

MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOLS - STUDENT EMERGENCY FORM

Student's Name:

Last First Middle Grade Birthdate

Custodial Parent/Guardian Name Address Home Phone

TO PARENT OR GUARDIAN: To serve your child in case of ACCIDENT OR SUDDEN ILLNESS, it is necessary that you furnish the following information for emergency calls:

Name Business Address Business Phone

Mother _____

Father _____

Please list two neighbors or nearby relatives who will assume temporary care of your child if you cannot be reached:

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Please list names of other children in school:

Name School Teacher Grade

HEALTH INFORMATION: List any health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, epilepsy, severe allergies, eye or ear problems, or any chronic conditions, etc.:

Preferred Doctor Address Phone

Preferred Dentist Address Phone

Preferred Hospital Address Phone

CONSENT STATEMENT:

I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize officials of Mount Vernon City Schools to contact directly the persons named on this form, and do authorize the named physicians to render such treatment as may be deemed necessary in an emergency, for the health of said child. In the event physicians, other persons named on this form, or parents cannot be contacted, the school officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action is deemed necessary in their judgment, for the health of the aforesaid child. I will not hold the school district financially responsible for the emergency care and/or transportation for said child.

Signature of Custodial Parent or Guardian Date

REFUSAL TO CONSENT:

I do not give my consent for emergency medical treatment for my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the school authorities to take the following action:

Signature of Custodial Parent or Guardian Date



MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL
Mark Shively, Activities Director
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Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
740-393-5900 ext. 5903



Dear Parents:

It is the policy of the Mount Vernon School District that the parents are responsible for any insurance coverage for a student involved in interscholastic athletics.

With this in mind, the school district provides the opportunity for the student to purchase a School Time Insurance plan from Griffin Insurance that will cover a student who would participate in any interscholastic sport except football. For those students who wish to participate in interscholastic football, they may purchase special football coverage at an additional cost.

We realize that some parents already carry insurance that would cover athletic injuries and do not need the insurance made available by the school district.

Before practice begins at the High School or Middle School, we need the appropriate statement below checked, signed and returned.

If you plan to participate in the School Time Insurance plan, check the appropriate response and return to the Head Coach. He/she will then send the insurance form home with the student for you to complete. Once completed, it is the parent's responsibility to get the check/money order and form to Griffin Insurance, 300 Coshocton Avenue, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, (740) 397-7488. Once the insurance company receives it, then the policy is valid. **Do not return the insurance packet or money to your coach or athletic department.**

Student's Name: _____

I realize that my child may be injured or possibly die as a result of participation in interscholastic athletics.

_____ No, we do not want the insurance plan because we have our own coverage.

_____ Yes, we do want the insurance offered by Griffin Insurance.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT INFORMATION

I have read and understand the Mount Vernon Athletic Code of Conduct, and wish to participate in Mount Vernon City Schools athletic program, and I will abide by these rules.

THIS FORM WILL SERVE AS YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE GUIDELINES FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE.

I realize that I may be injured and possibly die as a result of my participation in interscholastic athletics.

Athlete's Signature _____
Date

I have read and understand the Mount Vernon Athletic Code of Conduct, and I approve my son's/daughter's participation in Mount Vernon City Schools athletic program, and I will monitor his/her adherence to these rules.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____
Date

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MOUNT VERNON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FORM

Please **print** the following information:

Athlete's Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Parent's/Guardian's Work No: _____

Exact Birth Date: (month, day, year) _____

School Attended Last School Year: _____

Are you Enrolled at the Knox County Career Center? Yes _____ No _____

Circle the grade that you are in this school year: 7 8 9 10 11 12

List any Subjects **FAILED LAST NINE WEEKS:** _____



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MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL'S INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

2015-2016 School Year

An athlete shall abide all rules and regulations established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Mount Vernon City School's Board of Education, the Mount Vernon City School's Athletic Council, and members of the coaching staff.

The following rules apply to all students who participated on a Mount Vernon City School's interscholastic athletic team during the past 12 months. Any student-athlete engaging in the type of conduct either specifically or generally like the kinds of conduct listed below is subject to discipline including expulsion, suspension, emergency suspension, removal, or permanent exclusion from interscholastic athletics.

The types of conduct prohibited by this Code of Regulations are as follows:

- 1) Damage or destruction of school property, private property, property of school employees, or property of other students.
- 2) Theft or Possession of school property, or private property, or school personnel's property without proper authorization; or failure to report the unauthorized possession of school property, or private property, or school personnel's property.
- 3) Sexual or racial harassment of any person in any manner.
- 4) Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation - Any intentional written (including electronic terms of communication), verbal or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.
- 5) Fighting, hitting, or unauthorized touching of another person.
- 6) Hazing (doing any act, or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any organization that creates a risk of mental or physical harm.)
- 7) Engaging in any activity or manner of conduct, either passive or active, that would present a safety hazard or disrupt or interfere with the operation of the school or school related events.
- 8) Defying the valid authority of teachers, supervisors, administrators, or other school personnel; disrespecting teachers, supervisors, administrators, or other school personnel, or failing to comply with the directions/policies of teachers, supervisors, administrators, or other school personnel.
- 9) Abuse of another. No student shall use or direct to, or about a school employee, or student, words, phrases, or actions which are considered to be slanderous or degrading in nature, words or phrases which could be considered threatening, menacing or indicate an intent to cause harm to person or property, and/or words or phrases which are obscene or profane. Name calling, racial epithets, and negative, uncomplimentary and offensive remarks related to physical handicaps or defects, mental handicaps, race, religion, nationality, appearance or other reason is prohibited.
- 10) Falsifying of information given to school authorities in the legitimate pursuit of their jobs.

