

PURDY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Purdy Eagle Extracurricular Activities Program. The decision to take part in this program will be educational, rewarding, and challenging. This handbook is provided to inform you of the programs that are available, their interrelationships, as well as the rules and requirements of each program.

We encourage you to take advantage of as many programs as your time and talent will permit. We do not encourage specialization in one sport, but rather, we encourage you to experience a variety of sports as well as other school activities. Naturally, due to conflicts in seasons, practice times, schedules, etc..., some choices will have to be made by you. Good luck to you!

PHILOSOPHY OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The mission of the Purdy Eagle extracurricular activities program is to operate a well-defined, consistent program that supplements the learning process for all involved, accomplishes a definite purpose, projects a positive image to the public, and has a reputation for being well managed. The program is committed to developing sportsmanship along with fostering proper attitudes toward winning and losing contests.

The extracurricular activities program is committed to developing the drive for perfection, teamwork, and fair play in our student-athletes. Competition provides not only tangible rewards, but opportunities to instill intrinsic values such as self-discipline, cooperation with others, and respect for the prescribed rules. The program is interested in a well balanced education of the student-athlete and promotes competitive activity as one portion of the total educational program.

Teaching students to compete by doing their best and by doing better than others in any worthwhile endeavor is educationally sound. Winning is an immediate objective in all athletic contests, but it is not an end in itself. Only when winning is over-emphasized to the point that it results in losing sight of educational and recreational values of competition should it be criticized. The desire to win should be used to stimulate achieving the objectives of interscholastic athletics.

The Purdy extracurricular activities program operates within the guidelines of the **Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Missouri State High School Activities Association, the Southwest Central League (SWCL)**, and the policies, rules and regulations of the **Purdy R-II School District**.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBJECTIVES OF INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As a participant in extracurricular activities, your primary focus is graduating with an educational foundation that will help you achieve your post-secondary goals. Your choice to add interscholastic activities to your educational experience will add significantly to your educational development. However, with this decision also comes certain responsibilities. Keep in mind that you are in the public eye and your personal conduct must always be above reproach. You have an obligation to create a favorable image and gain the respect of your teammates, the student body, and the entire Purdy Community.

Objectives:

- Strive to achieve sound citizenship and desirable social traits, including emotional control, honesty, cooperation, dependability, and respect for others and their abilities.
- Maintain academic eligibility standards as established by the MISSOURI STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION and the Purdy School District. Please note that our district goes above the standards set by MSHSAA, we feel that all student-athletes are students first.
- Learn the spirit of hard work and sacrifice.
- Learn to attain physical fitness through good health habits.
- Desire to excel to the limits of your potential.
- Show respect for both authority and property.
- Be willing to accept the leadership role that is instilled through the athletic program.
- Commit to perfection, fair play, and team play.

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CONFERENCE AFFILIATION
Southwest Central League (SWCL)

Billings
Blue Eye
Crane

Galena
Kirbyville
Purdy

Southwest
Spokane

PURDY SPORTS & ACTIVITIES LIST

High School MSHSAA Sanctioned Activities		
Fall	Winter	Spring
Baseball	Boys Basketball	HS and JH Baseball
Cross Country (Boys/Girls)	Girls Basketball	Softball
Girls Golf	Sideline Cheerleading	Boys Golf
Volleyball		Track & Field (Boys/Girls)
		Music (Band/Choir)
		Scholar Bowl

Other High School Activities		
FFA	FCCLA	FBLA
NHS	NEHS	MAD Club
	Yearbook	School Musical
Other field trips scheduled by the teacher of any class.		

6th, 7th & 8th Grades	
Fall	Spring
Basketball (Boys/Girls)	Music (Band/Choir)
Cross Country (Boys/Girls)	Track & Field (Boys/Girls)
Scholar Bowl	Volleyball (Girls)
	Baseball (Boys)

MISSOURI STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

ATHLETES-To be eligible for your school team you must...

