

# **Sun Prairie Grade 6-7 Middle Schools Athletics & Activities Eligibility and Code of Conduct 2011-2012**

Sun Prairie Grade 6-7 Middle Schools offer all students the opportunity to participate on athletic teams and in various extra-curricular activities throughout the school year.

Sun Prairie Grade 6-7 Middle Schools are a member of the North Division of the Badger Conference. Boys and girls who choose to take part in our athletic program must abide by rules of eligibility, practice and conduct which are established by the Sun Prairie Grade 6-7 Middle Schools. Team sports are an example of these activities.

These same rules apply to all students who participate in the extra-curricular activities and events offered in grades 6-7.

Extra-curricular activities are those that do not have a specific relationship to a class in which students are or have been enrolled. Students are participating in these activities to enrich their school experience. There is no grade or credit attached to these activities that is reflected in their class work. Student Council or Drama Club are examples of these activities.

Co-curricular activities are those that directly relate to classroom learning. The activity is one way for students to demonstrate their learning. Students receive a grade or points toward a grade for this activity. An example of this activity is Chorus Concert.

## **Eligibility**

- The rules of the Badger Conference will be in effect for our athletes. All students are responsible for their behavior and are expected to abide by the Code of Classroom Conduct (Policy JFCE).
- Students must be in school the full day in order to participate in any practice, event or contest. The only exceptions to this are prearranged medical or dental appointments, which will not affect participation in practices or competitions on that day.
- Students may not have any zeros on any of their academic proficiency standards. A grade check will be completed by coaches and advisors once at mid-season. Eligibility will be based on mid-quarter or end of quarter reports, whichever is closest to that grade check period. If students have any zeros, they will not be allowed to participate in a competition or event until the zero has been corrected. They may, however, continue to practice during this time.
- Students sent to in-school suspension for any portion of the day will not participate in the next competition or event, but will be expected to take part in scheduled practices.

- Students who have accumulated two or more negative behavior points in the school-wide discipline program will not participate in any competition or activity until the negative points have been worked off. It is expected that detentions or negative points be dealt with first by the student, which means students are obligated to serve all after-school detentions prior to participation in a practice or activity. (Only applies to Patrick Marsh Middle School students.)
- Student activities are organized to protect and develop the mental and physical health, as well as the social skills and standards of Sun Prairie students. Students who participate in school activities carry a responsibility not only for their own health, but also for the way the school is viewed by others. Students, both in uniform and in street clothes, represent the Sun Prairie Area School District. They should be clean, well groomed and neatly dressed. As school representatives, they are expected to abide by established rules for those who are participating in interscholastic (competition) or extra-curricular (performance) activities.
- Students shall be suspended from competitions or activities for any of the following articles. These articles are in effect year-round, including summer.
  1. Buying, selling, possession, or use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, anabolic steroids, or facsimiles/look alike thereof.
  2. Stealing or possession of uniforms or equipment from our school or any other school. Students who do not return school-issued uniforms and/or equipment at the designated time will not be eligible for their next season of competition or performance until all issued uniforms and/or equipment is returned to the school administrator, coach or advisor or the school is reimbursed for replacement costs.
  3. Using any non-prescription drug, medication, or food supplement, such as creatine, solely for performance enhancing purposes.
  4. Engaging in or being an accomplice to any unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles and standards of the school district. (For example: Hosting/attending a party where alcohol is present, cheating, fighting, vandalism, threatening a staff member, theft, forgery, falsifying excuse/pass slips, grade checks, violating school rules, etc.)
- Rules that apply to the buying, selling, possession, or use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, anabolic steroids, or facsimiles/look alike thereof, are as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Violation: Student athletes shall be suspended for 25% of the current season. Students in extra-curricular activities may be held from a single event.

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: Student athletes shall be suspended for 50% of the current season. Students in extra-curricular activities may be held from a single event or multiple events.

3<sup>rd</sup> Violation: Student athletes shall be suspended for 100% of the current season. Students in extra-curricular activities may be held from the entire duration of the activity/series of events.

4<sup>th</sup> Violation: Students shall be suspended from participation in athletics or extra-curricular activities for one calendar year.

5<sup>th</sup> Violation: Students shall be suspended from participation in athletics or extra-curricular activities for all of their "grade 6-7 career."

- These rules of eligibility are not all inclusive. Each school reserves the right to remove students/athletes from events or activities as a consequence of their behavior. Degree of severity of any offense does contribute to the level of consequences determined by the building administrator.

Students are being offered the opportunity to participate in an interscholastic sport or special presentation/event, in many cases for the first time in their life. As a result, they are learning not only the skills involved in that sport or activity, but also valuable life skills such as responsibility to a group/team, sportsmanship and respect for the opponents, coaches, teammates, and community. We appreciate your willingness to make this a valuable and enjoyable experience for all of our students.

Any concerns that arise should first be addressed with the student's coach or advisor. Administrators are available for any further questions or concerns.

Attached is the Sun Prairie Grade 6-7 Middle Schools Athletics & Activities Statement of Agreement to be signed by both the student and parent/guardian and returned to the student's coach or advisor. Students will not be allowed to participate in scheduled competitions or events until the Statement of Agreement is signed and returned to their coach or advisor.

If a student or parent/guardian would prefer to have this information translated into Spanish, please contact us at 834-6655.

**Si un estudiante, padre ó guardian prefiere tener esta información traducida en Español, por favor contactenos en el 834-6655.**

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If a student or parent/guardian would prefer to have this information translated into Hmong, please contact us at 318-8087.

**Yog tus me nyuam lub xiv los yog niam thiab txiv/tus neeg muai cai saib xyuas tus me nyuam xav tau qhov ntawv ntawm no ua lus Hmoob, thov hais rau peb paub rau ntawm 318-8087.**

**Statement of Nondiscrimination**

No student may be discriminated against in any school programs, activities or in facilities usage because of the student's sex, color, religion, profession or demonstration of belief or non-belief, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, homelessness status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Harassment is a form of discrimination and shall not be tolerated in the district. It is the responsibility of administrators, staff members and all students to ensure that student discrimination or harassment does not occur. (SPASD Policy JB)

**Sun Prairie Grade 6-7 Middle Schools Athletics & Activities  
Statement of Agreement  
2011-2012**

**We, as parent/guardian and student, have carefully read the Sun Prairie Grade 6-7 Middle Schools Athletics & Activities Eligibility and Code of Conduct.**

**We understand by our signature that we agree to uphold these rules. We also understand that these rules and consequences are to be followed year-round as long as the undersigned student is part of any co-curricular program.**

**We also agree to abide by the provisions of the Patrick Marsh Middle School and Prairie View Middle School Student and Family Handbooks during the entire time the student participates in any extra-curricular activity or athletic program.**

**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_ **School**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Print Parent/Guardian's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Print Student's Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Signature**

This form must be signed and returned to the coach or advisor prior to participation in the first activity.