

# Bronaugh R-VII Athletic/Activities Handbook



## Rules

1. Students are free to choose the activities in which they would like to participate. It is the District's policy that students facing a conflict between two sponsored activities will be given the choice of which to attend. Certain school activities (to be determined by the administrators) will have priority. Students are not to be penalized by the activity not attended.
2. A student who has gone out for a sport but quits of his own accord, ***will not be eligible to start practicing for another sport before the end of the competition in the sport that was dropped.***
3. All students will be transported to and from respective activities via school transportation, unless special arrangements have been made with the coach/sponsor and the parent/legal guardian.
4. If it is necessary to be absent from practice, the student is expected to communicate with the coach/sponsor or administrator.
5. Students must be in attendance during the school day in order to practice or participate in any activity scheduled for that day.
6. In the event that truancy or suspension takes place, the student will not be eligible for participation until he/she has fulfilled disciplinary requirements established by the administration.
7. The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, or nonprescription drugs is known to be detrimental to the individual as well as the team he/she represents. Therefore, disciplinary action will be taken. This is a year round commitment. If a student's athlete is caught using or in the possession of any of the above, the drug suspension guidelines will be at a minimum as follows, or may be exceeded as deemed necessary by the sponsor/coach and/or administration.
  - a. Tobacco:  
First Violation: Suspended from 10% of all extra curricular activities  
Second Violation: Dismissal or as deemed necessary by administration.
  - b. Alcohol and Illicit Chemicals/Illegal Substances:  
First Violation: Suspended from 30% of all extra curricular activities  
Second Violation: Dismissal or as deemed necessary by administration.
8. Hazing, Harassment and Bullying will not be tolerated. The Bronaugh R-VII School District will have a zero tolerance policy on these issues and will follow suspension guidelines.

## Eligibility

The following eligibility standards will apply to all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in the Bronaugh R-VII School District

1. If a student receives a failing grade on quarter grades, he/she is ineligible until the next grade posting. If the student is not failing more than one class when the next mid-quarter grades are due, he/she will become eligible on the day the failing list is posted.
2. A student who has a failing grade at the end of the fourth quarter will be ineligible until the first grade check of first quarter. If grades are satisfactory at that time (i.e. no failing grades) he/she will be eligible.
3. If a student fails a class at the end of the fourth quarter, he/she may become eligible in the fall by successfully completing one core course during summer school. Failure in more than two classes would render the students ineligible by MSHSAA standards.
4. MSHSAA Eligibility Standard: Students must be enrolled in courses offering 3 units of credit and must have passed 3 units of credit the previous semester in order to be eligible.
5. Students must be in school the day of the contest. Any absence for any period on the day of the contest must be excused by the Principal/Assistant Principal in order for the student to be eligible for competition. Parents must contact the Principal's office to verify legitimate reason for the absence.

### Expectations

With the awarded 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant funds, the school is required to find ways to encourage students to participate in after-school programs. The participation of Jr. High and High school athletes has been limited in the past. Therefore school leaders have developed a way to encourage better participation in the after-school programs from the older students. Students will be expected to attend the “Wildcat Den” after school until practice begins. The “Wildcat Den” is designed to provide Jr. High and High School students a supervised area where they can do homework after school. Attendance to the Wildcat Den will be especially important on Wednesdays as coaches are attending faculty meetings until 3:30. Attendance is highly encouraged for Jr. High and High School. If a High School student leaves campus after school it will be mandatory to report directly to the Wildcat Den if returning to campus prior to the beginning of practice.

### Discipline

Repeated referrals of a student to the office for misbehavior may be sufficient reason to declare a student ineligible. A single serious breach of good conduct either in or out of school may be sufficient cause for declaring a student ineligible to participate in school activities. Each sponsor/coach may impose stricter rules for their specific activities. The coach/sponsor will provide written rules and consequences to parents/students.

### Ethics/Citizenship

Student activities in the Bronaugh R-VII School District provide a program for students to pursue special interests in addition to more formal class activities. Student activities help develop leadership abilities, promote school spirit and loyalty, establish habits of good citizenship, and provide opportunities to learn and work as part of a group. Although student activities are important for the all-round development of students the must necessarily be of secondary importance. Regular classroom work must come first.

