building administrator has not excused the absence, you are ineligible to compete in extracurricular activities that day.
- Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until the student attends a full day of classes.

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.
- A student-athlete will not 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 issued by the school to the student have been returned.
- The student communicates their decision with the Athletic Director and each respective head coach.
- Approval for the player joining the new team is left to the discretion of the head coach.

9. Students Who Dual Roster:

  - Students should make the best choices when participating in activities to avoid conflicts between activities. This involves good communication, decision-making skills, prioritizing, and long-range goals and aspirations.

- However, when a conflict arises between two school-sponsored activities, consideration should be given to the following list: (Ultimately, the decision will be made by the student with no repercussions.)
    - 1. State contest
    - 2. District contest
    - 3. Conference contest
    - 4. Academic class
    - 5. Interscholastic contest
    - 6. Required (dress rehearsal) practices
    - 7. Regular practices

10. 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 or suspension from the sport or activity.

- 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.
- 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, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, 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.

11. 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 initiating 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.**

12. 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.

13. General Items:

- The Wright City School District's primary goal is the academic education of all students. In addition, the Wright City School District expects our students to be model citizens inside and outside of school.
- We encourage each student to be involved in as many activities as possible.
- Students and parents/guardians need to read the MSHSAA How to Maintain and Protect Your High School Eligibility brochure to ensure compliance with all MSHSAA eligibility standards.
- MSHSAA Academic Standards
    - You must be enrolled in courses offering 3.0 units of credit (this is normally six courses).
    - You must have earned a minimum of 3.0 units of credit in the semester before participation. If you are attempting more than 3.5 credits, you must have earned credit in 80% of the classes you attempted in the semester before participation.
    - All work is to be completed by the close of the semester. The close of the semester shall be defined as the end of the last day of finals for each semester.
- Each coach and sponsor has the right to establish additional expectations pertaining to the activity.
- 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 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.
- All MSHSAA-sanctioned events are a reflection of our community and school. The conduct of the team/group is extended to parents and fans before, during, and after athletic events/activities.

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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) (Date)

Guardian's Signature

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(Printed)

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(Signature) (Date)

Please list all sports/activities you are involved in:

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