- BE A GOOD CITIZEN IN YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.
 - * Any student who represents their school in interscholastic activities must be a credible citizen and judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for competition. A student whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their school is not considered a credible citizen. Their conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline.
 - * A student who misses class on the date of a contest without being excused by the principal/athletic director shall not be considered eligible on that contest date.
 - * Each individual school has the authority to judge its' students under those standards
- Have entered school within the first eleven days of the current semester. Entering school is interpreted as enrolling and attending classes.
- Not have received or competed for any award of any kind other than that given by your school for your services as an athlete in the sport in which you are competing. Competing for awards having a utilitarian value such as jackets, cash or merchandise prizes will make you ineligible.
- Not have reached your 19th birthday prior to July 1 of the current school year. Junior high students shall not have reached the following ages prior to July 1: 7th Grade-14; 8th Grade-15
- Not have competed under an assumed or false name.
- Not have transferred schools without a corresponding change of residence of your parents unless you meet an appropriate exception of the transfer standards. **Always check with your Principal or Athletic Director before transferring.**
- Not have graduated or received an early release from a four-year high school or its equivalent.
- Attend your eighth semester immediately following your seventh semester. High school students are eligible only during the first 8 semesters or attendance.
- Not have competed at any time as a member of a Junior College or Senior College team.
- Not compete on an outside team or in individual match competition during the season you are representing your school in the same sport, nor practice or play for a non-school team on the same day you have practice or play for a school team in any sport. These restrictions begin with the first day of the current school sports season. A school sports season is defined as beginning with the date of the first practice held on a school day and ends with the last contest including district and state tournament contests.
- Not transfer from one school to another because of undue influence.
- Not attend a specialized camp for any one sport for more than two weeks.

REMEMBER: All of the member schools of the Missouri State High School Activities Association have adopted these eligibility guidelines. Eligibility to participate in School Athletics is a privilege granted if you meet these standards. It is not an inherent right. These eligibility guidelines must be met by girls as well as boys who compete inter-scholastically. Your school has the authority to adopt additional rules and guidelines.

MSHSAA requirements for Self Reporting, this must be done by the student athlete and the parent. The following statement describes the responsibilities that parents and student athletes must follow when the law is broken by a student athlete.

By-Law 2.2 CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Students who represent a school in interscholastic activities must be creditable 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 "creditible citizens." Conduct shall be satisfactory in accord with the standards of good discipline.

2.2.2 Law Enforcement:

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs, alcohol, or injuries to others. (If a traffic offense is accompanied by an act covered in letter a about, such as property damage, bench warrant, etc., eligibility will be delayed per letter a.)

2.2.3 Local School:

- a. A student who violates a local school policy is ineligible until completion of the prescribed school penalties.
- b. The eligibility of a student who is serving detention or in-school suspension shall be determined by local school authorities.
- c. A student shall not be considered eligible while serving an out-of-school suspension.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. Each school shall diligently and completely investigate any issue that could affect student eligibility.

2.2.4 Expulsion:

A student who is expelled from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for 365 days from the date of expulsion. An expulsion is prompt removal of a student from school following the conduct for which the student is under discipline, whereby the student is not allowed to return to school until either an appeals process reinstates the student of the duration is fulfilled. However, this period of ineligibility shall not apply to any student expulsion for conduct otherwise protected by law which does not materially and

substantially interfere with the requirements of appropriate discipline in the operation of a school.

2.2.5 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.

If you are not sure if your student athlete needs to self-report an incident, please know it is always better to have a conversation with us about the incident.

**ATHLETIC LETTERING REQUIREMENTS
VARSITY PIN**

A Varsity Pin is awarded to an athlete who has met the following requirements.

- Basketball: Participation in more than ½ of the varsity quarters.
- Volleyball: Participation in more than ½ of the varsity sets.
- Softball/Spring Baseball: Participation in more than ½ of the games.
- Golf: Top 25% at a match or Top 33% at a Tournament
- Cross Country: Medal at a meet, Top 15 at district, All-Conference
- Track: Point in ½ of meets or compete at districts
- Cheerleading: Participation in more than ½ of the varsity games.
- Coach's Discretion

PROVISIONAL LETTER

An athlete who has not met the varsity letter requirements due to injury but has made a significant contribution to the program and plays the following year and meets all the varsity letter requirements will be given credit for the previous year and thus considered a varsity letterman for two years.

ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT

The Purdy School District will hold an Award Night after each sports season. The time and date will be announced after the season is completed.

