

MOHALL-LANSFORD-SHERWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - CODE OF CONDUCT

2021-22 School Year

We welcome and encourage our students to participate in the wide variety of activities offered by MLS Public Schools. These activity programs exist for the student development of skills, attitudes, and self-esteem. Activities enhance the physical, social, emotional, artistic, and intellectual growth of our students. Participating in a MLS Public Schools activity program is a privilege which requires students to uphold high standards of citizenship, conduct, and appearance that are appropriate for the students who represent MLS Public Schools and the communities you represent. To participate in a school activity, parents/guardians and students must sign this code and accept the terms, conditions, and rules set forth by MLS Public Schools, the North Dakota High School Activities Association (NDHSAA), and the coach/advisor of each activity. Parents/guardians are encouraged to be positive and supportive in their relationships with coaches/advisors. A team effort by parents/guardians, the school, and participants are needed. Positive parental/guardian communication with coaches/advisors is encouraged.

CODE OF CONDUCT/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM - All activity participants along with parents/guardians are required to read and sign this Code of Conduct/Medical Care Release Form. This form must be completed every year. Activity participants are NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONTEST, GAME, PERFORMANCE, or OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENT until a current Code of Conduct/Medical Care Release Form is on file with the Main Office (Activities Director) of Mohall High School

PHYSICALS – All athletes, cheerleaders, and team members are required to have a physical signed by a physician and the participant’s parents/guardians certifying that the participant has passed an adequate physical examination. Only Physical forms from June 15 or later are accepted for the coming school year. The above named participants are NOT ALLOWED TO PRACTICE until the form is on file with the Main Office (Activities Director) at MLS Mohall High School.

FEES - Students will be responsible for their own meal expenses for out-of-town trips with the exception of some state-sponsored events do provide partial payment for some expenses.

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY - In accordance with the North Dakota High School Activities Association, MLS Public Schools has adopted the following academic requirements for eligibility in school activities.

To be eligible to participate in school activities involving interscholastic competition, students in Grades 7- 12 shall be required to meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the MLS Mohall High School Student Handbook.

1. Have been in attendance as many days as he/she missed at the opening of the semester.

2. Have passed four academic subjects during his/her last semester. (Grades 9-12)

Have passed 3/4 of his/her academic subjects during the last semester. (Grades 7-8)

Failure to pass in the required academic subjects take at the end of a semester will make a student ineligible or a period of four (4) weeks the following semester.

3. Be passing in a least four academic subjects the current semester. (Grades 9-12)

Be passing in at least 3/4 of his/her academic subjects the current semester (Grades 7-8)

A student who is failing must show improvement in order to be eligible.

Clarification: Students meeting the requirements listed in #3 above must be making improvements in the class in which they are failing. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility.

4. A seventh or eighth grade student must be passing in all subjects in order to be eligible to play on a high school team.

(Academic courses involve all courses offered except: Band, Chorus, and Physical Education)

Grading:

Student eligibility will be determined on Monday morning of each school week. This grade will be determined by the grade the student has accumulated from the beginning of the current semester.

Students who are ineligible on Monday will remain ineligible until grades are determined the following Monday.

In each individual season, upon becoming ineligible for the 1st time, the participant is allowed to practice until gaining eligibility back. If the student becomes ineligible a second time, he/she is ineligible for the remainder of the season and cannot practice or participate.

During the first quarter and the third quarter, the first grade check-up will be based on the mid-term grade taken at 4 1/2 weeks.

Students are governed by the school eligibility rules in that specific activity as well as those in the N.D.H.S.A.A. A specific MLS Mohall Schools "Three Phase Period" Competition - Awards Eligibility Policy is in effect for the welfare of all students. (See: Student Awards and Activity Seasons)

Multi-Sport Participation:

A student athlete's academic performance must be reviewed to have an opportunity to participate in more than one sport during a single participation season.

If the student athlete is interested in participating in multiple sports, a meeting will be arranged among the student athlete, parents, activities director, and the coaches involved to make a final decision.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - At both the junior high and high school level, a student must be in attendance at school 1/2 day on the day of a competition, event, or performance unless prior approval is given by the Activities Director or building principal.

CITIZENSHIP/SPORTSMANSHIP: School activity participants are expected to exhibit good citizenship and sportsmanship while at school and in the community. The conduct and behavior of participants is closely observed in many areas of school life and is a direct reflection of themselves, their parents, the school, the community, and the coach/advisor. Participants will be courteous and show respect for people and property. Poor citizenship and poor sportsmanship will be determined by coaches/advisors and school administrators and may result in suspension from one to six weeks from school activities. Poor Citizenship will include but not limited to: Vandalism, theft, false fire alarms, bomb scares, abusive language, indecent exposure, fighting, and severe misconduct on bus trips.

SPECIFIC TEAM/ACTIVITY RULES: Individual programs may have additional training rules/regulations that apply to students. Program participants will be made aware of any specific program rules/regulations that exist. The Activities Director will approve specific program rules. Ability alone does not guarantee a position in any activity. Dedication, cooperation, practice, teamwork, fundamentals, and respect for team/activity rules are required.