Credible citizenship shall be one of the criteria for participation in school activities. Credible citizenship includes such things as regular and punctual attendance and a quality of conduct, which promotes the best interests of the school. The following citizenship standards for eligibility have been approved as school policy for Bronaugh R-VII Schools.

1. Participation in student activities is a **privilege and not a right**; therefore, the School Board believes that students must adhere to standards of behavior, which will bring credit to the individual student, the particular activity, the school, and the community.
2. The School Board insists that student behavior be in compliance with School Board policy, with the student handbook regulations, and with public laws. Behavior not in compliance may result in suspension or expulsion from all extra-curricular activities. While it is not possible to cite very example of behavior that violates policies, regulations, and laws, there are certain behaviors that are more frequently a problem for school systems than others and will be addressed therein. A minimum **fourteen (14) calendar day suspension** from the activities program will be assessed for a violation of standards which result in criminal charges being filed in court.

A minimum **fourteen (14) calendar day suspension** from the activities program will result from any student conduct that results in **In-School-Suspension (ISS)** or **Out-of-School-Suspension (OSS)**. **OSS cases involving cell phones will be reviewed per case and severity of offense.**

A minimum **twenty-eight (28) calendar day suspension** from the activities shall be assessed for use, possession or distribution of alcohol and or illegal drugs including all controlled substances, counterfeit drugs, kiddie dope, and other substances purported to be drugs. During the suspension from the activities program, the student will be expected to practice, but will **NOT** be permitted to participate in games or performances. A second violation of the citizenship standard will result in suspension from the activities

program for **ninety (90) calendar days**. A third violation will result in expulsion from the activities program for the remainder of the student's enrollment at Bronaugh High School.

3. The School Board also believes that consistent administration of this policy is important from school to school and from activity to activity, and that appropriate procedures must be followed before any student is suspended from participation. Any request for an appeal to a decision shall be made in writing to the Superintendent of Schools with **three (3) days**. The Superintendent shall have the authority to stay any suspension until a final decision may be reached by the Board of Education. In addition to these standards, students must abide by the rules and regulations of the Missouri High School Activities Association (MSHSAA).

The following rules are included in the MSHSAA official handbook, and are listed here to help students and parents to understand state requirements, and to help avoid a situation, which could lead to violations of eligibility standards.

1. A student who misses class on the date of a contest without being excused by the principal shall not be considered eligible to represent his/her school on that date.
2. Any student who withdraws from school because of disciplinary measures shall not be considered eligible for any interscholastic activity for one full year from the date of withdrawal.
3. A student in grades 9-12 must be currently enrolled in courses that offer a total of three (3) units of credit, and he/she must have earned three (3) units of credit in courses that met the preceding semester.
4. Beginning ninth grade (9th) any student that has been promoted from the 8th grade to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade shall be granted eligibility for his/her first semester regardless of the three (3) units of credit rule referring to the previous semester.
5. A junior or senior high school student may be eligible in a public school only in the district in which his parents, legally established guardian, or the person with whom he/she has been living for one calendar year, and is designated as the school for him/her to attend by the Board of Education.
6. Non-school competition: Before competing in **ANY** non-school competition, check with your administration.
- 7a. The school shall require of each student before the student is allowed to practice or participate a physician's certificate stating that he/she is physically able to participate in athletic contests of his/her school.
- 7b. A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until the school has verification that he/she has basic athletic insurance coverage.

### **Transportation**

In general, students are required to ride the school bus to and from activities. Students are expected to return from activities the same way they go, on the bus. Certain occasions may warrant consideration of some alternatives.

1. Athletes may ride from activities only with a parent/legal guardian. Any other arrangements must be made prior to departure for the event with Principal or A.D.
2. Parents/Legal Guardian may sign out their child after an away contest.
3. Student participants will meet the following expectations during travel
  - a. Ready at the scheduled departure time
  - b. No cleats or spikes on the bus
  - c. No food on the bus (unless authorized)
  - d. Appropriate dress as determined by the coach
  - e. Display good citizenship

- f. Keep the bus clean. Pick up litter after a trip
- g. Close all bus windows at the end of the trip
- h. Leave the bus in better shape than you found it
- i. Notify parents of return time

#### **A.D. Responsibilities**

The Athletic Director is responsible for the scheduling and supervision of all athletic events. The A.D. is also responsible for scheduling judges, referees, umpires or officials to carry out the scheduled events. The A.D. will conduct a yearly evaluation of coaches to determine rehiring.

