

## **The MCSD Policy on Interscholastic Athletics is 2431:**

Each school may establish a board of control for athletics to include the school principal, instructional staff members, the athletic director, and any other member deemed appropriate by the school principal.

All District high schools shall be members of the Florida High School Athletic Association, Inc. (FHSAA) and shall be governed by the rules and regulations adopted by FHSAA. Students who participate in athletics shall meet eligibility requirements established by the FHSAA and the School Board. Membership dues will be paid from the internal accounts of each respective school.

Students practicing or participating in any type of interscholastic athletics shall provide proof of accident insurance covering medical expenses of any injury sustained in a sport. The principal shall be responsible for obtaining proof, as evidenced by a signed statement from the student's parent(s) or legal guardian, of the student's insurance prior to practice or participation in interscholastic athletics. Such insurance may be made available to the parent(s) or legal guardian through the school, or the parent(s) or legal guardian may submit evidence that insurance has been provided through another source.

No student shall engage in practice or participate in any interscholastic game without the written permission of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian and a current physical examination as required by FHSAA being on file.

Pursuant to Florida statutes, licensed medical personnel who act as volunteers for school events and agree to render emergency care or treatment shall be immune from civil liability for treatment of a participant in any school-sponsored athletic event, provided such treatment was rendered in accordance with acceptable standards of practice and was not objected to by the participant.

All students shall be subject to all Board rules and to the Code of Student Conduct while attending athletic events and practices.

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in interscholastic extra-curricular student activities, s/he must meet all of the requirements established by the FHSAA and maintain satisfactory conduct, as defined by the Code of Student Conduct. If a student is convicted of an on- or off-campus felony or a delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the student's participation in interscholastic extra-curricular activities will be suspended for the balance of the school year.

A report of an alleged violation of this standard of conduct shall be submitted to the principal or designee for investigation. If the principal/designee determines that a violation has occurred, the student and his/her parent or legal guardians shall be notified in writing of the suspension from school sponsored extra-curricular activities.

**F.S. 1006.15, 1006.20**

# **MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS** **STUDENT ATHLETE CONTRACT**

Students of the Monroe County School District (MCS D) have the opportunity and privilege to participate in extracurricular activities, including, but not limited to athletics, band chorus, performing groups, clubs, and student government. This Pride and Commitment Contract demonstrates each student's acceptance of becoming a representative of the school by becoming a member of an athletic team. Expectations of student athletes are higher than those of students and thus, this contract contains procedures, rules and expectations that go beyond the Student Code of Conduct. Should an athlete fail to abide by these expectations, both on school property and in the community, consequences may be implemented that exceed those in the Student Code of Conduct, including removal from a team or squad. This is your commitment to excelling as a student athlete in academics, sportsmanship and leadership.

## **CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS**

- I will dress appropriately, use proper language, display a positive attitude and adhere to the MCS D Student Code of Conduct.
- I will be respectful of coaches, teammates, school adults, other students and community members.
- I will set a personal example of excellent conduct and sportsmanship, both on and off the field.
- I will attend classes and follow the attendance rules of the MCS D.
- I will give my best and follow the rules and procedures of any and all teams that I am a part of.
- I will follow all rules and regulations of the Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSAA).

## **COMMUNITY ROLE EXPECTATIONS**

- I understand that my actions in the community are a reflection of myself, my team and my school.
- I will respect others and the property of others and will not physically or verbally harm another individual.
- I will follow the laws governing all citizens and residents of the United States, State of Florida and Monroe County.

## **PERSONAL HEALTH EXPECTATIONS**

- I will refrain from the use of alcohol, all types of tobacco products and all drugs; nor shall I be in possession of such substances at any time in or out of school.
- I will not use any performance enhancing drugs.
- I will abide by the MCS D Athletic Drug Testing Program, where applicable.

## **ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

- I will maintain the required 2.0 GPA as required by the State of Florida at the end of each semester. I will adhere to the higher requirements in the MCS D guidelines that state that I must have a 2.0 GPA at mid-term and nine weeks reporting periods in order to actively participate in any game/match/meet with my team. Failure to do so will result in my inability to travel or participate in any game/match/meet until I am in compliance with the 2.0 GPA as determined by the head coach or Athletic Director.
- I understand that if I am not in attendance for a minimum of 4 periods or 2 blocks in school, I may not participate in any tryout, practice or game/match/meet that day. Documented emergencies or exceptions may only be approved by the Principal and/or Athletic Director. If traveling, I must be in attendance prior to the team departure time.

### **ATHLETIC EXPECTATIONS**

- Eligibility is my responsibility and I must follow the NCAA Clearance guidelines, FHSAA guidelines, and MCSD Policies and guidelines to ensure that I remain eligible in order to participate with any team. Head Coaches and/or the Athletic Director can provide further information on the requirements.
- I will have all completed paperwork including a proper physical on file with the school Athletic Director prior to trying out, practicing or playing with any team.
- I will provide proof of insurance or purchase insurance before participating in any team activity.

### **SCOPE OF CONSEQUENCES**

- I acknowledge that a violation of any MCSD Student Code of Conduct (SCC) requirements or the MCSD Athletes Contract will result in consequences as outlined in either document and determined by the Principal.
- If I receive consequences for any improper behavior resulting in In-School Suspension, Saturday School or Detention, I will not be allowed to play in a game until the consequence has been completed.
- If I receive Out-of-School Suspension, I will not be able to practice or participate in any team activities until I am allowed back in school. A minimum requirement of missing one game/match/meet will be imposed and further consequences may be imposed as determined by the Principal and/or Head Coach.
- Violation of the drug, alcohol or tobacco policy whether in or out of school will result in consequences outlined in the MCSD policies and SCC as well as a period of inactive participation to be determined by the Principal and may result in removal from the team.
- If arrested, the privileges of athletic competition will be taken away for a period to be determined by the Principal and could result in removal from a team.
- If I quit or am removed from a team, I will not be able to try out for another sport team until the end of the regular season of the first sport in which I quit or was removed is complete. Exceptions or special circumstances will be dealt with through the Athletic Director.

By signing this, I am indicating my willingness and commitment to my school, my teams and my community. I am responsible for my behavior and following all expectations and will have pride in my personal conduct and effort. I understand that these are universal rules and that any and all teams that I am on may have additional expectations. I will maintain a level of respect and sportsmanship that brings pride to my coaches, teams, school, and myself. Parent signatures acknowledge the expectations for their child.

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(Student Signature)

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(Date)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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(Date)

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(Head Coach Signature)

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(Date)