### Manheim Township High School Extracurricular Activities and Interscholastic Sports Participant Code Of Conduct

## Students who take advantage of extracurricular activities or interscholastic sport opportunities available at Manheim Township <u>must</u>:

#### Remember that academics come first

Students are expected to put forth their best effort in the classroom as well as in their activities. The grades of students who are involved in activities will be monitored on a weekly basis. Any students, who are reported failing two or more courses, are ineligible for a one week period (Sunday-Saturday). Coaches/Advisors are informed of ineligible students Friday of each week.

#### Weekly Eligibility Guidelines

<u>1st Week</u> - Student may practice, but cannot play in a scheduled contest. (This means the student can attend the club meeting but may not participate in them nor in any club activities).

2nd & 3rd Week - Student may not practice or play in a scheduled contest; the

ineligible student is not permitted to attend practice even as an observer. (The student may not attend club meetings EXCEPT for those held during club period, which he/she should attend, but may NOT participate in any way.)

<u>4th Week</u> - The academically ineligible student is removed from the team. (The student must be removed from the club. If it is a club that meets during club period, the student is to be assigned to a club study hall.)

#### **Report Card Eligibility Guidelines**

At the end of a marking period, students involved in activities and who are failing two or more courses are ineligible for fifteen school days. After the fifteenth school day, the student's academic progress is checked on a weekly basis. This fifteen day policy carries over to the next fall sports season if a student is failing two or more courses at the end of the school year.

*Note*: At no time during a period for which a student is declared ineligible should he/she travel with a team or activity group to functions away from the high school.

#### Report to school on time and attend all classes for which they are scheduled

To participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics, a student must be in attendance the full school day on the day of the event or activity. Full school day shall mean being in attendance no later than thirty minutes after the start of the school day and leaving no earlier than thirty minutes prior to the end of the school day. Any student arriving later than thirty minutes after the start or leaving more than thirty minutes prior to the end of the school day nevertheless maybe considered to attend a full school day if they submit a late arrival or early dismissal note from a parent/guardian, with an attached explanatory note from a physician. Exceptions to this provision may be granted by the building administration only under exceptional circumstances. Any student sent home by the school nurse is ineligible to practice or participate in an event that evening.

# <u>Abide by all school rules and regulations as outlined in the student handbook and any other guidelines or training rules set forth by the coaches/advisors that are responsible for extracurricular activities or interscholastic sports.</u>

Rule or policy violations that result in suspension (ISS or OSS) from school during a given activity season will impact on extracurricular activity or interscholastic sport participation in the following ways:

 $1_{st}$  Suspension - School consequences (no participation in activities during the period of suspension)  $2_{nd}$  Suspension - School consequences and forfeiture of participation in one game/activity beyond the period of suspension.

<u>3rd Suspension</u> - School consequences and removal from the activity for the remainder of the season.

## <u>Demonstrate loyalty to the extracurricular activity and interscholastic sport programs in which they agree to participate.</u>

This means that to the maximum possible extent, students will schedule activities occurring outside of school such that they do not directly conflict with the extracurricular activity or interscholastic sport to which they have committed. Students who choose to participate in conflicting activities need to understand and accept that their level of participation may be affected in favor of other students who demonstrate a higher degree of loyalty to the school program.

#### <u>Show respect to and for all individuals with whom they have contact while representing Manheim</u> <u>Township High School.</u>

Failure to act in accordance with the high expectations established for Manheim Township students with respect to their language, gestures, and other actions will result in disciplinary action that could include dismissal from the team.

## <u>Possession and/or use of tobacco products on or off school property shall result in the following consequences:</u>

<u> $1_{st} Offense - Student will miss next scheduled contest/organization activity</u></u>$  $<u><math>2_{nd} Offense - Student will be removed from the team/activity</u>$ </u></u>

These guidelines will be enforced by a committee to include an administrator appointed by the principal, the athletic director (if the issue involves athletics), an appropriate curriculum advisor (if the issue involves a non-interscholastic athletic club or organization), and any other member of the staff the principal designates.

Appeals of the decisions of this committee will be heard by the principal. His/her decision will be final and binding upon all parties.