

## ***CHILlicothe R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT***

### ***STUDENT ELIGIBILITY STANDARD***

Students enrolled in the Chillicothe R-II School District have the opportunity to participate in activities beyond the in-school curriculum. Certain activities come under the direction of Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). These activities include basketball, cheerleading, golf, tennis, volleyball, baseball, softball, instrumental music, flag corp, vocal music, football, pom pon, wrestling and track. Students participating in the above activities plus those of other school-sponsored clubs are covered by this citizenship policy.

Eligibility to represent the Chillicothe R-II School District in activities is a privilege to be attained by meeting the standards of eligibility cooperatively set by the MSHSAA and the Chillicothe School District.

Citizenship standards state that students who represent Chillicothe R-II must be creditable citizens and judged so by the proper school authority certifying a list of students for competition. Those students whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their schools are not considered "creditable citizens."

Academic standards for MSHSAA State at students and grades 9-12 must be currently enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer a minimum of 2.5 units of credit and must have earned a minimum of 2.5 units of credit the preceding semester of attendance. Chillicothe students must pass five classes to meet this requirement.

A student who school authorities determine have illegally used alcohol or other illegal drugs shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

1. **FIRST OFFENSE** - One calendar week restriction from participation in activities but may, at the discretion of the sponsor, continue to practice unless on in or out-of-school suspension.
2. **SECOND OFFENSE** – Restriction from the participation for the remainder of the activity but not less than 30 calendar days.
3. **THIRD OFFENSE** – Restriction from the participation for the remainder of the school year in all activities.

### **OUT OF SCHOOL CONDUCT**

A student who is guilty- 1) by his or her own admission or 2) substantiated by evidence gathered by school officials or 3) convicted by the court – of a violation of the law, other than minor violations, shall not be permitted to represent his or her school until he/she has satisfied the court-imposed fine or penalty. If the student is placed on probation as a result of the violation he/she may be eligible to represent his school, provided the terms of the probation are not violated.

A second violation of the law, other than minor violations, will cause a student to be disqualified from all activities for the remainder of the school year.

## **DUE PROCESS**

Students are entitled to due process so they are aware of the citizenship expectations and the penalties for failing to meet those expectations. Due process will be accomplished by:

1. Coaches and sponsors will make students aware of the Student Eligibility Standards prior to participation by the students.
2. Students and parents will be required to sign verification that they have read and understand the Student Eligibility standards and return it to the appropriate and activity before a student will be allowed to participate.
3. Students will be fully informed of charges in detail and given an explanation of the evidence school officials have against them.

## **PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL**

If after having been denied participation in an activity, a student disagrees with action taken by the school, he/she may appeal in writing by requesting a hearing progressing through the following steps:

1. Upon receipt of a written appeal, a committee consisting of the assistant within 3 calendar days to review the evidence and consider the decision made. That committee shall communicate its decision in writing to the student within 2 calendar days following their meeting.
2. If the student disagrees with the decision of the appeals committee, he/she may appeal that decision in writing to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent shall review the decision of the committee, gather any additional information deemed necessary and issue a ruling within 5 calendar days of receipt of the written request for consideration.
3. If the student disagrees with the decision of the Superintendent, the student may request in writing that the decision be appealed to the Board of Education. That request shall be made through the Superintendent of Schools. Upon receipt of such request, the Superintendent shall submit a report to the Board of Education within 5 days and the Board shall consider the matter at its next regular meeting. The student is entitled to be present at the meeting to present information on his/her behalf. The meeting may be open or closed to the public as requested by the student. The Board of Education will inform the student in writing within 72 hours of the meeting.

**THIS SHEET MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PARENTS INDICATED AND RETURNED TO THE COACH/SPONSOR OF THE APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY BEFORE A STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.**

**I acknowledge receipt of and have studied and understand the Student Eligibility Standards for Participation in Activities at Chillicothe R-II.**

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

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

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