

Circle Public School District #1

Eligibility Regulations

Extracurricular and Co curricular Activities

A variety of activities are offered on an interscholastic basis and all students are encouraged to participate. Sports offered on a varsity level are football, basketball, volleyball, track, golf, and wrestling. Only those students enrolled at Circle Public Schools are eligible to participate in extracurricular and co curricular activities. All discipline policies apply to students on extracurricular and co curricular activities.

Students may participate in these activities if they meet all eligibility rules of the Montana High School Association, of Circle Public Schools, and have a signed waiver from their parents. Also, students participating must have satisfactorily passed a doctor's examination. Copies of the above mentioned documents must be on file in the principal's office before the student can participate, or partake in, any athletic contests. The school does not provide insurance, the student and his/her family is responsible for all medical costs.

According to MHSA rules a student must be passing on a semester basis in at least four (4) subjects to qualify to represent the school. In addition, Circle Schools have established the following rules to participate in activities.

A two (2) week "F" eligibility list:

1. Will run from Tuesday through Monday each week. Teachers will be required to submit a list of students that are doing failing work every Monday by 3:45 p.m.
2. If a student appears on the list the first time, they have one (1) week to make it up. If they fail to do so they would be ineligible from Tuesday through Monday for extracurricular events. In other words, if a student appears on the list two (2) weeks in a row in the same subject they are ineligible. This means that they are ineligible to compete or perform. They will be allowed to practice in most cases. In some cases the principal may suspend the right to practice.
3. Once a student goes off the list his/her two (2) weeks starts all over again.
4. If a student does not get his/her name off the list the second week, ineligibility will continue weekly until his/her name is off the ineligible list.
5. This eligibility list will be for all ungraded extracurricular and co curricular activities, i.e. sports, cheerleading, plays, music (Blue Teens, Blue Bards, etc.), FFA, Speech and Drama, and Student Council.
6. No student shall participate in an activity unless he/she has been in school for the entire day of the activity unless excused for medical reasons supported by documentation from a medical facility, bereavement, or administrative discretion.

Extracurricular and Co Curricular Chemical Use (Policy 3340)

Students participating in extracurricular and co curricular activities, whether or not sponsored by MHS, shall not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illicit drugs during the school year. These rules are in effect 24 hours a day. If a student receives a MIP, or is seen using tobacco, alcohol, inhalants or illicit drugs, the student will forfeit the right to participate in all extracurricular and co curricular activities, except school dances, prom, junior/senior banquet, awards night and graduation. Possession is defined as the use of a prohibited substance, having a prohibited substance in personal possession, or knowingly being present at a function or gathering at which a prohibited substance is illegally used. This policy is in effect each school year from the date of first (1st) practice for fall activities (August) until the last day of activities. Specific penalties for violation of this policy are listed below.

First Offense

1. Penalty of three (3) calendar weeks (if self-reported within 48 hours of infraction)
2. Student may lose letter and/or awards
3. Coach/Advisor may allow student to practice

--OR--

1. Penalty of six (6) calendar weeks (without being self-reporting)
2. Student may lose letter and/or awards
3. Coach/Advisor may allow student to practice

Second Offense

1. Penalty of eight (8) calendar weeks
2. Student will lose letter and awards
3. Student will not be allowed to practice
4. Student will participate in mandatory counseling at his/her expense

Third Offense

1. Penalty of one calendar year (365 days)
2. Student will not be allowed to participate
3. Student will participate in mandatory counseling at his/her expense

In addition, these rules and consequences will be based upon the following definitions:

1. All penalties are based upon a calendar week or calendar year. No time is adjusted for school vacations, weekends, or time that occurs between seasons.

2. The Principal will be responsible for implementation of these rules.
3. Offenses accumulate during a given school year. Only the penalty for the third offense carries over to the next school year.
4. Rules are in effect during the season of a particular activity. These will not be enforced between seasons. Note that yearlong activities run the length of the school year.
5. Penalties begin at the time that discipline is taken against the student. The exception is with the First Offense when the student self-reports (penalty will begin when the student violated the Training Rules).