

GALENA CITIZENSHIP STANDARDS FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NAME _____ GRADE _____ DATE _____

Extracurricular activities in the Galena Public Schools provide a program for students to pursue special interests in addition to the more formal classroom activities. Extracurricular activities help develop leadership abilities, promote school spirit and loyalty, establish habits of good citizenship, and provide opportunities to learn to work as part of a group. Although extracurricular activities are important to students' all-around development, they must necessarily be of secondary importance. **Regular classroom work must come first.**

Participation in extracurricular activities **is a privilege and NOT a right**; therefore the School Board believes that students must adhere to standards of behavior that will bring credit to the individual student, the particular activity, the school, and the community. Creditable citizenship shall be one of the criteria for participation in extracurricular activities. Creditable citizenship includes such things as regular and punctual attendance and a quality of conduct that promotes the best interests of the school.

The following citizenship standards for eligibility to participate in an extracurricular activity are approved as school policy for the Galena Public Schools and are applicable to any student who represents this school.

1. Repeated referrals of a student to the office of the principal (or any other person having general responsibility for discipline in the school) for misbehavior may be sufficient reason to declare a student ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
2. A single serious breach of good conduct, **either in or out of school (this includes SOCIAL MEDIA post or video)**, may be sufficient cause for declaring a student ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity.
3. The School Board insists that student behavior be in compliance with School Board policy, with the Student Handbook, and with public laws. Behavior not in compliance may result in suspension or expulsion from all extracurricular activities. Suspension from extracurricular activities will be assessed by calendar days for a violation of this citizenship policy, including, but not limited to, the following behavior and corresponding suspension:

LEVEL I (min. 7 day suspension)

Repeated classroom disruptions
Leaving school grounds without permission
Truancy or skipping school
Use of tobacco products on school grounds or while representing school
Misuse of electronic devices, Social Media, and/or school technology
Fighting
Excessive tardiness
Careless driving on or around school property
Behavior that results in Saturday School or Out of School Suspension

LEVEL II (min. 14 day suspension)

Assaultive or bullying behavior towards another student
Theft or knowingly receiving stolen property
Any repeated Level I offense
Behavior that results in Saturday School or Out of School Suspension

LEVEL III (min. 21 day suspension)

- *USE, POSSESSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS (PRESCRIBED or OTC). Including pictures on Social Media.
- *DISPLAY OR POSSESSION OF IMITATION OR GAMER WEAPONRY.
- *ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR DIRECTED AT FACULTY OR A STAFF MEMBER.

The administration has the right to determine the Level of severity of any violation that is not directly addressed in this policy or the Student Handbook. Repeated violations of Levels I and II may result in expulsion from the extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year. **A second violation of Level III will result in expulsion from the extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year.** Reinstatement of eligibility from a Level III violation will be dependent upon the student's completion of an intervention program and behavior modification plan.

The School Board also believes that consistent administration of this policy is important, and that appropriate due process procedures must be followed before any student is suspended from participation.

Each coach or sponsor, after consulting with the principal or designee, has the authority to: (a) decide whether a student will be allowed to practice with a team or school sponsored group while that student's eligibility is suspended; and (b) impose stricter standards than those in this policy as long as the new standards are in compliance with School Board policy, and are for the betterment of the student and that particular extra-curricular program.

In addition to these standards, students must abide by the rules and regulations of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. The following rules are included in the rules of the MSHSAA official handbook, and are listed here to help students and parents understand state requirements and to help avoid a misunderstanding that could lead to violation of state eligibility standards.

1. A student in grades 7 – 12 must be currently enrolled in courses that offer a total of three units of credit, and must have earned three units of credit in courses that met the preceding semester of attendance in high school.
2. The school shall require each student before the student is allowed to practice or participate, a physician's certificate stating that he or she is physically able to participate in athletic contests of his or her school.
3. A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until it has verification that he or she has basic athletic insurance coverage.

Students who represent a school in interscholastic activities must be credible citizens and judged so by the proper authority. Those students whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their schools are not considered "credible citizens." Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

- a. Law Enforcement:** A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty (i.e. jail time, fine, court costs, etc.) or special condition of probation (i.e. restitution, community service, counseling, etc.) has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies. Moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs, alcohol, or injuries to others. After a student has completed all court appearances and penalties, and has satisfied all special conditions of probation and remains under general probation only, local school authorities shall determine eligibility.
- b. Local School:**
 1. A student who violates a local school policy is ineligible until completion of the prescribed school penalties.
 2. The eligibility of a student who is serving detention or in-school suspension shall be determined by local school authorities.
 3. A student shall not be considered eligible while *servng an out-of-school* suspension.
 4. A student who is expelled or who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion or withdrawal.
 5. If a student misses class(es) without being excused by the principal, the student shall not be considered eligible on that date. Further, the student cannot be certified eligible to participate on any subsequent date until the student attends a full day of classes.
 6. Each individual school has the authority to set more restrictive citizenship standards and shall have the authority and responsibility to judge its students under those standards.
 7. Each school shall diligently and completely investigate any issue that could affect student eligibility
- c. Student Responsibility:** Each student is responsible to notify the school of any and all situations that would affect his/her eligibility under the above standards. If the student does not notify the school of the situation prior to the school's discovery, then the student shall be ineligible for up to 365 days from discovery, pending review by the Board of Directors.

Please sign and return to your coach or sponsor. No student will be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity until this form on file in the Athletic Director's office.

I have read, fully understand, and will abide by the citizenship standards set forth by the Galena Board of Education. I also acknowledge and agree that, unless or until the Board amends or revokes this policy, these standards apply to me and my conduct at all times (365 days per year) and from this date through my graduation from Galena High School.

Student's Signature

Date

I have read, fully understand, and have discussed the importance of these guidelines with my son/daughter.

Parent's Signature

Date

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