

ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES  
FOR ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics: 1–13  
All Activities: 1, 3, 4C, 5C, 6–11

1. Academic eligibility requirements of the Milford Exempted Village School District (MEVSD) and the OHSAA shall apply without exception.
2. If a student participates in a contest and his/her eligibility has been established by falsified information, the student shall be ineligible in Ohio for a maximum of one year from the date the penalty is imposed. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-1-2)
3. All students participating in a school sponsored extracurricular activity must be currently enrolled in and attending the school that sponsors the activity in accordance with adopted MEVSD policies. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-3-1 and 4-4-1)
4. Academic Eligibility Policies for Grades 7-8:
  - A. Incoming seventh graders are eligible for the 1st quarter grading period following their promotion from the sixth grade. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-4-5)
  - B. In order to be eligible for any quarterly grading period thereafter, a student must receive passing grades in a minimum of five subjects during the previous quarterly grading period. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-4-5)
  - C. Students must have earned a minimum 1.5 quarterly grade-point average (GPA) during the previous quarterly grading period.
  - D. If an enrolled student attains the age of 15 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in seventh through eighth grade interscholastic athletics for that school year. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-2-2)
5. Academic Eligibility Policies for Grades 9-12:
  - A. Incoming ninth graders must receive passing grades in a minimum of five subjects during the fourth quarterly grading period of eighth grade to be eligible for the first quarterly grading period of their ninth grade year. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-4-4)
  - B. In order to be eligible for any quarterly grading period thereafter, a student must receive passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses or the equivalent during the previous quarterly grading period. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-4-1)

- C. Students must have earned a minimum 1.5 quarterly grade-point average (GPA) during the previous quarterly grading period.
  - D. If an enrolled student attains the age of 19 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in high school interscholastic athletics for that school year. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-2-1)
  - E. After a student completes eighth grade or is otherwise eligible for high school athletics, the student shall be eligible for no more than eight consecutive semesters, whether the student participates or not. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-3-3)
6. Summer school and other educational options may not be used to substitute for failure to meet academic standards during the last quarterly grading period of the school year. (OHSAA Bylaw Ref: 4-4-7)
  7. Participants are discouraged from participating in demanding non-school programs simultaneously with school-sponsored extracurricular programs. Excessive time demands, conflicts of commitments, and undue academic pressures are reasons for this recommendation. Some sports have specific OHSAA regulations against participating in non-school athletics in the same sport at the same time as school athletics. (OHSAA Sports Regulations Ref: General, 6)
  8. Participants should be cautious about belonging to too many school-related activities where conflicts are bound to occur. Participants should notify the coaches/directors/advisers immediately when conflicts arise. It is up to the coach/director/adviser to determine an appropriate resolution of the conflict and any consequences the participant may incur.
  9. Although family and school are more important than extracurricular activities, when you choose to become a member of the team/band/group, you and your family choose to make some sacrifices to honor your commitment. Remember that the team/band/group must come before any personal desires and certain individual sacrifices may be necessary. This includes not missing tryouts, practices or games/performances for family vacations/activities or school projects that could/should have been completed at another time. Attendance at all team/band/group functions is critical in certain aspects of individual/team development. Attendance and punctuality are essential for a member to receive maximum benefit from her/his participation in extracurricular activities. It is the family's responsibility to look at the schedule in advance of the season/year and adjust accordingly. Parents should set a good example of commitment and plan family or other activities around team/band/group obligations. There will be consequences for missing games, practices or other official activity functions. These consequences will be determined by the coach/director/adviser and may include denial of participation, loss of playing time, extra work assignments, or other such measures. There may be emergency circumstances that merit pardon from

consequences but not avoidable or foreseeable conflicts. Any such circumstances are to be given, in writing, to the coach/director/adviser in advance of the time period in question (when possible). Every attempt will be made to honor religious holidays — let your coach/director/adviser know in advance of any potential issues in this area.

10. A participant must be in school at least four full periods during the regular school day to be eligible to practice, attend or participate in contests/events that day (this may be waived by the director of athletics and extracurricular activities for certain circumstances and excused absences).
11. Students must be eligible and in good standing to participate in any official team/band/group functions, contests/performances and/or events (including team/band/group pictures, “senior night,” “awards night,” etc.). Ineligible students must be removed from the official team/band/group roster in accordance with all applicable MEVSD and OHSAA policies. Upon coach/director approval in athletics and marching band, they may practice with the team/band during the season.
12. For sports that use a selection process to determine team rosters (“tryouts” and “cuts”), the coaches of those sports shall make all final decisions regarding placement or non-placement of the athletes on squads. After the tryout period has concluded and teams have been established, there shall be no “late tryouts” unless authorized by the director of athletics and extracurricular activities and due to verifiable extenuating circumstances (medical, accident/injury, family emergency). The family must provide written documentation of such circumstances for review. Other important factors when assessing the possibility of permitting a “late tryout” include timely contact by the family about the situation and the athlete’s history in the sport.
13. A participant who quits a team after filling a roster position following tryouts or after the team’s first contest if no cuts are made is ineligible to practice or participate in any other sport or out-of-season program until the sport in which he/she began has concluded its season. They also forfeit all athletic awards associated with the sport they quit. Exceptions may be granted in extraordinary circumstances (such as serious injury) and only upon agreement of the head coach and the director of athletics and extracurricular activities.