PURDY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY POLICY

Every participant in extracurricular activities and their parents or guardians will be responsible for reading the following Extracurricular Activity Policy and are required to sign the copy on **Page 14** to indicate that they have read and will comply with the policies set forth. Athletes and activities participants will be required to abide by the rules and regulations established by the **Missouri State High School Activities Association** and **Purdy Schools**. **This signed policy must be returned prior to participating in an activity during each academic year and will remain in effect for that academic year.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Participants in extracurricular activities will be required to abide by the rules and regulations stated in the policy as well as other training rules specified by the coach or sponsor of any particular sport or activity in which they are participating.

- **THE CLASSROOM OBLIGATION ALWAYS COMES FIRST.**
- Students are free to make their own choice as to sports and activities in which they wish to try out.
- The selection of competitors for a team is the job of the head coach or sponsor. During preseason practice sessions, skills will be evaluated along with many other aspects of what is required of the athlete in that sport. Each coach or sponsor will have requirements for their teams and these requirements will be made known to each person trying out. The coach or sponsor will determine who and how many will be members of a team. **The decision of the coach or sponsor will be final.**
- An athlete quitting an activity may not participate in a new activity until the athlete has received a release from the head coach or sponsor of the activity that they are quitting and the head coach or sponsor of the new activity accepts the participant.
- Participation in more than one sport or activity within a season is left to the mutual agreement of the participant, the head coaches or sponsors from each activity that the participant wishes to participate in.
- **Violation of Law:** If an extracurricular activity participant violates a criminal law, they will not be allowed to represent a Purdy athletic team or activity until the district has reinstated their eligibility.
- If it is necessary to be absent from practice, the participant is expected to obtain permission from the head coach or sponsor prior to the scheduled practice. If the athlete is ill, the coach or sponsor should be notified by the participant.
- Practices will remain closed. If parents arrive to pick up their participant they are asked to remain in their vehicle until practice has concluded.
- If a student misses class without being excused by the principal or athletic director, the student shall not be considered eligible to practice or play a game or competition 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. Per MSHSAA handbook by 212 b #5.
 - Students must be in attendance for the entire day.

- Students must have approval from the principal/athletic director if any school will be missed the day of a game.
- Students are also expected to be in attendance all day following an activity. Failure to comply may result in lost practice or game.
- In the event that truancy or suspension by an athlete occurs, the activity participant will not be eligible for competition until they have fulfilled the disciplinary requirements established by the administration.
- In the event that an activity participant is assigned an after school detention as the result of a classroom problem, they will not be allowed to use the excuse of “I have practice, so I can’t stay.”
- Activity participants are responsible for returning all equipment issued to them during their season. All school issued uniforms will be laundered at school. The athlete will be financially responsible for any lost equipment. All financial obligations of the activity participant must be taken care of within one week after the end of the sports season. No activity participant will receive an award until all equipment is returned and all financial obligations have been paid. No further equipment will be issued until all equipment from any other activity is returned.
- **Unsportsmanlike Acts:** Unsportsmanlike acts during a contest resulting in ejection of an activity participant shall, in most cases, result in the participant being restricted from representing the school for at least the next contest. A participant who commits such an act, but is not ejected may also be subject to at least a one game suspension. Each case of this type shall be reviewed by the head coach or sponsor, the athletic director, and the principal before a final decision is made.
- **Due Process:** Activity participants shall have the opportunity to express their side of any incident in which they may be involved. If the athlete is dissatisfied with any decision, they have the right to appeal through the following channels:
 - a. Athletic Director
 - b. Head Coach (Athletic Director must be present.)
 - c. Building Principal
 - d. Superintendent
 - e. Board of Education
- Appeals to the Superintendent or to the Board of Education are to be made in the form of a written request and submitted within 10 days of the previous decision. The body to which the appeal is made shall, within 10 days of receipt of the appeal, establish a hearing date.
- Parents should not directly contact coaches or sponsors at any time on the coach's personal phones. All contact should be made using the school e-mail or the athletic director.
- All activity participants will be transported **to and from** respective contests via school transportation. Students will be allowed to be signed out by parents. Otherwise, all students will be picked up at the school. Prior arrangements may be made to convenience the parents by contacting the high school principal/athletic director when special transportation requests are desired. When arrangements are made, a written notice must be hand delivered by the parent to the activity sponsor before the student will be released.
- Before a student may participate in any activity for Purdy Schools, they must have the following forms on file with the athletic director: (1) physical exam form (valid

for two years from the date of exam), (2) the MSHSAA Pre-Participation Documentation Form (including insurance policy information, student agreement, concussion materials acknowledgement, and emergency contact information), and (3) a signed copy of the Purdy Athletic Policy.

