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SUBJECT: STUDENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY CODE

The Board of Education promotes and supports the principles of the Massena Central School District Athletic Code of Conduct. Therefore, the Board recognizes that:

1. Good school and community citizenship is necessary to participate in any activity. Failure to be a good citizen (.i.e. as in the case of suspension from school) can mean immediate removal from any athletic activity. The length of time of this removal will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director and the School Principals according to the severity of the offense.

Athletics are part of the total educational process of our student athletes. It is also understood that athletic participation is a “privilege” and not a “right” and the following philosophical principles will guide all athletes’ conduct:

- a. To have respect and concern for the rights and feelings of others, and
 - b. To behave in a manner that reflects favorably on yourself, your family, teammates, school, and community.
2. Through collaborative efforts of staff, students and parents/legal guardians, a certifiable comprehensive program should be developed addressing eligibility regulations for student athletes to include:
 - a. Attendance
 - b. Section and State eligibility rules
 - c. Academic eligibility
 - d. Regulations and procedures concerning the use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs
 - e. Regulation and procedures concerning violations/infractions of the code
 - f. Appeal procedures.
 3. Eligibility standards for all Massena Central District athletic programs will be strictly enforced.

The Athletic Director will be responsible for checking individual eligibility and will not allow any student to practice or play unless certain that all rules are being followed. When an alleged violation of rules is reported to or comes to the attention of the administration, they will meet with the athlete.

Before an athlete can participate in any Massena Central School District sport, the athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall sign The Massena Central School Athletic Code of Conduct Form which states that the athlete and his/her parents/guardians have read and understand the Massena Central School District’s rules pertaining to participation in Interscholastic Sports and agree to abide by all rules pertaining to the sport. Failure by the athlete or parent/guardian to sign such eligibility form will make the athlete ineligible to partake in any Massena Central School District sport.

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Education Law Section 1709 (2) & (3), 1801
New York Code of Rules & Regulations (NYCRR)
Section 100.2(1)

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