

Activities Handbook

Rules and Regulations

Cameron R-I School District

ACTIVITY PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education recognizes the contribution wholesome activities make to the educational program. The school administration shall be responsible for the organization, administration and supervision of the student activities program.

Co-curricular activities sponsored by the district should be consistent with the educational needs and maturity level of the students and governed by democratic principles. Such activities should complement, supplement or reinforce the curricular offerings.

Regulations for inter-scholastic activities shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. (MSHSAA)

Activities shall be approved by the school administrator and scheduled or canceled with the approval of the principal and/or athletic director. Each principal shall maintain a school calendar of school activities.

The principal and/or athletic director shall be in charge of the activity program and administer and supervise all athletic events. It shall be his charge to give appropriate publicity to all activities.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

PURPOSE-The purpose of the activities program is to provide experience which will enable students to progress toward established educational objectives. Outlined below are some of the desirable educational objectives to be attained through the activities program.

- A. To develop for the student:
 - 1. Qualities of physical strength, vitality, neuromuscular skills, intellectual and performance skills.
 - 2. A program of activities that meet the needs, interests and capabilities of the students.
 - 3. Qualities of courage, alertness, resourcefulness and good sportsmanship.
 - 4. Proper emotional control and stability of character.
 - 5. Desirable social and competitive experience through inter-school competition.
 - 6. Approved social patterns of individual and group conduct.
 - 7. Promotion of positive self-esteem.

- B. To develop for the school:
 - 1. An activities program as an integral part of the Cameron Schools.
 - 2. A high standard of school loyalty, student morale and wholesome school spirit.
 - 3. Student understanding of the activities program so that they will be more intelligent and appreciative as spectators.
- C. To develop for the community an understanding that the activities program for students has been promoted under conditions which insure to the participant and to the public the best traditions in sportsmanship, citizenship and a wholesome school-community relationship.

CAMERON ACTIVITIES RULES

1. If a student is absent from school he/she will not participate in a contest or practice on that day. Students who make arrangements with the principal or his representative may be excused from this rule.
2. A student must be in attendance at least 2 blocks (half) of the day to participate in a contest or practice on that day.
3. If a student is suspended from school that student shall be ineligible to participate in or attend activities during the time of the suspension. Certain causes of suspension may result in longer periods of ineligibility.
4. If a student has an in-school suspension, he or she may not participate in or attend a contest/performance during the time of the ISS. Student will be required to attend all practices and meetings.
5. If a student has a detention, he or she may be required to make-up practice time missed during the detention.
6. If a student is detected of the use, sale, transfer, possession or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances (drugs) which is prohibited on any school property, on any school owned or contracted vehicle used to transport students to and from school or school activities, or off school property at any school-sponsored or school-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the school district, the student shall not be eligible to participate in the activities program.
 - A. First Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for the season in which the incident occurred.
 - B. Second Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for 365 days.

A student who is not participating in an activity who is detected in violation of stated rule shall not be eligible to participate in an activity until that season has ended.

See note #1 for season defined. (MSHSAA, Page 54)

7. If a student is detected in, or admits to possession of or using drugs or alcohol off school premises during the school year or during the activity season that begins before the school year, the incident will be investigated by the appropriate school authorities which would result in the student not being eligible to participate in the activities program.
 - A. First Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for at least 10 consecutive school days or for the season in which the incident occurred. (The disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the administrator.)

- B. Second Offense: The period of ineligibility shall be for the season in which the incident occurred up to 365 calendar days. (The disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the administrator.)
8. If a student is detected in possession of or using tobacco on school premises during the school year or during the activity season that begins before the school year, the incident will be investigated by the appropriate authorities which would result in the student not being eligible to participate in the activities program. The period of ineligibility shall be for the season in which the incident occurred.
- A. First Offense: Warning from the activity coach, sponsor, principal, or athletic director.
 - B. Second Offense: Ineligibility for participation in the activities program for the season in which the incident occurred.

