

Hardyston School District

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PARTICIPATION CONTRACT- For All School Activities

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child is interested in joining a school activity, the following items must be completed and returned prior to any participation:

- A physical examination form (supplied by school) filled out by your doctor (or school physician) and signed by you and your child, which states that you and your son/daughter are aware of the school eligibility policy (attached).
- A completed Parent/Guardian Concussion Acknowledgement Form signed and returned prior to participating in any activity (copy of Policy 5141.B – Sports Related Concussion and Head Injury supplied).

All students participating in a school sport or activity must abide by all of the guidelines set forth. It is important that both the parents and students understand that participating in an extracurricular activity is a privilege. Students on a sport or club are expected to represent the Hardyston Middle School in a positive, cooperative and respectful manner. We ask that all students follow the student conduct policy (stated in the Student/Parent Handbook) and treat each other with respect and understand that continued participation depends upon good character and the maintenance of passing grades.

Below are the guidelines of the eligibility policy:

- A. Students who participate in extra-curricular activities are directly responsible and under the control of their coach/advisor and subject to final review by the Administration.
- B. A student who wishes to participate in extra-curricular activities must have a "70" average (passing) in the subjects: Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.
Students who fall below the required average (70) in any of the four reporting subjects at the middle of the marking period posting will be immediately placed on a participatory probation. The probation period will allow the student to participate, but it is the student's responsibility to work with their teacher to bring his/her grade to the required average above. If at the end of the marking period the student has failed to bring up his/her grade(s) to the requirement above, he/she will be removed from all extra-curricular activities for the upcoming marking period.
- C. Students participating in a year-long performance activity who have any grades below a 70 in any subject at the end of the marking period will continue to participate but may not participate in lessons that occur during Mathematics, Language Arts, Science or Social Studies. They may return to the activity or regular chorus and band if they have a grade of 70 or above in all subjects at the start of the following marking period.
- D. Classified student s will be governed by their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan.
- E. Students who wish to participate in extra-curricular activities are to be in attendance in school for the day.
- F. Any student suspended from school (out-of-school or in-school) will not permitted to participate in extra-curricular activities for that day.
- G. Students who are scheduled to attend a school sponsored trip while on probation cannot attend said trip unless parent/guardian provided payment.
- H. Students must be in compliance with the district's attendance policy.

The full eligibility policy can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook, as well as the appeal process procedures and any exceptions to the guidelines.

I understand and fully accept all eligibility procedures and guidelines. By providing by signature below, I will be able to participate in a school sport or activity in accordance with Hardyston Board of Education Policy 6145.

Student Signature / Date

Parent Signature / Date