

FRANCIS HOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

NAME _____ GR _____ STUDENT ID # _____

ADDRESS _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ EMERGENCY PHONE CONTACT # _____

ACTIVITIES DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE IN: _____

This application to participate in interscholastic activities in the Francis Howell School District is voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I am eligible under the following rules set by M.S.H.S.A.A. and the additional rules set by the Francis Howell School District.

M.S.H.S.A.A. ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

1. You must be a creditable school citizen.
2. You cannot be 19 years old before July 1 preceding opening of school.
3. You cannot have graduated from a four-year high school.
4. You cannot have attended eight semesters of high school.
5. You cannot have competed in four seasons of a particular sport.
6. You must have attended school the first 11 days of the semester that you are participating in.
7. You cannot have played under a false number
8. You cannot commit an unsportsmanlike act.
9. Students serving school suspension are not eligible to practice or compete in school activities.
10. You must be enrolled in courses offering 2.5 units of credit.
11. You must have earned 2.5 units of credit the preceding semester. Summer school credits may apply to state eligibility standards provided the course is necessary for graduation or promotion and it is placed on the school transcript. No more than 1 credit in summer school shall be counted towards eligibility.

FRANCIS HOWELL DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

1. You must maintain a minimum 1.5 current G.P.A.
2. You must attend all practices, contests, and other performances unless excused by the coach.
3. You must not wear school equipment at any time except while participating in practice or a school contest.
4. Once you have made a team in a sport, you cannot go out for another sport until the first sport season is over.
5. You must not have any outstanding athletic fines.
6. You must attend school the entire day of a game and must attend school on Friday to play on Saturday.
7. You must have satisfactorily passed a physical examination dated after February 1 immediately preceding the first day of the season for the sport in which you wish to participate. The examination report must specifically state that you "may participate in sports," and must be signed by the physician who conducted the examination.
8. Any student who falsifies the physical examination form or any other required participation form is subject to suspension and/or permanent removal from the team or group by the Activities Director and/or building Principal, and may be suspended or removed from additional activities depending upon the nature and magnitude of the offense.
9. You must be a creditable school citizen in accordance with the following standards:
 - a. Students who are serving out-of-school (or in-school) suspensions may not practice for or participate in school activities during the suspension. Multiple and/or serious violations of the Code of Student Conduct may result in long-term suspension and/or permanent removal from current and future school activities.
 - b. You must not use, possess, or distribute tobacco products while on school property or at school activities, whether on or away from District property.
 - c. You must not use, possess or distribute alcohol or controlled substances at any time, whether on or away from school property.
 - d. You must not be arrested for, charged with, or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor under either criminal or juvenile law, whether the offense occurs on or away from school property.

When a student is accused of an offense under either criminal or juvenile law, the charges may be dismissed or the student acquitted due to the high standard of proof required under criminal and juvenile proceedings: guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. However, the District reserves the right to make an independent determination regarding whether the student engaged in the misconduct alleged, and is required only to establish by a preponderance of the evidence (more likely than not) that the student engaged in such misconduct.

The District does not have the authority to excuse students from the eligibility requirements established by MSHSAA. Additionally, students are uniformly expected to comply with the eligibility requirements established by the District. Accordingly, the procedures below are provided for the sole purpose of preventing suspensions and/or removals based upon inaccurate or incomplete information. The procedures are not intended to provide standing with an opportunity to (1) avoid suspension or removals imposed for conduct they have actually committed, or (2) ask administrators and/or the Board for leniency when an appropriate consequence has been imposed for conduct that has actually occurred.

1. In most cases, a student should be advised of the reason for the suspension or removal from an activity, and provided with an opportunity to respond, prior to imposing the consequence.
2. When it is necessary in the judgement of the coach, sponsor, or administrator to suspend or remove a student from an activity prior to advising the student of the reason for such suspensions or removal, the student should be advised of the reason and given an opportunity to respond within a reasonably prompt time after the consequence has been imposed.
3. Students may appeal a suspension or removal imposed by a coach or sponsor to the Activities Director.
4. Students may appeal a suspension or removal imposed or affirmed by the Activities Director to the Building Principal.
5. Students may appeal a suspension or removal imposed or affirmed by the Building Principal to the Area Superintendent.
6. Students may request that the Board of Education hear an appeal from a suspension or removal affirmed by the Area Superintendent. However, the Board of Education is not required to hear such an appeal. If the Board declines to hear the appeal, the decision of the Area Superintendent shall be final.

I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT.
 I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE-LISTED REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATION OF ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION AND/OR PERMANENT DISMISSAL FROM THE CURRENT TEAM OR ACTIVITY AND FROM ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, DEPENDING UPON THE NATURE, FREQUENCY, AND SEVERITY OF THE VIOLATION(S).

 Athlete's Signature

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

PARENT PERMISSION

We hereby give our consent for the above student to represent his/her school in interscholastic activities. We also give our consent for him/her to accompany the team/group on trips and will not hold the school responsible in case of accident or injury whether it be enroute to or from another school or during practice or an interscholastic contest/event, and we hereby agree to hold the school district of which this school is a part, its employees, agents, representatives, coaches and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, activities, causes of action, debts, claims or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation by my child in any activities related to the interscholastic program of his/her school.

If we cannot be reached and in the event of an emergency, we also give consent for the school to obtain through a physician or hospital of its choice, such medical care as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student, if he/she is injured in the course of school athletic activities.

INSURANCE

The MSHSAA by-laws provide that a student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until it has verification that he/she has basic athletic insurance coverage. PLEASE INDICATE IN THE SPACES BELOW THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION.

- I do not wish to purchase insurance. I have insurance to cover the student.
- I wish to purchase insurance. I will get an application from the Activities Director and will not practice or compete until I have purchased coverage.

 Student

 Parent/Guardian

 Date

CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION/RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

My/our child wishes to participate in the sport of _____ for the Francis Howell School District sports/activities program. I/we realize that there are risks involved in my/our child's participation. I/we understand that the risk to my/our child includes a full range of injuries, from minor to severe, and that the result could be death, paralysis, or other serious, permanent disability. I/we agree to accept this risk as a condition of my/our child's participation.

 Date

 Signature/Relationship

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