

# Gasconade County R-2 School District Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct

As a representative of your family, your teammates, your coaches and most importantly Owensville High School, you have obligated yourself to standards of conduct which exceed what is expected of other high school students. This expectation is evident in the academic standards and team roles required of you, and by the visibility and stature that your role commands.

The extra-curricular activities offered by the Gasconade County R-2 School System are an important educational experience for all who choose to participate. This comprehensive program is designed to help those who participate to develop skills beyond those that can be obtained in the regular classroom setting. Gasconade County R-2 School officials, coaches of athletic teams, and sponsors of students activities believe that students who are selected for the **privilege** of membership should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of the school. In order to assure this conduct, coaches and sponsors enforce a Code of Conduct. **All members of Extra-curricular groups, Clubs and Organizations, and Student Performance Organizations are subject to this Code of Conduct.** Members of teams, organizations, and clubs who fail to abide by the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action. Members of teams, organizations, and clubs are expected to serve as exemplary examples of high moral character and must demonstrate appropriate academic commitment. **As recognized representatives of their school, members are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior in and out of season and as well as on and off campus during the entire calendar year.**

## Section A – Extracurricular Activities and Education

1. The Gasconade County R-2 School District has as its primary goal the academic education of all students. Therefore, each coach or sponsor has the obligation to encourage students to perform within reasonable academic expectations.
2. The Gasconade County R-2 School District encourages every student to be involved in as many activities as possible. Every sponsor/coach has agreed that no student will lose status in an activity because he/she participates in other activities. We appreciate and need multi-activity students.
3. All student use or possession of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or non-prescribed controlled substances or paraphernalia for their use will not be tolerated, and the violator will be subject to disciplinary action.
4. **We strongly disapprove of students staying home on school days to rest for events that day or night. Students not in attendance before noon will not be allowed to participate that day. If an absence is necessary, prior approval can be obtained by the building principal who would allow the student to participate in that day's contest or activity (i.e. doctor's appointment, funeral, legal appointment, etc.). The administration reserves the right to limit participation of students in cases of non-attendance at school.**

5. Rule enforcement will be consistent and in a timely manner. School Personnel are not expected to monitor off campus, non-school activities, but will enforce this policy if he/she personally witnesses a violation in or out of school.
6. Each coach or sponsor has the prerogative to establish additional rules pertaining to the activity supervised. These rules may include attendance at practices, contests, trips, etc. Rules set by the individual coach or sponsor must be in writing and approved by the building principal or the athletic director. These rules will be communicated to the student participants and parents *before* the activity begins.
7. **Students suspended (In-School or Out-of-School) from school by the Principal's Office will not be allowed to participate in activities or athletics while they are on suspension.**
8. Severe or continued discipline problems may result in a student being dismissed from a team, club, or organization.
9. All violations of the code of conduct must be reported to the building principal. The building principal or his/her designee will investigate the incident and will determine according to policy the consequences for the violation. In addition to the consequences imposed by the Code of Conduct, such violations will also be subject to appropriate actions by the Gasconade County R-2 Board of Education disciplinary policies.

## **Section B – MSHSAA Requirements and Guidelines**

Gasconade County R-2 School abides by all MSHSAA rules, guidelines, and eligibility requirements.

Students who represent a school in interscholastic activities must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper authority. Those students whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their schools are not considered "creditable citizens." Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

**a. Law Enforcement:** A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty (i.e. jail time, fine, court costs, etc.) or special condition of probation (i.e. restitution, community service, counseling, etc.) has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies. Minor moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs, alcohol, accidents or injuries. After a student has completed all court appearances and penalties, and has satisfied all special conditions of probation and remains under general probation only, local school authorities shall determine eligibility.

**b. Local School:**

1. A student who violates a local school policy is ineligible until completion of the prescribed school penalties.
2. The eligibility of a student who is serving detention or in-school suspension shall be determined by local school authorities.
3. A student shall not be considered eligible while *servicing an out-of-school* suspension.
4. A student who is expelled or who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures

shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.

