



**Hallsville R-IV School District  
Student Athlete Handbook  
2017-2018**

**HALLSVILLE R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Athlete Information Sheet**  
*(Revised July, 2017)*

**Student Responsibilities and Citizenship Requirements:**

Eligibility to represent a school in extracurricular activities is a privilege to be attained by meeting the standards of eligibility cooperatively set by the member schools of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, as well as any additional standards set by the Hallsville R-IV School. Students who represent the school in extracurricular activities must be creditable citizens, as determined by school officials, to be eligible for participation. Any student whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or the school, are not considered "creditable citizens". Conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline. Athletes are always in the public eye and personal conduct must always be above reproach.

***(Note: The following information is from the MSHSAA Official Handbook)***

Students who represent a school in interscholastic activities must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper authority. Those students whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their schools are not considered "creditable citizens." Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

**A. Law Enforcement:** A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty (i.e. jail time, fine, court costs, etc.) or special condition of probation (i.e. restitution, community service, counseling, etc.) has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies. Moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs or injuries to others. After a student has completed all court appearances and penalties, and has satisfied all special conditions of probation and remains under general probation only, local school authorities shall determine eligibility.

**B. Local School:**

- A student who violates a local school policy is ineligible until completion of the prescribed school penalties or until approved for participation by the principal.
- A student who is serving detention or in-school suspension shall not automatically be determined ineligible.
- A student shall not be considered eligible while serving out-of-school suspension.
- A student who is expelled or who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.
  - from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.
  - If a student has an unexcused absence, they shall not be considered eligible on that date. Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until they attend a full day of classes.
- Each school shall diligently and completely investigate any issue that could affect student eligibility.

C. **Student Responsibility: Each student is responsible to notify the school of any and all situations that would affect his/her eligibility under the above standards. If the student does not notify the school of the situation prior to the school's discovery, then the student shall be ineligible for up to 365 days from discovery, pending review by the Board of Directors.**

*(Note: The following are Hallsville R-IV Schools policies and practices)*

Therefore, the following regulations have been written to insure the meeting of the above ideals by representatives of the Hallsville R-IV Schools:

1. Any students who are suspended from school for disciplinary reasons shall be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity or practice.
2. Any students who are suspended from school because of involvement with drugs, including alcohol, act or threat of extreme violence, attack on a staff member, and/or possession of a weapon shall be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities as outlined below:

**-First offense = the student(s) are suspended from all extracurricular performance events for a minimum of 40 school days, but they can be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the Activities Director.**

**-Second offense = the student(s) are suspended from all extracurricular performance events for a minimum of 80 school days, but they can be allowed to practice with the group at the discretion of the Activities Director.**

**-Third offense = the student(s) are suspended from all extracurricular activities performance events for a minimum of 160 school days, but they could receive a longer suspension at the discretion of the Activities Director.**

3. All students, whether spectators or participants, are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. This includes showing proper respect for coaches, activity supervisors, players, opposing fans, and officials. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension and/or loss of the right to participate in extracurricular activities.
4. All students and parents should read through the Athlete Participation Agreement very carefully and recognize the level of commitment that must be made to be a successful athlete in any Hallsville sports program. The expectations of the Board of Education, the administration, the athletic coaching staff, and the supporters in the community are for the athlete in this district to standout from all other students, and have the courage to lead peers in positive behavior and recreation.

## **Academic Progress:**

Participating students, including student managers, are evaluated for academic progress during the season. The method for reporting is described below:

### **High School**

Student athletes will be evaluated for academic progress approximately every three weeks as a part of the scheduled high school progress reports while representing the school in extracurricular activities. The academic reporting is the student's current grade, as accumulated from the beginning of the quarter or semester, at the time of the report. High School eligibility is different than Middle School because it is determined every semester (18 week grading period)

IF a student athlete's grades during a progress report are determined unacceptable, they will be assigned to Academic Support. The High School Academic Support program runs during the advisory period (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday).

### **Middle School**

Student athletes will be evaluated for academic progress during each season. A grade check will be done during the first week of practice for each sport to determine eligibility (check grades from previous quarter), and survey classroom teachers to determine the progress in the current quarter. Middle School eligibility is different than High School because it is determined after every quarter (9 week grading period)

## **Notes & Reminders:**

An athlete who receives a discipline referral during an athletic season can be suspended from the next scheduled game or meet by the building level Principal or the Athletic Director.

Grade checks at the beginning or end of a semester will be based on the MSHSAA eligibility requirements and consequences.

Stricter academic requirements may be enforced by the head coach of a sport with the consent of the Building Level Principal and Athletic Director.

