

**St. Regis Public School District #1
(Revised 8/5/08)**

Athletic and Extracurricular Activity Code

The interscholastic athletic and extracurricular program offered by various high schools in Montana, and governed by the Montana High School Association, is completely voluntary on the part of the students. Participation is not required for admission. Involvement in all programs is a privilege, not a right. However, it is also a responsibility, as it requires extra effort and time beyond the regular school day on a voluntary basis.

The ST. REGIS ATHLETIC and EXTRACURRICULAR CODE combines MHSAA state requirements, with specific requirements for St. Regis School District. This code goes into effect when the student signs and returns the code to the coach or athletic director and remains in effect until the last day of the activity. If a student violates any issue contained in the code, the student will suffer the consequences according to the guidelines established within this code.

Those who participate in interscholastic activities are not only members of a team, but are representatives of their student body, family, and community. Therefore, it is necessary and desirable that high standards be maintained. These include academic requirements, citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty, as well as student-athlete conduct both in and outside of the athletic arena or facility. Lowering standards by either an individual or the team to win games defeats the purpose and value of interscholastic activities.

Because the dignity of the total school program is reflected in the athletic and extracurricular programs, it is important that the students involved conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Their behaviors and actions both in and outside of our facilities should reflect pride in themselves, their school, their family, and their community. Each student's dress and appearance should be neat, clean, and well groomed.

The purpose of the ACTIVITY CODE is to commit students and their parents to the responsibilities of the participants in the creation and maintenance of the St. Regis School District's image. The code applies to all extracurricular activities in our school. If a student has not been involved with any activities and not signed an activity code, they will not be held responsible for violations of the code, but certainly held responsible for regular school policy. The policy also applies to managers, statisticians, scorekeepers, filmers, etc.

SECTION I: ELGIBILITY

A. ST. REGIS REQUIREMENTS

Students at St. Regis Schools must meet all the MHSА requirements **and** the following additional requirements:

1. Must have a signed parent/guardian permission slip AND school insurance (or proof of insurance,) on file with the school. Insurance is only needed for those engaged in athletic activities.
2. Must have passing grades in all classes of the seven period day schedule and maintain a 2.0 GPA
 - a. Grades will be checked two weeks into the quarter: if the student does not meet the requirements, they are ineligible until they are met. Grades will be checked every week during the activity and if a student's grades drop below passing, they have one week to get them back up. Eligibility then will run from Monday to Monday for the rest of that activity. Any time that a student does not meet grade requirements, they have to attend 40 minutes of study hall either before or after school for that week.
 - b. If a student does not meet the requirements at semester, they are ineligible for two weeks of the following quarter, when grades are checked again.
 - c. During time of ineligibility, students must attend all practices, as required by the coach, to stay in activity.
3. Must pass a physical examination when applicable.
4. Must maintain amateur standing.
5. Must have a signed activity code by student and parents on file.

SECTION II : ATHLETIC TRAVEL

Students traveling on a bus to any "away" events are expected to ride the bus both to and from the event. A student will be released to a **parent/guardian** if there is a note submitted to the principal, athletic director or designee prior to **departing** for the event.(There may be special circumstances where a supervisor could take a note leaving **from** the event, but these need to be kept at a minimum.) If anyone other than a parent/guardian wishes to take a student away from the event, it must be approved by the principal, with the consensus of the coach and/or superintendent **prior** to leaving the event.

This year, the Board has made the decision that the 70 mile rule will be in place once again, the school will provide a meal for students if a trip is over 70 miles. If there isn't anything open for a full meal, the bus will stop at a quick stop along the way for snacks. When a meal is provided, the limit on cost will be \$6.50 per student.

If a trip requires that students leave before lunch, the kitchen will provide sack lunches for all involved.

SECTION III : RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. USE OF TOBACCO, DRUGS, OR ALCOHOL

Students participating in athletics, or other extracurricular activities, should not be attending parties where alcohol and/or drugs are present or being used. Nor should they consume, transport, or possess any of the above. **Any student who receives an MIP or after an investigation by the administration is found to have consumed, transported, or possessed any tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol, will be subjected to the following consequences. Upon the first offense, be suspended from participating in any contest or activities currently participating in for twenty (20) school days. The second offense in the same school year would result in the student not being able to participate IN ANY OTHER school extracurricular activities FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. If a person is suspended at the end of a season, they will not be eligible for any team honors. During a players suspension, they can participate in practices, but they cannot attend or participate in contest or extracurricular activities as a participant or in a school vehicle.**

This **code** is only in effect during a participant's season, or activity they participate in. The above penalties, however, will carry over from season to season, but not school year to school year, all penalties will cease at the end of the school year. We do not have control of players/students in the off season.

The following activities are considered extracurricular ; football, volleyball, basketball, golf, track, cheerleading, Business Professionals of America, drama, Science Club pep band, Honor Society, and T.S.A. If any new extracurricular activities are started after the revision of this code, 8/5/08, they will be included upon Board approval.

B. SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING OF DRUGS

The student will be suspended from any activities for one year to date.

C. COMMITTING ACTS OF LARCENY

No student shall take or appropriate the property of another with the intent to keep or allow wrongful use of said property. No student shall knowingly sell or purchase stolen property.

Penalties will be left up to the coach/advisor and administration.

D. COMMITTING CRIMES

Any student committing an act which results in a conviction (other than a minor traffic violation) will be dismissed from participating in any extracurricular events for the rest of that year.

E. ATTENDANCE

1. Students shall be in attendance at school for at least one-half day of the school day in order to be eligible for practice on that day, unless their absence has approval by the principal (in the case of extenuating circumstances).
2. Students shall be in attendance at school for the entire school day on the day of extracurricular events, or the day preceding a weekend event, unless absence has had prior approval by the principal (in the case of extenuating circumstances).
3. Students shall be responsible for informing the coach of inability to make practice; punishment for this is up to the coach.
4. Students have to participate in five regular classes a day to participate.

F. CURFEW

All students must abide by the curfews set by their coaches. Any violations will be dealt with by the coaches.

G. SPORTSMANSHIP

Students representing St. Regis Schools shall exemplify the highest standards of good sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is defined as those qualities of courteousness, fairness, and respectfulness to officials, teammates, opponents, coaches, spectators, and all others associated with an event. Therefore, St. Regis students shall act in a sportsmanlike manner on AND off the field, court, or wherever the event is taking place.

Violations- The coach and the athletic director shall determine the punishment for violators.

H. INDIVIDUAL EVENT POLICIES

The head coaches of each sport may add additional rules as they see fit for their activity. These will not usurp the foregoing rules and regulations and shall be limited to issues directly relevant to the welfare of their team.

I. COMPLAINT PROCESS

When a person has a complaint about an athletic program, the complainant should contact the athletic director or principal to review the complaint process.

J. APPEAL PROCESS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If an athlete or parent has a grievance in regard to discipline procedure, they must make a written request to appeal the decision within five days of the action grieved. A committee made up of the coach, athletic director, principal, and superintendent will hear the appeal and make a decision. All decisions can be appealed to the Board..

Key points addressed in this code:

(All can be referenced inside.)

1. **Use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco and the penalties, new rule.**
2. **Attendance for practices and game days.**
3. **Sportsmanship on and off school grounds.**
4. **Penalties for committing crimes.**
5. **Grade and class requirements.**
6. **Meals will be provided by the school on trips over 70 miles.**

**Please keep the Activity Code for reference,
Return this signed page for our records.**

I have read the activity code and agree to follow and support all rules and decisions stated above.

Student _____ **Date** _____

Parent _____ **Date** _____