5. If a student misses class(es) without being excused by the principal, the student shall not be considered eligible on that date. Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until the student attends a full day of classes.
6. Each individual school has the authority to set more restrictive citizenship standards and shall have the authority *and responsibility* to judge its students under those standards.
7. *Each school shall diligently and completely investigate any issue that could affect student eligibility.*

**c. Student Responsibility:** *Each student is responsible to notify the school of any and all situations that would affect his/her eligibility under the above standards. If the student does not notify the school of the situation prior to the school's discovery, then the student shall be ineligible for up to 365 days from discovery, pending review by the Board of Directors.*

Students are ineligible for extra-curricular activities if:

1. The student is not considered a "creditable citizen".
2. The student did not earn a minimum of 3.0 units of credit the preceding semester of attendance.
3. The student is not currently enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit.
4. The student is not making satisfactory progress towards graduation as determined by the local Gasconade County R-2 School policies.
5. The student has participated in a given activity for all or part of 4 seasons in grades 9 through 12.
6. The student has attended more than 8 semesters after entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
7. The student has not entered school, which consist of regular registration for classes and attendance in classes, within the first eleven days of the semester.
8. The student has received any form of inducement, persuasion, or undue influences, which would encourage a student to enroll in a school primarily for interscholastic activities.
9. The student has participated under an assumed name.
10. The student has violated any of the MSHSAA By-Laws.
11. The student has not met local requirements, which are out-lined in the Gasconade County R-2 middle school and the high school student handbooks.
12. The student has not met all the requirements stated in the MSHSAA By-Laws 200 and 300.
13. The student-athlete reaches 19 years of age prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school.
14. The student-athlete is not an amateur in the sport in which they are wishing to compete.
15. The student-athlete has played on any college or university team, or on any all-star football or basketball team before they have graduated, or on any all-star baseball team during the school year.
16. The student-athlete has played on a non-school squad, while he/she is a member of a school squad in that sport. The student-athlete is a member of the school squad until that team participates in its last contest in that sport.
17. After entering a MSHSAA member school, the student-athlete plays on a team with a player who is paid.
18. The student-athlete accepts for athletic achievement any medal, cup trophy, or other type of awards with a value of more than \$100.00.

19. The student-athlete attends a summer coaching school, camp, or clinic without complying with the MSHSAA summer cutoff deadlines. These deadlines can be obtained by contacting the athletic director's office.
  20. The student-athlete does not have a completed and passed physical by a licensed physician's on file in the athletic director's office. The physical must have been issued within a year of the student-athlete's participation.
  21. The student-athlete's parents or legal guardians do not live in the Gasconade County R-2 School District.
- \*\*Statements 1 through 12 are for all extra-curricular MSHSAA activities and statements 13 through 21 pertain only to athletics.

## **Section C – Procedures**

**A student may be suspended from participation in any activity according to the following procedures:**

1. All reports of violations of the Code of Conduct are to be made either to the building principal or the athletic director.
2. The building principal or his/her designee will contact the student, the parents, and the coach or sponsor to inform them of the violation and the procedures to be followed. If requested by the student or his/her parents/guardians, a meeting will be scheduled within three (3) school days. This meeting includes the building principal, athletic director, the student, his or her parents, and the student's coach or sponsor.
3. The building principal or his/her designee will determine the course of action and notify the student and his/her parents of the decision in writing.
4. **Any student who violates the guidelines and/or does not satisfactorily complete the season or activity may not be eligible for any awards or special recognition given for participation in the activity.** Furthermore, a student who holds an elected or appointed office or position (i.e. peer leader, team captain, student organization officer) may be required to relinquish said position upon violation of the guidelines.
5. Penalties will be applied in every area of activity in which a student participates. Any offense constitutes a violation in all activities covered under the guidelines.

## **Section D -- Guidelines for Action**

A student will be in violation of this policy if the use/act, possession, or distribution occurs on or off of school property or at a school sponsored event, or if it is reported or confirmed by a law enforcement agency, self-reported, reported by the student's parent, or if it is witnessed by school personnel. Guidelines will apply during the entire calendar year, on or off of campus. Violations listed below will NOT be permitted by the Gasconade County R-2 School District under any circumstances:

- \*1. Smoking, chewing, or possession of tobacco
- \*2. Drinking or possession of alcohol
- \*3. Illegal use or possession of any controlled substance
- \*4. Vandalism
- \*5. Stealing
- \*6. Conviction of any felony

\*\*\*Students are subject to both normal school discipline along with the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct consequences as outlined below when the infraction takes place on school grounds, while the student is under school supervision, or school property is involved.

## **Section E – Consequences**

Students are subject to both normal school disciplines along with the Code of Conduct consequences that are outlined below if the infraction takes place on school grounds or while the student is under school supervision or if a student tests positive for a banned substance with random drug testing. Consequences for an infraction during a spring activity may be carried over to that students fall activities if there is not enough time for the consequences to be completed. In reference to the term "Offense" each infraction of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with in succession with the first infraction being considered as First Offense, and the next infraction being considered as Second Offense and so on. **Students will start with a clean slate at the beginning of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Any and all infractions will be considered on record from that time until the athlete graduates their senior year.**

**Consequences for infractions of the Code of Conduct by participants are determined by the following guidelines:**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Offense

-Tobacco	Suspension from 20% of season contests or activities.
-Alcohol	Suspension from 30% of season contests or activities.
-Drugs	Suspension from 40% of season contests or activities.
-Vandalism	Suspension from 40% of season contests or activities.
-Theft	Suspension from 40% of season contests or activities.
-Felony Conviction	Suspension from all athletics for one calendar year.

