

Kennedy School

Activity Eligibility Information

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

The following statements are excerpts from the Minnesota State High School League eligibility form which apply to junior high activity participation. Please read carefully and sign to indicate your agreement to abide by these rules.

ACADEMIC – To be eligible, a student must be making satisfactory progress toward the school’s requirement for graduation.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND PARENTS PERMIT – Any student who intends to participate in interscholastic athletics must have on file in the school, a record of physical examination performed within the previous three (3) years. A health questionnaire shall be completed annually and could indicate the need for a physical examination prior to participation. The signature of the parent of guardian approving participation is required.

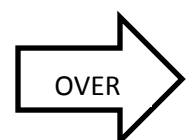
JUNIOR HIGH PARTICIPATION – Participation in high school interscholastic programs is limited to students in grades 7-12 inclusive. Students in grade 7, 8, - and 9 may participate if enrolled in the regular continuation school for the educational unit and if all other eligibility requirements of the League have been met. Elementary students in grades 1-6 are not eligible for participation in any MSHSL – sponsored activity; B squad, junior varsity or varsity level.

Students who are interested in participating at the high school level should acquire the appropriate materials from our school office.

MOOD-ALTERING CHEMICALS (Policy Proposal) – The St. Cloud school district endorses the Minnesota State High School League’s position on the use/abuse of mood-altering chemicals. Prior to participation in activities, students and parents will be notified of the school’s position on the use/abuse of mood-altering chemicals. Prior to participation in activities, students and parents will be notified of the school’s policy and of the consequences associated with the use of mood-altering chemicals. Penalties will be accumulative beginning with and throughout the student’s participation in junior high and senior high activities.

- A. **Philosophy and Purpose:** The Minnesota State High School League recognizes the use of mood-altering chemicals and tobacco as a significant health problem for many adolescent’s, resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning and the total development of each individual. The misuse and abuse of mood-altering chemicals or tobacco for some adolescents affect extra-curricular participation and development of related skills. Others are affected by the misuse and abuse of family team members or other significant persons in their lives.
- B. **Bylaw:** During the calendar year, regardless of the quantity student shall not: (1) use a beverage containing alcohol; (2) possession or use of tobacco; or, (3) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away and other controlled substance.
 - a. The rule applies to the entire school year and any portion of any activity season which occurs prior to the start of the school year or after the close of the school year.
 - b. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the student by her/his doctor.
- C. **Sexual/Racial/Religious Harassment/Violence and Hazing.**
 - a. During the school year, a student shall not engage in the sexual, racial, or religious harassment or sexual, racial, religious violence or hazing.

Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment may include but is not limited to: 1. Verbal, written/graphic harassment or abuse; 2. Subtle pressure for sexual activity; 3. Inappropriate patting or pinching; 4. Intentional brushing against the individual’s body; 5. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual’s employment or educational status; 6. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual’s employment or educational status; 7. Any unwelcome touching or a sexual nature.



- D. Informed Consent: By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury and the transmission of infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis B. Although serious injuries are not common and the risk of HIV transmission is almost nonexistent in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants have the responsibility to help reduce that risk. Participants must obey all safety rules; report all physical and hygiene problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their equipment daily.
- E. Equipment: We make every effort to equip our students with the best and safest equipment. All equipment is issued on the guarantee that it will be well maintained and returned. Failure to return Kennedy equipment for any reason, or returning equipment damaged will result in payment to the school of the replacement cost.
- F. Kennedy School Athletic Policy
- a. All students are expected to attend practices as well as games.
 - i. Excused absences include illness or an assigned detention
 - ii. Parent notes need to be submitted if an absence occurs for other reason.
 - iii. A student who is absent from school past 12:00 noon, may NOT participate in athletics or non-athletic practices or events that day. This includes all sports, music events, drama, and so on.
 - b. Any students committing an assault, harassment, or using drugs or alcohol will be suspended from athletics for 2 weeks or 2 athletic events; whichever is more severe. This is according to Minnesota State High School League Rules.
 - i. This includes suspensions due to fighting or harassment.
 - c. Kennedy Staff may recommend Academic Remediation for an athlete severely behind in classwork.
 - i. Students may be directed to stay after school for Academic Remediation until the student has made significant progress on missing assignments.
 - ii. These absences may include games and/or practice and will be considered an excused absence.
- G. Free/Reduced Lunch Policy:
- a. Students whose family qualifies for free lunch will pay \$20.00.
 - b. Students whose family qualifies for reduced lunch will pay \$40.00.
- H. Your Responsibilities
- a. As an athlete:
 - i. Follow the Minnesota High School League eligibility rules found in your registration packet.
 - ii. Treat your body with respect; supply it with good nutrition, exercise and rest. Do not abuse it with tobacco, drugs, or alcohol.
 - iii. Display good sportsmanship at all times- your represent Kennedy School.
 - iv. You are a student- treat yourself to the best education you can get.
 - v. Learn the skills of the game, cooperate, and participate.
 - vi. Support your team and coaches.
 - b. As a fan at Kennedy Athletic events:
 - i. Support your team by cheering for them.
 - ii. Respect opponents and officials - making them feel welcome in our community
 - iii. Be supportive of caches and players
 - iv. Be a credit to your school and community in winning or losing.

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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____