- It is the responsibility of activity participants representing Purdy Schools to be good citizens at all times. **Anything less is unacceptable.**
- Any student who is assigned In-School Suspension will not be eligible to represent the school in any school event on the day (s) he or she serves the suspension. Any student who is assigned Out of School Suspension is ineligible for the term of the suspension and not to be at any school activities including practice.
- Acts of vandalism and/or theft will violate the school citizenship standards if an activity participant engages in the following conduct:
 - a. Direct act of theft or vandalism at school or elsewhere which is verified to the satisfaction of the administration
 - b. Attempts to engage in theft of another person's property which is verified to the satisfaction of the administration.
 - c. Aiding and abetting another person who engages in acts of theft or vandalism at school or elsewhere which is verified to the satisfaction of the school administration.
 - d. A violation, or alleged violation of federal, state or local criminal law which results in a summons being issued to the student, charges being filed in adult or juvenile court against the student which is verified to the satisfaction of the administration.
- All male student-athletes must be well groomed and hair should not reach the collar on a t-shirt.

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, E-CIGARETTE/VAPING, AND NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG POLICY

This policy is effective at the beginning of the 4th grade and carries over from year to year.

Participation in student activities and athletics is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, we believe that students must adhere to standards of behavior, which will bring credit to the individual student, the particular activity, the school, and the community. The use of tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes/vaping devices, drugs, and/or non-prescription drugs (any substance which is unlawful for possession, distribution or use) is prohibited and will not be tolerated.

It is therefore the intention of this policy that the student not use, sell, purchase or possess alcohol, drugs, e-cigarettes/vaping devices, or non-prescription drugs. It is further the intention of this policy that students not knowingly choose to remain in any circumstance in which the student is in the presence of other minors who are in the possession of tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes/vaping devices, drugs, or non-prescription drugs. If a student is in the presence of other minors, and it is known by the student that alcohol, drugs or non-prescription drugs are present, the student must take some reasonable action to remove

themselves from the circumstance. This is the case whether the minor is on campus or off campus. This provision does not include public events or events in which adults are participating in lawful activities. Further, all that is required of the student is a reasonable effort to remove themselves from the circumstance.

Use or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs, Tobacco or e-Cigarettes/Vaping Devices

Students are expected to refrain from possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, e-cigarettes/vaping devices, drugs, or non-prescription drugs. A student will violate the school district's citizenship standards if he or she uses, possesses, has ingested, and has under his or her control, sells, manufactures, administers, dispenses, distributes or compounds:

- a. Tobacco in any form.
- b. E-cigarettes/vaping devices.
- c. Alcohol, intoxicating liquor as defined in Chapter 311, RSMo, or alcoholic beverages.
- d. Controlled substances, counterfeit substances or imitation drugs as defined in Chapter 195, RSMo.
- e. Solvent or toluene as defined in Chapter 311, RSMo.
- f. Controlled substances analogue as defined by Chapter 195, RSMo, and any substance which has a chemical makeup similar to any controlled substance, as defined above, and which when ingested or otherwise used causes a condition such as intoxication, euphoria, dizziness, irrational behavior, stupefaction or hallucination.
- g. Anabolic steroid or other similar compound which is derived from testosterone or prepared synthetically.
- h. Drug paraphernalia as defined in Chapter 195, RSMo.
- i. Prescription medications that are not prescribed to the student.
- j. Prescription medications which are prescribed to the student, but only if the student sells, administers, dispenses or distributes the medications to others.

A violation will result in progressive discipline as set forth below. A determination of whether a violation of the tobacco, alcohol, drugs and non-prescription drug policy has occurred will be made upon the district's receiving information, which the district, at its discretion, determines sufficient to establish a violation of the above policy on alcohol, drugs, tobacco, e-cigarettes/vaping devices, and non-prescription drugs.

Once the district, at its discretion, determines there has been a violation, the district may implement the following progressive discipline, or if it deems the violation sufficiently serious, the student may be barred from activities indefinitely. Should the district choose progressive discipline is appropriate; the discipline will be as follows:

First Violation: The student will miss a minimum of two contests regardless of overlap in school years. If the student is in a season/activity when the infraction takes place, they will serve the suspension in the next immediate games. If the infraction takes place in the offseason, the suspension will be served in the next activity that the student participates in.