**These suspensions may carry over from season to season, and year to year.**

1. The student-participant will practice with the team or group during the time he/she is suspended from interscholastic competition or activities. If the participant does not continue to practice the suspension will start at the beginning of that student's next activity or sport.
2. The student-participant must not quit an activity after they have fulfilled their suspension. Failure to complete the season in good standing will result in the suspension starting over the next season in which they participate.
3. If the violation occurs during a season, the same penalty will result, but the penalty will be on a pro-rated basis for that activity and/or the next activity season of participation.
4. The coach or sponsor may decide to allow the student-participant to sit on the bench in street clothes during a contest but they may not dress out in uniform for any contest during the suspension.
5. If a suspension from participation for one calendar year occurs, this suspension shall be for all activities, athletics, clubs, etc...

## 2nd Offense

- Tobacco Suspension from 30% of season contests or activities.
- Alcohol Suspension from 50% of season contests or activities, alcohol free counseling at the student's or parent's expense, and 40 hours of community service.
- Drugs Suspension from 60% of season contests or activities, drug free counseling at the student's or parent's expense, and 40 hours of community service.
- Vandalism Suspension from 60% of season contests or activities, behavioral counseling at the student's or parent's expense, and 40 hours of community service.
- Theft Suspension from 60% of season contest or activities, behavioral counseling at the student's or parent's expense, and 40 hours of community service.
- Felony Conviction Suspension from all athletics for one calendar year.

## 3rd Offense

- Tobacco Suspension from 50% of the season, contest or activities, tobacco free counseling at the student's or parent's expense, and 40 hours of community service.
- Alcohol Suspension from participation for one calendar year.
- Drugs Suspension from participation for one calendar year.
- Vandalism Suspension from participation for one calendar year.
- Theft Suspension from participation for one calendar year.

**A 4<sup>th</sup> offense for tobacco will result in suspension from participation for one calendar year.**

**Counseling:** A licensed counselor must administer Counseling. A written letter from the counselor stating that the student has completed or is currently attending counseling sessions must be filed with the school office before the student will be permitted to resume participation.

**Community Service:** Community service will include activities such as but not limited to; assisting the community park department, assisting at the county fair, working at church, community food pantry, etc. A written letter from the chief administrator for the group or community agency stating the community service completed and the hours completed must be filed with the school office before the student can resume participation.

\*Honor Society has national guidelines that may be more severe and over-rule this policy.

## Section F – Other Information

**District Policies:** In some instances Gasconade County R-2 District Policies and "The Missouri Safe Schools Act" mandate discipline and suspensions from school that exceed these regulations. All district students are subject to District Policy and cannot participate in any activity while suspended.

**QUITTING OR DISMISSAL:** Any participant who quits or is dismissed from any extracurricular activity may not participate in another extracurricular activity during the same season until the following are met.

1. All equipment is checked in.
2. The end of the season of the activity you quit or were dismissed from is concluded. (Including State Tournament competition)
3. The student-participant has a season-limiting injury determined by a doctor and described by him/her in writing.

**SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS:** During an In School Suspension (ISS) or an Out of School Suspension (OSS), a student will not be able to participate in any scheduled activity or practice. The coach/sponsor and the principal may also recommend other action.

**EQUIPMENT:** All equipment must be checked in at the conclusion of each season. Before the student will be allowed to participate in the next season's activity, that student must return all equipment checked out by them.

**TEAM LOCKER ROOM:** The school will provide a lock free of charge to any student who requests one from their coach. The Team Locker Room is to be used by the teams that are in season only. When the seasons overlap, the team that has not completed its season will be given priority, if there is a conflict.

**GASCONADE COUNTY R-2 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School (Please Circle)                      7<sup>th</sup>    8<sup>th</sup>    FR    SO    JR    SR

We acknowledge receipt of and have read and understand the Gasconade County R-2 School District Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct.

Signatures simply imply that we have been provided a copy of and have read the Code of Conduct and that we understand that it is the policy that will be followed by the Gasconade County R-2 School District. We understand that this signature page will apply for all extra-curricular activities that our son or daughter chooses to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

This sheet must be signed by the parties indicated and returned to the sponsor/coach of the appropriate activity/sport before the student will be allowed to participate.