

J. Sterling Morton High School - - Extra-curricular Code of Conduct

Name _____ Student ID# _____ Phone _____

Extra-curricular Activity/Activities _____ Year in School ____

Student participation in representing J. Sterling Morton High Schools, District #201, in extra-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. As such it carries expectations beyond those following in the classroom. The JSM extra-curricular program intends to develop good citizenship among its student participants so that they may serve as positive role models for their school and community. In addition, it provides a practical forum for them to develop leadership, loyalty, trust, judgment, responsibility, self-discipline, competitiveness and skills necessary for success in all aspects of life. The policies and guidelines outlined below are not seasonal and must be followed for twelve months of the year throughout the student participant's high school career. Students in violation of the code may face disciplinary action.

Expectations of Student Participants

- To maintain the IHSA eligibility standards of passing 20 credit hours (four classes) in the semesters both prior and current to the participation in a given IHSA athletic activity.
- To submit to an annual physical examination for participation in athletic activities (athletes must complete and document their physicals before their participation can begin.)
- To attend practices, contests, meetings, and events, the participant must attend school prior to any participation in an extra-curricular activity held on the same day. It is the participant's responsibility to contact the coach or sponsor prior to an absence to a practice or contest.
- To attend a session which offers an explanation of the Extra-curricular Code of Conduct.
- To return all school issued equipment at the conclusion of the activity and be financially responsible for all damaged or lost materials. An athlete will not be allowed to participate in a subsequent sport or receive her/his transcripts until the equipment record has been cleared.
- If a student chooses to be involved in a school-sponsored fundraiser, the student accepts financial responsibility for all merchandise given and the monies collected.
- To travel with school arranged transportation for all events away from JSM. An exception to this can be made only if a parent signs out his or her own child for transfer to/from an event with the coach or sponsor responsible for the given activity.
- To display respect for the people and property of both, JSM and other schools.
- To attend awards ceremonies.

Violations of the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct

- The possession, use, or transportation of alcohol, tobacco products, controlled substances including steroids, or look-a-like drugs and/or drug paraphernalia on or off campus.
- The hosting or attending of any gathering at which alcohol or any other controlled substances are being illegally served.
- The theft of the possession of stolen property.
- The violation of serious school rules and regulations as deemed by the Athletic Director and the Director of Student Activities.
- Any acts of gross disobedience and/or insubordination considered unbecoming for a participant and/or detrimental to the extra-curricular program of JSM.
- Any gang-related activity including, but no limited to recruiting of harassment
- Any illegal act.
- Any activity, which damages the reputation of JSM.
- Any hazing or bullying of any student or athlete.
- Discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic organ, or handicap in the operation of all programs, activities, and services.

A board empowered to invoke the following consequences will review alleged violations of the JSM Extra-curricular Code of Conduct. The principal will have final authority in the administration of consequences.

Disciplinary Consequences for Violations of the Code

- 1st Offense: Suspension for 1/9 to 1/3 of the season*
- 2nd Offense: Suspension for 1/3 to one full season from any extra-curricular activity participation as a JSM student. If suspension occurs during a particular season, it will be prorated to equal one full season*
- 3rd Offense: Suspension for one full season to 12 months from any extra-curricular activities*

MAJOR/MINOR VIOLATIONS: The Morton Athletic Director, Director of Student Activities, and the Principal of the building the student is housed, reserve the right to determine whether the infraction of the policy is a major or minor violation. Major violations will be disciplined at the maximum consequence. Minor violations will be disciplined within the stated level of consequence depending upon the recommendation of the Board of Review. Certain acts that are considered egregious may result in the Board of Review increasing the length of the suspension (including, but not limited to, assault of staff, selling narcotics, etc.)

VOLUNTARY ADMISSION: Voluntary admission of a 1st offense Extra-curricular Code violation related to alcohol and/or drugs may reduce the penalty in half to 1/2 of the season. This admission requires the student as parent to meet with the Athletic Director or Director of Student Activities, and the head coach or sponsor of the activity involved prior to any school personnel being aware of the incident and that student's involvement.

*If an athlete is suspended by this code, he/she will be expected to attend all practices and contests and conduct themselves in the best interest of the team, but they will not be allowed to participate in the contest. The board review will determine the number of contests to be missed; that number shall equal 1/3 of the sports season as defined by the IHSA; multiple contests on one day will be counted as one contest.

*If a participant in an extra-curricular activity is suspended, he/she will not be allowed to attend any of meetings and/or events planned by their activity for the duration of their suspension. The board will determine what constitutes 1/3 of the activity's season.

Board of Review Process

The Board of Review will consist of the Athletic Director and the Director of Student Activities or Assistant Principal, and the head coach or sponsor of the activity involved. The procedures followed in the event of suspected violations of the JSM Extra-curricular Code will be:

1. The alleged violations will be reported to the Athletic Director or the Director of Student Activities in a timely fashion.
2. The AD/DSA will arrange a conference with the accused student, the parent, and the coach/sponsor of the extra-curricular activity. At this time the accused student is entitled to review the charges and will have an opportunity to explain the charges brought against him/her.
3. The AD/DSA will determine if there is a sufficient evidence or cause to support the alleged violation.
4. The Board of Review will report its findings to the building principal. The principal will if necessary levy the appropriate penalty for the code violation. The principal's decision will be final.

I have read the above information and will abide by the Extra-curricular Code of Conduct.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