Second Violation: The student will miss a minimum of five contests regardless of overlap in school years. If the student is in a season/activity when the infraction takes place, they will serve the suspension in the next immediate games. If the infraction takes place in the offseason, the suspension will be served in the next activity that the student participates in.

Third Violation: The student will be suspended from participation in all sports/activities for the remainder of their school career.

The Purdy R-II School District takes its policy on alcohol, drugs and non-prescription drugs. It is for the health and welfare of all students that this policy is implemented.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

It is the goal of the Purdy School District and Athletic & Activities Department to make academics a priority. We want our student-athletes to work as hard in the classroom as they work in their extra-curricular activities.

HIGH SCHOOL

In order for high school students to participate in MSHSAA sanctioned athletics/activities students may not have a semester F in the previous semester. For example a semester F in the fall will make the athlete ineligible for any athletic/activity from January to May.

Also, all students will have weekly grade checks that will be done on Friday morning. In the event that a student has an F they will be ineligible to participate in school events and/or extracurricular activities beginning that evening and continuing for the following week. Students will be able to attend practices and games, but will not participate in any contest or official event hosted on or off campus. Students on the F list will not be allowed to leave school early to attend an event.

GRADES 4-8

In order for students in grades 4-8 to participate in school or MSHSAA sanctioned athletics/activities students may not have an F in the previous quarter. For example, an F after the first quarter will make the athlete ineligible until the end of the second quarter.

Also, all students will have weekly grade checks that will be done on Friday morning. In the event that a student has an F they will be ineligible to participate in school events and/or extracurricular activities beginning that evening and continuing for the following week. Students will be able to attend practices and games, but will not participate in any contest or official event hosted on or off campus. Students on the F list will not be allowed to leave school early to attend an event.

Grade checks for grades 4-12 will not be done the first two weeks of each semester. This will give teachers as well as students a chance to get points established in the grade book.

SPORTSMANSHIP: EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS, PARENTS, & SPECTATORS

As a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, it is our belief that interscholastic activities are an integral part of the secondary curricular program and an extension of the classroom. Purdy Schools program shall supplement the curricular program of the school and shall provide the most worthwhile experiences possible. These expectations shall result in learning situations that contribute to the development of the attributes necessary for good citizenship.

When hosting an event, the opponent should be treated as guests and treated cordially. Officials should be recognized as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job to the best of their ability. Familiarity with the current rules of the game and the recognition of the necessity for a fair contest are essential. Sportsmanship requires one to understand his or her own bias and the ability to prevent the desire to win from overcoming rational behavior. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good will and should not be looked at negatively.

Your enthusiasm as a spectator includes a vital responsibility for good sportsmanship. Your habits and reactions determine the quality of sportsmanship, which reflects upon the Purdy school district and community. Students, Parents, and Spectators are expected to:

- Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- Respect, cooperate, and respond to cheerleaders.
- Respect school property and authority.
- Show respect for opponents and opposing coaches and fans.
- Show respect for players who are injured.
- Respect the judgment and strategy of the coach (even if you disagree).
- Respect the judgment of game officials (even if you disagree).
- Avoid profane language and obnoxious behavior at all times.
- Avoid applauding errors or penalties of the opponents.
- Refrain from heckling, jeering, or distracting opponents, including distracting behavior during free throws.
- Refrain from being critical of players, coaches, or officials for a loss.
- Refrain from throwing objects on the playing area or in the bleachers.
- Avoid stomping of bleachers or the use of artificial noisemakers.
- Refrain from using cheers that taunt or ridicule opposing players, coaches, cheerleaders, or spectators.
- Refrain from booing or showing displeasure with game officials or game activities.

Purdy R-II Schools
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY POLICY AGREEMENT
2025-2026

This application to represent my school in extracurricular activities is entirely voluntary on my part and is made with the understanding that I have studied the eligibility standards that I must meet to represent my school and that I have not violated any of them.

I, _____ have read and understand all rules and policies set forth in the pages of this handbook, and agree to abide by said rules and regulations.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

I, as a parent/guardian of _____, have read the rules and policies set forth for participation in extracurricular activities at Purdy Schools, and give my son/daughter permission to participate under these conditions. I will do my part in seeing that he/she follows and abides by these rules and policies.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date