



REEDS SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL
Athletic Department

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RSMS Student Athlete Citizenship Code

Interscholastic activities are a definite part of the overall school program. Students who choose to try out and are selected to represent the school assume an obligation not only for themselves, but also for those they represent. Participation in school activities is a privilege, granted you meet the MSHSAA eligibility standards. According to MSHSAA eligibility standards, participants must be good citizens in their school and community. More specifically, any student who represents his/her school in interscholastic activities must be a creditable citizen and be judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for competition.

It is understood that citizenship eligibility cases are handled on an individual basis at the school level by the coach/director, athletic administrator, principal, parents and player. However, it is also felt that system-wide guidelines will assist in the uniform handling of such cases. Any incidents which occur that are not covered by these guidelines, will be reviewed on an individual basis and decisions related to penalties will be made by the administration and head coach/director. It is the philosophy of the Reeds Spring School District that a quality program of interscholastic activities shall be conducted as an integral part of the learning program. Students should receive training in sportsmanship, motivation, self-discipline, loyalty, leadership and a winning attitude. Generally, in our school system, activities participants have conducted themselves in a manner in which both the school and community can be proud. By establishing the following guidelines, it is felt that all involved will know what is expected of them and "striving for excellence" will be the final result.

Making the Grade:

MSHSAA Eligibility: Grades 7-12: Students must be enrolled in a normal course load for your school. You also must have been promoted to a higher grade level at the end of the previous year, not having failed more than two courses the previous semester.

Reeds Spring R-IV Academic Eligibility:

Students in grades 7th and 8th who participate in any interscholastic activity must maintain a grade point average of 1.66. Interscholastic activities are defined as any extracurricular activity with another school. First quarter eligibility for 8th grade students will be based on the previous year's 4th quarter grades. (This initial requirement, based on the previous year's 4th quarter grades, will be waived for 7th grade students.) Students who fall below the 1.66 GPA at the end of a grading period will be enrolled in intervention time to receive assistance and special help to improve his/her grades. Such students will be able to participate in activities during this time. If the student has not achieved a 1.66 GPA by the next grade reporting period, the student will then be ineligible to participate in school-sponsored activities until the next grading period. Students who have met the 1.66 GPA requirements at this point become eligible to participate. This policy applies to all activities in which a competition shall take place.

Tobacco Products:

Any student using tobacco products will be denied the privilege of participation in all extra-curricular competition for a minimum of one week. Second offense: restriction from participation for 90 days
Third offense: restriction from participation for 365 days

Alcoholic Beverages:

Any student using or in possession of an alcoholic beverage will be denied the privilege of participation in all extra-curricular competition for a period of two weeks. Second offense: restriction from participation for 90 days
Third offense: restriction from participation for 365 days

Controlled Substance and Narcotics:

Any student using or in possession of a controlled substance and/or narcotics will be denied the privilege of participation in all extra-curricular activities for one calendar year. A student has the right to appeal for full eligibility after a six-month suspension.

School Law Enforcement Referral:

Any student referred to school officials for school rule violations will be denied the privilege of participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period determined by the principal.

Arrest:

Any student who is arrested for a felony or gross misdemeanor may be denied the privilege of participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period determined by the principal.

ISD/OSS:

Students who receive In-School/Out of School Suspension will be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities during the required ISD/OSS days. Students who receive ISD will be allowed to practice but not participate during this time, however those receiving OSS will not be allowed to practice, or participate.

Summer Infraction:

Students breaking the smoking or alcohol rule during the summer will receive a first offense punishment. Because no sports may be in season during the summer, the first offense punishment for ten (10) days may not affect the student. However, the student will receive a second offense punishment if he/she breaks the smoking or alcohol rules during the regular school year.

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent Signature:

Date: