SEASONAL ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

Missoula County Public Schools

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGN OFF

Student participation in student government, clubs, performing or competitive activities, and athletics is governed by the rules and regulations developed and administered by the Montana High School Association and the Missoula County Public School District. The Athletic Code of Conduct is a commitment to represent self, school, family, and the community in the most positive manner at all times. The code of conduct is in effect for the entire school year and all subsequent high school years, to include fall athletic practice in August and any school-sponsored events, regardless of the time of year. Failure to follow this code of conduct will result in disciplinary action, including exclusion from any activity.

Instructions for securing the privilege of representing Missoula County Public Schools in extra-curricular events

- ☐ Read and sign the Code of Conduct
- ☐ Complete physical (Must be on file before participation in sports of any kind – must use MHSA physical form)
- ☐ Provide the name of your insurance company (can purchase insurance through school)
- ☐ Complete the emergency information form
- ☐ Complete Parent Code of Conduct form
- ☐ Complete the Risk Disclosure Agreement
- ☐ Payment of Fees

CODE OF CONDUCT includes – Academic, Citizenship, and Alcohol & Drug Policy

1. ACADEMIC POLICY

A Student must achieve a current GPA of 2.0 or higher and may not have an F in any subject at each grading period: i.e.' mid-quarter, quarter, and semester, to be eligible for participation in competitive athletic and specific activity programs.

2. CITIZENSHIP POLICY

The Board of Trustees of the Missoula County Public Schools offers a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the District throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise this privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with this Code of Conduct. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the Board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors.

3. ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

A. The policy shall be enforced during the school year when a student (regardless of age) is enrolled at MCPS for school sponsored activities, and will also include any school activities that extend beyond the school year.

B. Any student involved in an extra-curricular, performing or competitive activity or athletic program shall not knowingly purchase, possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, tobacco derivative, vape, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substances of any kind during a school year, regardless of the student's age.

C. Any student who finds himself/herself in the company of persons who illegally possess, use, transmit, or are under the influence of alcohol, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substance (i.e., frequenting of areas, places or sites where drugs and/or alcohol are present), is expected to leave within a reasonable period of time. Failure to do so will result in discipline as if they were in violation of this policy

D. Any student engaging in inappropriate or offensive conduct or any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile justice system, excluding minor traffic offenses, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested or convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s).

E. Student Transfers. A student who transfers from one Missoula County Public School to another or from another district will maintain his/her accumulative offense status regarding the alcohol and drug policy.

Violation Consequences

1. First offense in a student's high school career: The student shall be suspended from competing or performing in any school-sanctioned activity for ten (10) school days.

2. Second-offense in a student' high school career: The student shall be suspended from competing or performing in any school-sanctioned activity for twenty (20) school days .

3. Third offense in a student's high school career: Full suspension from all extra-curricular activity programs for the remainder of the student's high school career. The student will be referred to the Board of Trustees for a hearing for imposition of this penalty.

VIOLATIONS ARE CUMULATIVE DURING A STUDENT'S FOUR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL

Missoula County Public Schools LETTERING POLICY

To obtain a varsity letter or be nominated for all-conference honors in the current season, the student will need to conform to the guidelines and requirements set forth by the District and the head coach/advisor of the activity.

PHYSICAL POLICY

All students need a physical before beginning practice. Physicals must be done on the MHSA physical form which is available in the main office or on the school website on the activity pages. Physicals obtained after May 1st are valid through the end of the following school year.

PAYMENT OF FEES POLICY

All students need to have the following fees paid before the first practice in order to participate.

ACTIVITY CARD
PARTICIPATION FEE
WHITE FEE (WHERE APPLICABLE)

CODE OF CONDUCT INSURANCE AGREEMENT

My student is covered by _____(**insurance company's name)**
Medical insurance must be carried by Parent/Guardian, and the school will not be liable for any injury that occurs during participation in athletics/activities except for injury resulting from the sole negligence of the District.

We have read this material, discussed it together, and agree to support the code of conduct

Print Student's Name	Grade	ID#	SPORT(S)	Student's Signature

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character building and ethics in athletics are embodies in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of athletics is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

Therefore I agree:

1. I will refrain from coaching my child and other players during games and practices.
2. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak to coaches at an agreed upon time and place
3. I will remember that student athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
4. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
5. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the student athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my own child to win.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the student athletes.
7. I (and my guest) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
8. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
9. I understand that any violation of this code of conduct will be cause for dismissal, suspension, or permanent expulsion from future athletic contest.

I have read, and understand, and agree to the parent's code of conduct at Hellgate High School sporting events.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Printed Name _____

Date Signed _____

*This form must be returned to the Athletic Office prior to athletic participation. Athletes will not be allowed to participate without the completion and return of this form