**HALLSVILLE R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**  
**Athlete/Parent Participation Agreement**  
*Revised: July 2014*

**CONDITIONS:**

1. Athletes should make sure they are prepared physically and mentally to participate in all practices and games. In order to insure this good health, the athlete must:
  - A. abstain from the use of or association with illegal drugs and/or alcohol while a member of any sports team.
  - B. abstain from the use of all tobacco products.
  - C. get plenty of rest on a regular basis, but especially the night before a contest, and abide by curfews as set by the coach.
  - D. not participate in any activity that would jeopardize their health, or place them in high risk of injury.
  - E. always work hard and sacrifice for the betterment of self and the team.
2. Athletes are expected to be on time and act appropriately in all classes. Discipline referrals are not acceptable behavior for creditable citizens.
3. Athletes are responsible for turning in all required information, and maintaining academic eligibility. Athletes understand grade checks will be made during each sport season and it is the responsibility of the athlete to keep class grades at an acceptable level. Coaches may impose stricter grade requirements than those adopted by the District.
4. Athletes are to be on time and participate in all required practices and games. If an absence is unavoidable, the coach must be personally contacted in advance of the absence.
5. Athletes are to arrive at school on time each day, and **must attend a full day of school** in order to be eligible to attend a practice or a contest, **unless** arrangements are made **ahead of time** with the athletic director or the school principal.
6. Athletes will dress appropriately (as determined by the school administration/coach) for practices and for competitions.
7. Athletes are required to ride the team bus to and from all competitions not played in Hallsville. If a **parent/guardian is present** at an away event and **personally signs out with the coach**, athletes may be released to their parent/guardian. Athletes **cannot** be released to anyone except a parent/guardian.
8. Athletes will always be positive in their attitude and all team members will be supportive to one another and to the coaching staff.
9. Athletes will always be positive role models for the student body and should never participate in any activity, event, or display any behavior that would be detrimental to themselves or to the team.
10. Athletes are expected to follow the discipline policies of the school.
11. Athletes will always show respect for persons in authority and for the property of others and the school.
12. Athletes have an obligation to create a favorable image, and to gain the respect of their teammates, student body, and the community.
13. **Athletes and parents** are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times. In addition, athletes must demonstrate good citizenship and desirable social traits; including honesty, emotional control, cooperation, dependability, and respect for others and their abilities.

### **ATHLETE AGREEMENT:**

Having been offered the opportunity and privilege to participate in the athletic program for Hallsville Schools.

(Print Name) I, \_\_\_\_\_ fully understand the responsibilities of citizenship expected of me as stated by the MSHSAA and the local Board of Education. In addition, I have read and agree to adhere to the conditions for participation outlined in this contract. I recognize the importance and necessity of this agreement, and pledge to play a significant role in bringing honor and pride to Hallsville Athletics. I realize that any violation of this contract could result in disciplinary action by the coaching staff or the administration, which could include suspension from the team, or the complete loss of privilege to be a team member. Therefore, with my signature, I attest my commitment to the athletic program and the standards it represents, and will be a supportive athlete for the current school year.

### **PARENT AGREEMENT:**

I have read the Participation Agreement for Athletes, and I support my child's decision to sign this commitment to the Athletic Program in the Hallsville R-IV School District, and will encourage him/her to adhere to this decision. I also understand the level of commitment involved and support the purpose, responsibilities, and conditions of the agreement. I will join my child in the support of the program, and if at any time I have questions or concerns, **I will contact the coach** of the team and ask for a conference with my child and me. **I recognize it is important and appropriate to meet with the coach before contacting any administrator or member of the Board of Education.** However, if I am not satisfied following my meeting with the coach, I will contact the athletic director to attempt to bring immediate resolution to the situation.

## **Important Guidelines/Procedures:**

Athletes are to arrive to school on time each day, and must attend a full day of school in order to be eligible to attend a practice or a contest, unless arrangements are made ahead of time with the athletic director or the school principal.

Athletes are required to ride the team bus to and from all competitions not played in Hallsville. If a parent or guardian is present at an away event and personally signs the release form, athletes may be released to their parent/guardian. Athletes cannot be released to anyone except a parent/guardian.

Athletes should not participate in non-school sports during a season of participation without checking with the activities office to make sure there is not a violation of the MSHSAA rules.

All high school athletes must have earned 3.0 credits the previous semester, and must be currently enrolled in at least 3.0 credits in order to be eligible.

All middle school athletes must have been promoted at the end of the previous year and cannot have failed more than one class the past quarter.

Families of athletes that anticipate moving the residence of the student into another school district should check with the activities office about the MSHSAA rules to cover a move of an individual or the entire family.

**Open communication** is extremely important in resolving conflicts or problems.

Student/athlete—if at any time you have questions or concerns while participating in a sport, you should follow these steps:

1. Athlete should meet with coach of the team and discuss the matter.
2. Athlete and parent set up an appointment to meet with the coach.
3. Athlete and parent set up an appointment to meet with the Activities Director if resolution is not found with coach.

**Campus facilities** are to be used by students only during supervised time by District staff. No unsupervised use of the facilities is allowed. Specifically weight room, gyms, locker rooms and gated fields.

## CHECKLIST for student participation in extracurricular activities:

- Physical w/ insurance signed/returned
- Student/parent agreement signed/returned
- Permit to video signed/returned
- MSHSAA eligibility /credits/residency
- Grades/ progress reports

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