

USD 379

ATHLETIC-ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FORMS AND POLICIES

Clay Center Community High School and Clay Center Community Middle School are members of the Kansas State High School Activities Association and are bound by its rules and regulations governing all school activities.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

The Kansas State High School Activities Association requires that all students, including cheerleaders, have a physical examination and have a valid KSHSAA Physical Exam form on file prior to participating (including practice) in any school athletic event. The valid form is white, KSHSAA form. No other form will be accepted as valid. The form must be signed by both the student and the parent before it will be accepted and before the student is allowed to practice or play.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:

By signing the participation agreement both the student and parent(s) are acknowledging that they have both received and read the Participation Policy adopted by USD 379 and are aware of the expected behaviors as both a parent and a student athlete. Your signatures also acknowledge the awareness of the risk of injury, paralysis, and death that may occur when participating in extracurricular activities. Students and parents need to be aware of the inherent possibility of injury and willingly accept that possibility when they participate in athletics. This form states these facts clearly, and by signing this form, parents readily accept the risks involved.

KSHSAA ELIGIBILITY

All students participating in activities must be eligible according to the KSHSAA Rule 13-Scholarship Requirements and Rule 14-Bona Fide Student. Scholarship requirements under Rule 13 may be modified by local school districts.

Academic Eligibility will be determined using the following criteria:

Semester: To be eligible for extra-curricular activities at CCCHS/CCCMS for the current semester, a student must have passed 5 (five) new classes the previous semester.

KSHSAA Rule 14-Bona Fide Student

Section 1 General Regulation

Art. 1: In order to be eligible for participation, the student must be a bona fide undergraduate member of that school and in good standing.

Art. 2: A student who is under suspension or whose character or conduct brings discredit to the school or to the student, as determined by the principal, is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as specified by the principal.

Art. 3: A student who uses any form of tobacco, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, etc., at school events is not in good standing.

To conform to KSHSAA regulations, USD # 379 established the following participation policy:

Prior to participating in any athletic activity, a student will have on file in the high school office: 1. A current, properly signed KSHSAA physical exam form. 2. A signed Acknowledgement of Risk Form. 3. A signed Athlete Emergency Information and Consent Form. 4. A signed acknowledgment of receiving a copy of the Participation Policy. 5. A signed acknowledgment of receiving the KSHSAA concussion and head injury release form.

While representing CCCHS/CCCMS, students are expected to dress and conduct themselves in a manner that brings credit to themselves, their school and their community. Students not living up to these expectations may be removed from activities.

STUDENT ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION

As a rule, students shall ride school provided transportation to and from the activity site. Students may ride home with their own parents/guardians if approval is given by the sponsor to the parents/guardians at the site and a written note is obtained. Students are not permitted to ride to/from activity sites with boyfriends, girlfriends, other students, parents of other students, etc. Should an emergency, or unusual circumstances occur, they should be reported to and arrangements made with the principal.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

In accordance with USD #379 Board of Education policy, students shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of illicit drugs, controlled substances, alcoholic beverages, vape products, and tobacco products on school property or at school activities.

In addition, students participating in extra- curricular activities shall be subjected to random drug testing in accordance with USD 379 Board of Education policy and be held accountable for the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs beyond the limits of the normal school day on and off school property. Should any substance violations occur, administration will follow the policies outlined in the CCCHS/CCCMS student handbooks.

******In addition to the above penalties for violation of the code of conduct, coaches retain a right to assess reasonable requirements and restrictions as they see fit for the benefit of the team, the program, and the individual involved.

******Students found to be in violation of the Participation Policy may also be in violation of Federal and State statutes. In such cases, school administrators are required by law to report these violations to appropriate law enforcement agencies for investigation and shall provide such factual information as may be available, consistent with the Kansas law and the constitutions of the State of Kansas and the United States of America.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students must be in attendance by 12 noon of the school day in order to participate in practice sessions, school activities, games, or performances that evening. The administration may waive this regulation for pre-arranged absences, college visits, funerals, and other similar reasons. Those students with an excessive number of absences, excused and/or unexcused, will not be allowed to attend activities during the school day.

TEAM REDUCTION POLICY

Because of excessive numbers, time constraints, and coaching limitations, athletes in extracurricular programs should be aware that the head coach of a particular sport may reduce the number of participants on a team through a cut policy.

Coach/Parent Relationship

Parenting and coaching are both extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we can provide a greater benefit to the children. This process begins with clear communication form the coach of the sport.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations and goals the coach has for your child and team
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests
4. Procedure if your child is injured during participation
5. Team requirements, special equipment needed, etc.
6. Team rules, guidelines and consequences for infractions
7. Lettering Criteria

Communication coaches expect from athletes and parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Parent's contact number, both home and emergency
3. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance
4. Notification of any special medical conditions
5. Notification of illness or injury as soon as possible

As your child participates in athletics, he or she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wish. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged. The first step should be a discussion between the player and coach only. This is a good opportunity for the child to learn the importance of working through his or her own issues. The next step would be an appointment scheduled with the child/parent and AD/coach. If it's not an issue with the child, should it be an issue with the parent?

Appropriate Concerns to discuss with the coach

1. Treatment of your child
2. Ways to help your child improve
3. Concerns about your child's behavior
4. Concerns about your child's academic performance
5. Safety of your child

Concerns left to coach's discretion to discuss

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Offensive/defensive philosophies
5. Other student athletes

Right to Privacy:

All students, by law, have a right to privacy. In administering this policy, school officials will comply with the provisions of the Right to Privacy Act.

Bud Young,
Clay Center High School Principal

Keith Hoffman,
Clay Center Middle School Principal

Greg Ferguson,
CCCHS Activities Director

Clay Center High School Student Driver Release Form

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Parent Names _____

Parent Contact Numbers:

(Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Mark the section that applies

_____ **Sports:**

My son/daughter has permission to drive to all off campus athletic practices and home events as required.

_____ **Passenger:**

My son/daughter has permission to ride with another student of legal driving age for reasons stated above.

YES, I give my permission _____ (parent or guardian initials)

In consideration of the participation of my child in the above activity, I waive and release any and all rights and claims for losses and damages that I may have against the USD 379 school district arising in any way from my child's participation except for the sole negligence of the USD 379 school district.

- The vehicle owner's insurance is primary in the event of an accident
- The owner of the vehicle shall maintain liability insurance equal to or exceeding the state minimum requirements for liability insurance.
- The owner of the vehicle is responsible for injury to any passengers because of accident
- The student and parent waive any right to reimbursement for transportation expenses

In the event that my child may require emergency medical treatment as a result of driving or riding with another student as stated above, I hereby authorize my child to receive all emergency medical treatment as may be necessary, under the existing circumstances. Unless otherwise noted, the closest available ambulance service and hospital should be used.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

