



# McPherson Unified School District 418

*Gordon Mohn, Superintendent*

## **McPherson High School and McPherson Middle School ACTIVITY / ATHLETIC / FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION SHEET**

We/I understand that our/my student may be injured while participating in activities, interscholastic athletic practices or contests and/or field trips as a McPherson High School or McPherson Middle School Student. Injuries in interscholastic athletics have been known to range from a slight bruise or scratch to broken bones, injuries to teeth and jaws, strains, sprains, cuts requiring stitches, torn ligaments, head injuries that could cause brain damage or paralysis, injuries to the vertebral column that may cause quadriplegia and/or injuries that may even cause death.

We know that participation in sports activities requires an acceptance of the risk of possible injury and that the player can make the contest safer for all by not intentionally using techniques which are illegal and which can cause serious injury to themselves or others. We further acknowledge that we, the parent/student, are responsible for any medical bills that might be incurred. The school district does not have insurance to cover initial medical expenses of students injured in accidents while participating in school activities. The district does purchase through KSHSAA a catastrophic medical insurance policy for students participating in interscholastic activity programs to cover excess medical costs. This policy has a \$25,000 deductible and pays a limited amount of costs not covered by a primary insurance policy. For further information, contact KSHSAA (1-785-273-5329) or McPherson High School.

With the knowledge of the above information we/I do allow our student to participate in McPherson High School or McPherson Middle School activities, athletic programs, and/or field trips for the 2017-18 school year.

Certain standards of social behavior are expected of all students. However, since students in athletics, activities, and on field trips are more visible representative of their school and community they will be expected to meet higher standards of conduct and discipline. The following rules apply to all students participating in athletics, activities, or field trips at McPherson High School or McPherson Middle School.

1. There will be no possession and/or use of unauthorized drugs, steroids, alcoholic beverages, or any form of tobacco. Any student who is suspended from school attendance, or who is convicted by civil authorities for the possession and/or use of these substances, or who is observed by any coach, sponsor, teacher, or administrator in the possession and/or use of these substances, or if the student admits to the possession and/or use of any of these substances, the student will be suspended from the respective team or club until a hearing is held.



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2. The student may not practice or participate in contest, activity, or field trip on a day they miss any part of the school day unless that are given prior approval by the assistant principal/activity director. When calling the school to make arrangements, the parent should be sure to call the office of the assistant principal/activities director at 241-9510. If for any reason the student's absence is not detected and the student takes part in the day's activities, they will held out of the next corresponding activity, athletic contest or practice held immediately after the absence is detected.
3. A student becomes a member of a school-sponsored team or club at the time he/she begins practice with that team or enrolls. At that time, the student is considered to have made a commitment to complete that season of sport, club, or activity.

A process is available for those students who wish to terminate membership with one school-sponsored team and join a second school-sponsored team during the original team's season of sport. Any student desiring to make such a change of sport should check with the assistant principal/activities director on the proper process to follow. Before participation with the same-season team may begin, a student must receive the endorsement of the change of both head coaches involved and the activities director. Participation in the required number of practices must be completed prior to travel and/or interscholastic competition with the new team. An appeal process is available if a student is not satisfied with the original decision of the two coaches and activities director.

Each individual coach, sponsor, or instructor may implement additional rules. These rules, approved by the high school activities director, may cover such areas as follows:

- a. missing practice
- b. being late for practice
- c. care of equipment
- d. swearing/vulgar language
- e. disrespect to staff and/or team
- f. sportsmanship