



PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054



Interscholastic Athletic Department
PERMISSION FORM AND PARENT/STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT
FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Rules and regulations governing membership on an interscholastic athletic team:

I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (BOE Policy #2430)

Interscholastic Athletics: Grades 9-12

1. **Definition:** All Board approved athletic activities in grades 9-12 sanctioned by New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association.
2. **Eligibility:** The board adopts the eligibility requirements of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) without revision and as may be changed from time to time – with the exception that the Board adopts the following additional requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics.
 - a. Students must adhere to Board rules and regulations regarding conduct and attendance.
 - b. Academic Requirements:
 - To be eligible for athletic competition the first semester (September 1 to January 31) of the 10th grade or higher, students must have passed, during the immediately preceding school year, 25% of the credits (30) required by the Board and the State of New Jersey for graduation (120), during the immediately preceding academic year. (Transfer students enrolling in the 10th grade or higher must have passed, during the immediately preceding school year, 25% of the credits required for graduation by the Board for Education in the school district from which they transferred). This equates to a passing grade in 6 classes in our district.
 - To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (February 1 to June 30) of the 9th grade or higher, students must have achieved an academic record during the first semester which represents – on an annual basis – successful completion of 25% of the credits (30) required by the Board and the State of New Jersey for graduation (120). (Transfer students enrolling in the 9th grade or higher must have achieved an academic record during the first semester which represents – on an annual basis – successful completion of 25% of the credits required for graduation by the Board of Education in the school from which they transferred). This equates to a passing grade in 6 classes during the first semester.

EXCEPTION: It is recognized that students may accelerate their academic programs during their first three years of secondary schooling. Consequently, such students may be eligible in the second semester of their senior year even when they carry less than 12 ½% of the State minimum (15 credits) during the first semester provided they are meeting their school district's graduation requirements and are passing all courses in which they are enrolled at the start of the first semester. Seniors who withdraw from courses with a passing grade will be eligible provided they are carrying sufficient credits for graduation purposes.

II. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

- All candidates must pass a physical examination conducted by an approved healthcare provider as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2 (h).
- Students who are disqualified by the school physician from participating in a sport may appeal a disapproval to the Superintendent of Schools.
- Students who have lost an organ, limb or appendage, but who are otherwise qualified, may not be excluded from participating in contact sports. However, such students must appeal to the Superintendent of Schools, providing a statement of approval from the doctor most familiar with their condition and parents/guardians will be required to sign a waiver.

III. ATHLETES' RESPONSIBILITIES:

Any of the following infractions may be cause for disciplinary action, including denial of a letter and/or post-season awards, exclusion from post-season award ceremonies, suspension or dismissal from the team as determined by the principal, supervisor of athletics, coach or activity staff. **ALL RULES ARE IN EFFECT THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR ON OR OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY.**

- A.** Bringing discredit to the team or school, including disruptive behavior during games.
- B.** Suspension from school for serious offenses as per the school discipline policy, including smoking (tobacco use), assaults, fighting or other inappropriate conduct.
- C.** The use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs (Controlled Dangerous Substances as defined in N.J.S.A.2C:35-2, without a physicians' prescription, referred to as "CDS") is strictly prohibited. Students must depart from such affairs or situations immediately upon discovering that alcohol or CDS are present. Use of alcohol or CDS is cause for dismissal.
- D.** Unauthorized absenteeism from school as per BOE Policy 503.
- E.** Destroying or stealing equipment.
- F.** Failure to maintain academic standards as per BOE Policy #2430 as stated under "I. Eligibility Requirements".
- G.** Any falsification of documents.
- H.** Athletes involved in any bias incident or hate crime are subject to dismissal from athletics for one year.

IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A.** Athletes must observe rules of appropriate dress and grooming for school and games.
- B.** An athlete desiring to drop from a sport must notify his/her coach.
- C.** Athletes must get approval from their coach to play on any outside teams during the season.
- D.** Athletes must pay for lost equipment.
- E.** Athletes are expected to display good sportsmanship at all times.

ATHLETES WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS OR INDISCRETIONS ON AND OFF THE PLAYING FIELD/COURT, ON OR OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Parents and spectators must support our athletes and coaches in a positive manner and be positive role models.
- B. Parents/guardians must follow the proper chain of command – always speak with the coach first.
- C. Parents/guardians must show respect towards school personnel, security, police, coaches, officials, athletes, opponents and other spectators.
- D. Parents/guardians must support the fact that players play, coaches coach and officials officiate, and that good sportsmanship be displayed at all times.
- E. After an injury or illness that has required a physician’s medical care, the athlete must be released by a physician before further sport participation. The athlete must bring a note from the physician to the school nurse indicating his/her permission to practice or play. This requirement also applies to injuries sustained independent of school/athletic activity.”

*** Rude or unruly behavior on the part of athletes, parents, guardians or spectators will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the playing area and could result in a ban from all co-curricular/athletic events.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

My daughter/son has my permission to participate in the Interscholastic Athletics Program at Parsippany High or Parsippany Hills High School. Realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury that is inherent in all sports, I/we acknowledge that even with the best coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries still may occur. I/we realize that on rare occasions these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability or even death. I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and understand this warning.

I/we have read this contract with our student athlete and agree to adhere to all rules and regulations stated above.

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