

# **Extracurricular Activities/Interscholastic Sports**

During the school year we sponsor a number of extracurricular activities. Schedules for these activities will appear in the newsletter or a special letter.

A variety of extracurricular activities will be offered to students. Interscholastic sports are available only to 7th and 8th grade students but other extracurricular activities are open to all grades. Some of the activities we hope to offer include:

- Chamber Orchestra (by audition)
- Classic Edition Show Choir (by audition)
- Art Club
- Jazz Band (by audition)
- Robotics
- Variety Show (by audition)

The following sports are offered to 7th and 8th grade students;

- Cross Country
- Football
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Swimming
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Track/Field

Practice start dates will vary by individual sport. Practice Schedules will be determined by the coach. Start times for games/meets vary depending on the sport and location. Please check with coaches and/or the McKinley website for updates and schedule changes.

All athletes must have both a medical eligibility form and a current concussion form on file at the school. Both forms must be signed by the students as well as the parent. Athletes are NOT allowed to practice until current forms are received. Both forms are available online or in the office.

# **Extracurricular Eligibility Policy**

The transition to the Learner Centered Assessment and Reporting model allows a more complete picture of a student's learning. Additionally, it provides a method by which a student can reflect on his or her progress towards developing skills essential for a successful career in the working world. The coaches and directors at McKinley find that fostering these skills through our athletic and fine arts programs as well as our school activities is critical for the long term success of our students as they make the transition to high school and adulthood. As a result McKinley's Extracurricular Eligibility Policy will reflect our desire to have students perform at high levels both academically and behaviorally.

## • School Expectations:

- Academics:
  - Passing grade (D,P,E) in all classes. Coaches will notify parents if their student is ineligible and will provide support
    - Academic eligibility will be monitored on Friday mornings based on the most recent data in Infinite Campus at the time of review. Students will be ineligible until academic requirements are fulfilled by one of the following methods:
      - Teacher has signed a document for the participant stating that significant improvement has been made
      - Academic progress has been reported within Infinite Campus
      - Teacher will notify coach
      - Coach, teacher, Allred will provide support to help student regain eligibility
  - No missing assignments
    - This will be tracked via communication between teachers and coaches, program directors, Mr. Allred, and Mr. Martinez
    - This will be monitored on Friday morning at the same time that
  - Ineligibility on the day of an event will be served for following events after that day until that participant is eligible again

#### Behavior:

- Any suspension will result in immediate ineligibility until:
  - Restorative action process has been completed by participant and peer/staff member
- Any referral that does not result in a suspension will lead to a consequence requiring a restorative action process to be completed either:
  - The day of the referral
  - The following day of the referral

- Participants will not miss events on the day of a referral unless it results in a suspension
  - Participants will not be eligible to participate after the day of a referral if they have yet to complete the restorative action process
- School Attendance:
  - A participant who is not in attendance by 1st period will be ineligible for participation in events that day.
    - If an absence is excused, this will be waived
  - Any student who misses the day of a game or practice due to suspension is not allowed to participate or travel with the team on that day
- Practice and Event Participation Expectations (on field/court and locker room):
  - Practice Expectations:
    - Absences: (excused absences permitted)
      - 1st occurrence: Miss a quarter of the next scheduled game
      - 2nd occurrence: Miss half of the next scheduled game
      - 3rd occurrence: Miss the entirety of the next scheduled game
      - 4th occurrence: Removal from team
      - Coaches will communicate with families if an unexcused absence has occurred
    - Cell phones and other electronic devices(phones, airpods, computer):
      - Cell phones are not allowed during practice
      - Cell phones are not allowed during any breaks at practice
      - Participants may communicate with their coach if they are expecting an emergency phone call or text message during practice
      - 1st unexcused cell phone usage: Phone is taken during practice
      - 2nd unexcused cell phone usage: Phone is taken for reminder of practice and must be turned in prior to the start of the next practice
      - 3rd unexcused cell phone usage & additional occurrences: Phone is taken and contact will be made with parent
    - Practice Participation Expectations:
      - Arrival: Participants must be ready to begin practice at the scheduled time. If a participant is not, they will not practice, and it will result in an unexcused absence from practice
      - Attire: All participants should wear appropriate shoes, practice jersey or t-shirt, and practice shorts or appropriate shorts. No

- sweatpants, hoodies or crocs(non/athletic footwear) is permitted. If a participant does not come with proper attire, an unexcused absence will be the result
- Jewelry: No jewelry, except for medical bracelets or other alerts will be permitted. If worn, participant will be charged with an unexcused absence

## ■ Language:

- Swearing: No swearing is permitted during practice or games.
  Any occurrence will result in the following:
  - First and second occurrences will result in discipline determined by the coach
  - Third occurrence will result in discipline determined by the Activities Coordinator
  - Any additional occurrences will result in dismissal from the activity
- Abusive Remarks towards teammates, coaches:
  - First two offenses will result in disciplinary action determined by the coach
  - Third offense will result in disciplinary action determined by the Activities Coordinator
  - Fourth offense will result in dismissal from the activity

## ■ Fighting:

- There is no tolerance for physical aggression towards a teammate during practice
  - Any occurrence of fighting with a team member or opponent will result in dismissal from the activity
- Event Expectations(Including transportation to and from event):
  - All expectations from practice carry over to events, and extend towards instances against opponents, officials, fans, or employees of the home school
  - Any technical foul/unsportsmanlike penalty will result in missing the remainder of that event. If the occurrence happens in the 2nd half, participant will miss the first half of the next event as well
  - Any ejection from an event will result in missing the next 2 events.
  - If a player is with the team, they are required to sit in the designated area(behind the bench, or in bleachers) to cheer on the current team that is playing.

\*Depending on the severity of the action that causes a suspension, administration has the right to impose additional consequences, including permanent removal from the activity.

# \*\*Administrators at McKinley STEAM Academy have authority to review and update this policy if deemed necessary

Non-School Team Participation:

Per District Regulation 408.1, a student who participates in a school- sponsored sport may participate in a non-school team with permission of the Activities Director. Outside participation shall not conflict with the school sponsored athletic activity without prior approval by the Activities Director. It is the student athlete's responsibility to inform school personnel of any conflicts.

A student who participates in a sport sponsored by an organization other than the District without obtaining permission shall be ineligible to participate on a school-sponsored team in that sport for one-third of the season. Multiple offenses shall result in extended periods of ineligibility. Permission forms are available online or in the office.