#### **Practice/Schedules**

All coaches have the right to have closed practices. This will be discussed at the parent/athlete meeting.

If an athlete is to miss a practice for any reason, he/she must notify their coach in advance, if at all possible. An unexcused absence from practice may result in loss of playing time. Repeated unexcused absences could result in suspension from the team for the remainder of the season. Practice schedules are to be made available at the beginning of the season with the understanding that parents and students will be notified of any and all changes.

#### **Evaluations**

A yearly evaluation of coach performance will take place during the season. Evaluations are conducted to ensure coaches are meeting the needs of the athletes and treating everyone with respect. Evaluations are not carried out to undermine the coach's decisions on playing time, play calling, or strategy. The purpose is to ensure that coaches are providing quality instruction while encouraging all athletes to reach their potential.

#### **Communication**

It is important for coaches to communicate their rules and specific expectations to their athletes and parents. We encourage good communication between athletes, parents and coaches as long as it is productive.

The following items are appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches/advisors:

1. The treatment of your student mentally and physically
2. Ways to help your student improve
3. Concerns about your student's behavior

The following issues are not appropriate to discuss with coaches/advisors:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy
3. Play Calling
4. Other students/athletes
5. Do not approach or attempt to discuss with coaches immediately following an event.

#### **Awards**

1. Students may not receive cash, merchandise, or gift certificates for participating in an athletic contest.
2. Students may accept awards that are symbolic in nature, such as medals, trophies, ribbons, plaques, etc., for participating in a school athletic program. These awards may be received only from your school, from a school hosting an event, or from the MSHSAA.

3. Students may accept awards for participating in non-school sponsored athletic competition only if the awards are symbolic in nature, such as medals, trophies, ribbons, plaques, etc.

### **Lettering**

Each sport offers objective criteria and qualification for lettering set by the individual sport coaching staff. The additional factors of good school citizenship and a constructive, positive attitude are integral criteria of the lettering process.

Baseball/Softball- The player must participate in at least 50% of all innings played at the varsity level during the season. The coach will give consideration in special cases.

Basketball- Any athlete that plays in half of the varsity quarters will letter. The coach will give consideration in special cases.

Track- Athletes must participate in an average of two events per meet. Athletes must complete the season through the finish of Districts. Athletes must attend all meets unless excused by the coach. The coach will give consideration in special cases.

Volleyball- Any player who participates in one-half of the total games (not matches), or under special circumstances at the discretion of the coach may letter.

Cheerleading- Cheerleaders are presented a letter upon selection to the varsity squad

### **Forms**

The following forms will be required before a student may practice or perform in any athletic activity.

1. Physical
2. Insurance Verification
3. Emergency Card
4. Participation Agreement

# Emergency Card and Participation Agreement

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work NO. Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Work NO. Father: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT IF PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If any non-life threatening emergency occurs while your child is participating in an event conducted within the Bronaugh R-VII School District, your child will be taken to the Nevada Hospital unless you designated a hospital preference above. If the emergency occurs outside of the Bronaugh R-VII School District your child will be taken to a nearby medical facility and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

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**Bronaugh R-VII School District Athletic/Activities Participation Agreement**

As a representative of the Bronaugh R-VII School District and its activities program, I will sincerely endeavor to contribute my best to the success of that program. I have read the activities handbook and understand the expectation of sportsmanship, citizenship, and academic responsibility. I agree to abide by the provision outlined in the handbook. I am also aware that if I do not live up to this agreement, I must accept the consequences, which might include suspension from the team on which I am participating.

I have read the policies, understand them, and will abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRINTED Student Name** Sport/Activity Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student Date

**NOTE:** As a parent or guardian I am giving permission for my son/daughter to participate in organized school activities, even though I am aware of the potential for injury which is inherent in all sports and activities. Even with the best of coaching, the use of the most advanced protective equipment, and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions, these injuries can be so severe as to result in disability, paralysis, or even death.

I have read the policies, understand them, and will abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PRINTED Parent Name** Sport/Activity Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

**STUDENTS AND PARENTS MUST SIGN BEFORE PARTICIPATION IN ANY ACTIVITY**