



Margaret Pollard Middle School  
Athletic/Extracurricular Eligibility

**State and/or County Requirements:**

1. At the beginning of each semester a student must be passing 3 of the 4 required core classes. Students must pass Math and Language Arts. This rule does not apply to the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of a student's 6<sup>th</sup> grade year.
2. Each student must receive a medical examination each year (365 days) by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physical assistant.
3. Each student must have a Physical Form and Insurance Verification Form on file with the coach or athletic director prior to any practice.
4. No student is allowed to participate if he/she becomes 15 years of age on or before Aug. 31 of that school year.

**School Requirements:**

1. Student Athletes must maintain a "C" average (70 or above) in all classes to remain eligible for athletics. If their average drops below the required level, they will not participate in practice and/or games until they bring the grade up to a "C". After that point, they may return to the team.
2. Athletes will lose privilege of participation on athletic/extracurricular teams for the following reasons:
  - The accumulation of five (5) strikes in one season/semester. Strikes will be accumulated at the following rate:
    - After School Detention (ASD): 1 strike
    - In School Detention (ISS): 2 strikes
    - Out of School Detention (OSS): 3 strikes
  - If a student accumulates five (5) strikes in any given semester or season, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of that semester/season. (i.e. soccer, softball, basketball, cheerleading, and baseball season)
3. Each coach is expected to meet with his/her player's parents prior to the beginning of the season. A practice/game schedule should be issued at that time. The coach's rules and expectations should be also addressed at this time.

4. All players must be picked up within 10 minutes of the conclusion of all games/practices. (may be modified by the coach)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense – warning
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – 1 game suspension
  
5. If a player has ASD on a practice day, they may attend practice late. If it is a practice day, the coach will decide game consequences for an unexcused missed practice. If the ASD falls on a game day, the student athlete will be allowed to attend the game, but will not be allowed to dress out and/or play.
  
6. If a player is in ISS or OSS, he/she may not participate in practices or games that day. This is unexcused and will result in the player missing a minimum of one game starting with the game following the suspension. Athletes should be considered role models and are required to show self-discipline.
  
7. Any member of the team that shows behavior that is determined to be detrimental to the team or unbecoming of a student athlete may be dismissed from the team by the coaches, athletic director, and/or principal. (i.e. drug use, fighting, etc.)
  
8. As a parent, if you have any questions please handle them in the following manner/order:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – See coach of the given team
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – See Athletic Director
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – See principal
  - If you have a complaint, please do not go to the coach before, during, or immediately after a game or practice. Please contact the coach at a later time to request a conference.
  
- ◆ At all times, the main focus will be teaching and learning but at the same time it must be fun for our athletes. Always encourage sportsmanship.