See Note #1 for season defined. (MSHSAA, Page 54)

9. If a student is detected in possession of or using tobacco off school premises during the school year or during the activity season that begins before the school year, the incident will be investigated by the appropriate school authorities, which would result in the student being disciplined by the activity sponsor or coach in accordance to team or activity rule #8.
10. If a student is found guilty of committing a crime, except for minor traffic violations, he/she will not be eligible to participate in the activities program. The period of ineligibility will be for up to 365 calendar days. (The disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the administrator.)

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11. If a student who is participating in an activity quits that activity he/she is not eligible to begin participation in another activity. The period of ineligibility will last only as long as the season of that activity from which the student quit.
12. Students who fail to remain in good standing with respect to school/community citizenship throughout the school year may have all activity privileges suspended and recognition withheld.
13. Sponsors and coaches of the activities programs will encourage all participants to exhibit behavior beyond reproach on campus. The sponsor/coach should work closely and cooperate with the principal and the classroom teacher to promote in the student the best in leadership and attitude.
14. Coaches/sponsors of activities programs shall see that those programs are conducted with the best interest of the team/group, students, the school and the community in mind at all times.

15. All coaches/sponsors, students and parents are expected to have a knowledge of the rules and regulations governing their activities and the policies and regulations of the Cameron School District.
16. Coaches/sponsors, parents, and student participants are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times.

NOTE: #1 Season is determined by the following:

Fall Season: Last MSHSAA state contest for football(the school's class)

Winter Season: Last MSHSAA state contest for basketball (the school's class)

Spring Season: Last MSHSAA state contest for track

These rules include activities in which individuals are representing our school in inter-district activities and/or competitions including district and state level competitions.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

MSHSAA and CAMERON SCHOOLS Statement of Philosophy

Participation in school activities is a valuable educational experience and should not be looked upon as a reward for academic success. Students with low academic ability need the educational development provided through participation in activities as much or more than students with average or above average academic ability. Activity participation should be for all students making appropriate progress toward graduation and otherwise in good standing.

Based on the preceding semester of attendance at Cameron Schools, Students in grades 9-12 must have earned credit in 70% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester.

The counseling department will compile a list of students who are falling below the minimum standards each semester and give the list to the activities office. The athletic office will then give a final list of those students who do not meet the academic requirements to the coaches and sponsors.

The head coach or sponsor is responsible for checking the list each grading period to ensure their participants are eligible to participate.

The student is responsible for contacting the coach or sponsor to ensure the minimum grade standards are being met.

If students are ineligible, it is the students responsibility to secure the necessary tutoring or assistance to regain eligibility. As soon as the student meets academic requirements, the student regains all eligibility.

A student will remain ineligible to participate as long as the minimum standards are not met.

The minimum standards do not apply, until the first semester grades for 7th grade students or 9th grade students entering their grade level.

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

A. Transportation

1. All travel arrangements will be made by the activities office only after consultation with the coach/sponsor involved. Bus forms must be filled out by the coach/sponsor. Whenever feasible, requests for transportation to events should be made at the beginning of the season.
2. A list of students and times they will be gone should be turned into the principal's office. As a convenience to the parents, a determination should be made as to the possible time of return.
3. Student participants must travel on school sanctioned vehicles to out of town events.
4. Students will return to Cameron immediately following contests unless an event is scheduled for the following day and arrangements have been made for the participants to remain overnight.
5. Students will ride the bus **BOTH** ways unless the coach/sponsor has given them special permission to ride home with their parent or guardian. Such permission must be requested by the parent or guardian in a written or verbal statement **PRIOR** to the departure of the return trip.
6. Exception to the transportation rules may be allowed at the discretion of the coach/sponsor in accordance to the rules of the team/activity.

B. Supervision of participants on bus trips

1. Each time a bus is used to transport participants to and from activities a coach/sponsor must ride in the bus with the participants.
2. The coach/sponsor riding the bus is responsible for ensuring the proper behavior of the participants. The participants are responsible for conducting themselves properly at all times.
3. Any student who does not conduct himself/herself properly is to be disciplined immediately by the coach/sponsor in charge.
4. All buses will be left clean following trips. **This is the responsibility of the coach/sponsor in charge.**
5. Coach/sponsor will remain at school to supervise students until all participants have secured a ride.