PRACTICE & GAME/EVENT ATTENDANCE: Activity participants are expected to attend all practices and games/events while in season. In certain situations, participants will need to be absent for justifiable reasons and are considered “excused absences.” However, “unexcused absences” may result in suspension from school activities. Excused and unexcused absences will be determined by coaches/advisors and school administrators and may vary from activity to activity depending upon specific circumstances.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS: A participant who receives an out-of-school suspension or expulsion for any part of the school day shall not be allowed to participate in any competition, event, or performance for the entire day. Furthermore, a participant shall not be allowed to practice or attend school-sponsored events until this type of suspension/expulsion is completed. A participant who receives an in-school-suspension may be ineligible for participation in school activities. Participation will be decided by the administration and coach/sponsor of the activity affected based upon the severity and circumstances leading to the in-school-suspension.

INJURIES: MLS Public Schools will ensure that competent coaches/advisors, safe facilities, and safe equipment are utilized. Nevertheless, injuries may still occur. If an injury occurs, notify the coach/advisor. **MEDICAL COSTS FOR INJURIES ARE NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** MLS Public Schools does not carry insurance to cover costs involved in an injury. Injury costs are the responsibility of participants and/or their parents/guardians.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUGS: Use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, narcotics, drug paraphernalia or other controlled substance defined by North Dakota law is prohibited. Any student who uses or possesses any of these substances will be suspended from all competitions or public appearances beginning when the Principal or Activities Director is NOTIFIED by the student, parent/guardian, or law enforcement, has conducted an investigation and the participant and parents are notified.

1. First offense of the school year - 6 weeks (any 6 week suspension will include at least two contests)
2. Second and subsequent offenses in the same school year – additional 18 weeks for each offense (must include six contests)
3. The maximum time period for any suspension shall be 12 months from the date of the notification.
4. Students will be removed from officer positions.
5. *Contests are defined as regular season competitions (where scores, ratings, or awards are given) that are not a part of the normal class work. Any activity that the participant represents the school and district is outside of the normal school setting is included.

SPECIAL NOTES:

When a student is suspended for any reason (other than out-of-school or expulsion), he/she may continue to practice at the coach’s/advisor’s discretion, but is not eligible to participate in any contest, game, performance, or other interscholastic event and is not allowed to travel with any team or activity group. If the suspension is out-of-school or expulsion, the student is not allowed to practice.

The Code of Conduct is in effect for the entire school year for all students whether or not they are currently in an activity. The Code of Conduct extends beyond the school year for those participants who are in an activity that either begins before school starts in the fall or ends after school ends in the spring.

Each year, all activity participants are required to sign the Code of Conduct prior to participation. However, all students and parents/guardians are reminded that once the school year begins, all students are subject to the Code of Conduct whether they have signed a Code of Conduct or not for the current school year as these policies are a part of the student handbook.

Coop students from other schools participating in activities sponsored by MLS Public Schools are required to follow all the same policies and procedures as set by this Code of Conduct and MLSHS student handbooks.

Entire, detailed policies governing school activities sponsored by MLS Public Schools can be found in student handbooks.

This page is to be kept by the student/parent/guardian.

Please sign and return the attached page to the Activities Office at Mohall High School. (Revised Aug., 2010)

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AND

MEDICAL CARE RELEASE

2021 – 22 Code of Conduct

I (student) and we (parents/guardians) have closely read the MLS Public Schools Code of Conduct for School Activities and acknowledge our acceptance and willingness to observe the code of conduct and follow its rules and regulations.

We (student and parents/guardians) further acknowledge that we (student and parents/guardians) have been properly advised, cautioned, and warned by the administration and advisors/coaches of the MLS Public School District that by participating in school activities exposes oneself to the risk of serious injury including but not limited to sprains, fractures, ligament and /or cartilage damage which could result in a temporary or permanent, partial, or complete impairment in the use of any limb, brain damage, paralysis, or even death. Having been so cautioned and warned of the risk of injury, it is still my (student) desire to participate in school activities and we (parents/guardians) give our consent for our child to participate in any and all MLS Public Schools Activities.

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Emergency Medical Care Release

We (parents/guardians) do hereby grant permission to the attending physician and/or emergency medical personnel to carry out any and all necessary medical and/or first aid procedures on (full name of student) _____ in the case of an emergency. We (parents/guardians) understand that every effort will be made to contact us before any procedures are carried out, if possible. However, we understand that there may be a situation in which the emergency care must be undertaken immediately by the attending physician and/or emergency medical personnel. We hereby give our consent to the above mentioned medical personnel to carry out such procedures if immediately necessary.

We (parents/guardians) further acknowledge that the MLS Public School District does not carry or provide medical insurance to participants in school activities who may be injured or become ill while participating in a MLS Public School District sponsored activity. All such costs are the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

(Please complete the back side regarding contact information)

Note: This form must be filled out each year. Its purpose is to provide coaches/advisors and medical personnel with the necessary information needed in the event of an emergency. Coaches/advisors are required to carry this information with them at all times including but not limited to practices and games/events. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to notify the Activities Director at Mohall High School if there are any changes and complete a new form.

Note: Participants in sports are also required to complete physical forms each year. These will be kept on file in the Activities Director at MLS High School

Contact Information

Participant's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Birth date: _____

_____ Age: _____

Home Phone: _____ Male/Female: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____ Father/Guardian: _____

Work Place: _____ Work Place: _____

Work Number: _____ Work Number: _____

Cell Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Other Number(s): _____ Other Number(s): _____

Name of person to contact if

Parents/guardians cannot be reached: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to participant: _____

Medical Information

Family physician: _____ Phone: _____

Family dentist: _____ Phone: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Does the participant have any of the following:

physical restrictions? _____

significant medical health issues? _____

taking any medications? _____

have any allergies to drugs/food/etc? _____

surgical history? _____

dates and number of concussions? _____

If answered yes to any of the above, please explain below: