

Activities Participation Guidelines

1. **Introduction:** Participation in activities at Turner Schools is a privilege and not a right. As representatives of the school, students may be held to a higher standard than those who choose to not participate in extra curricular activities. As ambassadors of Turner Schools you are expected to act and dress appropriately and conduct yourselves as the ladies and gentlemen you are.
2. **Provisions:** (a) The consequences described herein are minimums. Circumstances may warrant harsher consequences, depending upon the infraction. The Superintendent has final authority to determine consequences. (b) This agreement is in force from the first day of practice/activity until the last day/date of the season, which includes through the return travel from State or National performances/competitions.
3. **MHSA Eligibility Guidelines:** Students must meet (where applicable) all MHSA eligibility guidelines and be in compliance with all policies addressed in the MHSA Handbook.
4. **Physicals:** As stated above, the MHSA approved form must be completed by a physician, signed and on file with the school prior to any student participating in and being credited for a practice in a sanctioned sport and cheerleading. This includes all grades.
5. **Insurance:** Each student participating in inter-scholastic athletics ***MUST*** be covered by insurance. The school district will not assume any cost of medical or other services due to injuries. A special school accident insurance policy shall be made available to parents for such coverage at no cost to the district.
6. **Eligibility Standards:** Students are expected to meet Turner School's academic and citizenship standards to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
 - In accordance with the Montana High School Association (MHSA), to be eligible to participate in an Association contest, a student must have received a passing grade in at least twenty (20) periods of prepared work or its equivalent during the preceding semester in which he/she was in attendance. If a student is assigned an "incomplete" or a "condition" in a subject, or if he/she has not received a passing grade in the subject after two weeks, the grade will become an F. The record at the end of the semester is final, and scholastic deficiencies may not be made up in any way.
 - In addition, the following standards for academic eligibility are in place:
 - Students will be monitored every two weeks. A student must maintain at least a 2.0 average, and have passing grades in all classes from the beginning of the current quarter. If a student's GPA drops below 2.0 or if that student FAILS (receives an F) in any given class they are automatically suspended until the next grade check (2 weeks) If a student fails a class at the end of the quarter, they are automatically ineligible during the next two weeks regardless of their GPA.
 - Due to the short season, elementary grades will be checked on a weekly basis. An elementary student, who fails a class or subject, may not participate in any games for one week.
 - Grades for eligibility will be checked on the first Monday before the first game of the season and on Monday every two weeks the rest of the season. (jr. high and high school). Grades for elementary will be checked on Monday every week during the season.
 - Eligibility will be checked through Infinite Campus at 8:00 a.m. on the designated Monday's. The status at 8:00 a.m. will be the determining status for the next two weeks, no exceptions.

The Administration will notify the coach of any ineligible players at the start of the Monday practice.

A student that is ineligible for any reason, can still practice at the coach's discretion, but **WILL NOT** be allowed to travel on the bus with the team, dress out, or compete in any game or event.

These rules apply to all extra-curricular activities including but not limited to sports, managing, and any other school activity that the superintendent feels fits the intent of this rule.

Activity participants must be in school attendance all day on the day of any activity in which they plan to participate, unless prior arrangements have been made. For Friday or Saturday competitions or performances, participants must be in school the preceding day, unless prior arrangements have been made.

7. **Curfew:**

Athletes are expected to be at home by 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and Sundays, 12:00 midnight on Friday if there is a Saturday game and holidays, and 1:00 a.m. on Fridays when there is no Saturday game and Saturdays.

8. **Absences from Practice and/or Competition:** It is imperative that participants attend practices in order to be a contributing factor in competition. Students are expected to notify their coach/sponsor in advance if they are going to be absent from or late to a practice or competition. Excused absences include illness, doctor or dentist appointments, funerals and school related activities. Coaches and/or administration have the right to excuse athletes for other activities not covered here-in.

A. Consequences: To be determined by the coach.

9. **Suspension:** A student who receives an In-School Suspension (ISS) will be suspended from participating in all extra-curricular activities (other than practice) for the day of receiving and/or serving the suspension. Students on suspension will not travel with the team or be any part of the bench. Out-of-School suspension students will not be allowed to enter the building, practice with the team, travel with the team or be any part of the bench or support crew.

10. **Possession, Usage, or MIP of Alcohol, Drugs and/or Tobacco:** The Turner Staff and Board members have a concern with regards to alcohol, drugs and tobacco usage by minors. Their concerns include student health and safety, student compliance with the law, and student conduct detrimental to the team/programs. To accomplish excellence in athletics and other activities, the participant must discipline their mind and body. The participant must be aware that he/she is a representative of the school and community and has the responsibility to provide positive personal attributes related to citizenship, scholastic achievement, common courtesy, role modeling for younger students, and leadership. With these and other goals in mind, the following rules will be followed:

- No use of alcoholic beverages
- No use of illegal drugs or prescription drugs that you do not have a prescription for
- No use of tobacco
- Do NOT stay around activities or events where drugs/alcohol/tobacco are present or being used.

The first violation will result in suspension for twenty-one (21) calendar days from all activities defined in the Activities Program. Suspension will begin on the day that the infraction is verified or determined to be a violation by the administration. Attendance at practice will depend upon the activity and will be determined by the sponsor/coach. First violation will be recorded, even if no activities fall within those twenty-one (21) days for that student.

A second violation will result in suspension from all activities defined in the Activities Program for the remainder of the school year, or until the last state interscholastic competition ends for that year, whichever is later. The second violation also means that a student will be ineligible for lettering or any other awards.

11. **Rule Amendments:** Each individual advisor may add additional rules, in writing, prior to their activity season, with the approval of the A.D. and Superintendent.
12. **Dress Code: (FOR ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)**
The dress code for participation in any extracurricular activity is the following:
 - No blue jeans of any type will be allowed at any time. Nice colored jeans are ok.
 - No tee-shirts.
 - Clothing is to be nice dress clothes and follow all restrictions from section 16.0 of the student handbook.
 - Open ended shoes are not allowed during winter months on any bus trip.
 - After games, home and away, the students are still under nice dress clothes guidelines.
 - No sweats or jeans after games.
 - Dress requirements are for all students for all school related trips and activities.
13. **Transportation:** The school provides transportation for school sponsored activities. It is important that activity participants and sponsors ride the provided transportation. Should a parent/guardian wish to take the participant after the event is completed, a **written and signed note from the parent/guardian** will be required prior to leaving the facilities. Should the parent/guardian wish for the coach/advisor to release their child, to another adult for the return trip, a written note is required. In the case of an emergency, direct communication with the coach/advisor or Superintendent will suffice.

All participants are expected to arrive at the departure site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time for the purpose of checking all gear and leaving on time. If being picked on the way, participants are expected to be ready and waiting for the transportation.

(Extenuating circumstances are to be addressed to the coach/sponsor at the earliest opportunity. The Superintendent will make a final decision, if need be.)

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Our signatures below confirm that we have received the "Activities Participation Guidelines" and we will abide by them.

Name of Activity

Date Activity Begins

Student's Signature

Date Signed

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date Signed