- 11) Forgery of school or school-related documents.
- 12) Any violation of the Computer Acceptable Usage Policy of the District.
- 13) Cheating or plagiarizing.
- 14) Gambling.
- 15) Improper use of fire or possession of matches, lighters or other similar devices.
- 16) Possession, concealment, or use of dangerous weapons or ordnance or objects which look like weapons or ordnance, including, but not limited to, guns, firearms, ammunition, knives, grenades, fireworks, sling shots, bows, arrows, machetes, brass knuckles, chains, studs, etc.; or possession or use of objects which may render physical harm to another if improperly used, including, but not limited to, axes, hatchets, hammers, saws, ice picks, screw drivers, knives, etc.
- 17) Buying, selling, transferring, using or possessing any substance containing tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, a pipe, a clove cigarette, chewing tobacco, snuff, and dip, or using tobacco in any other form.
- 18) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence/odor of any controlled substance (drugs, narcotics, marijuana, etc.) or inhalants, or buying, selling, using, possessing or being under the influence/odor of any counterfeit controlled substance. (Any substance that is made to look like a controlled substance, or is represented to be a controlled substance, or that is believed to be a controlled substance).
- 19) Buying, selling, transferring, using, or possessing any drug or alcoholic paraphernalia to include instruments, objects, papers, pipes, containers etc.
- 20) Possession of electronic devices without permission of Administration.
- 21) Buying, selling, transferring, using, possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind.
- 22) Publication of obscene, pornographic or libelous material.
- 23) Distribution, including electronic distribution, of pamphlets, leaflets, buttons, insignia, etc., and/or the placing of signs without the permission of the proper school authority.
- 24) Truancy and/or excessive tardiness.
- 25) Leaving school property, after arrival to school and/or leaving school premises during school hours without permission of the proper school authority.
- 26) Presence in areas during school hours or outside school hours where a student has no legitimate business without permission of the proper school authority.
- 27) Failure to abide by reasonable dress and appearance codes set forth in student handbooks or established by administration or the Board of Education. This includes the prohibition of all clothing, jewelry, signs, etc. which at the discretion of the Administration is reasonably related to or represents gang or gang-like activity.
- 28) Engaging in sexual acts, displaying excessive affection or other inappropriate behavior with a person of the same or opposite sex.
- 29) Turning in false fire, tornado, bomb, disaster or other alarms or inducing panic by any other means.
- 30) Presence on school property with a communicable disease.
- 31) Failure to abide by rules and regulations set forth by Administration for student driving and parking.
- 32) Willfully aiding another person to violate school regulations.
- 33) Commission by a pupil of any crime in violation of the Ohio Criminal Code, Ohio Traffic Code or the Ohio Juvenile Code.
- 34) Failing to report the actions or plans of another person to a teacher or administrator where these actions or plans of another person, if carried out, could result in harm to another person or persons or damage property, when the student has information about such actions or plans.
- 35) Violation of any Board rule, regulation or policy.

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Additionally, the following Athletic Department rules will apply to all interscholastic athletes:

1. Athletes may not quit one sport and join another in the same season without the approval of the head coaches of the sports involved and the Activities Director. Players who quit a squad before the end of the season without receiving permission from his/her head coach shall forfeit his/her opportunity to receive any award for participation or achievement.
2. Athletes are required to be in school on the day of the contest. In cases of Saturday or Sunday contests, the athlete shall have been in school on the preceding Friday. Any special situations or exceptions are to be approved by the Activities Director or Middle School Administrator.
3. Student athletes must comply with all rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association with regard to out-of-season practice, playing on independent teams, post-season games, and attendance at summer training camps. All such activity should be cleared by the Activities Director.
4. Athletes must comply with all rules established by the coach of the sport in which they are participating. Each athlete will receive a written copy of these specific rules at the beginning of the season.

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**THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND
MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY
POLICY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

OSHAA GUIDELINES:

In order to be eligible, a student in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in subjects that earn a minimum of 5.0 credits, or the equivalent, per year toward graduation.

MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL'S GUIDELINES:

Any class (even if passing 5 classes) with an "F" for the week will result in "probation" (a week to get the grade back up to passing). Two weeks of consecutive failure of any class will result in ineligible. If a second "F" occurs in a class, consecutive or otherwise, a contract with the teacher, coach, student, and administration may be implemented for eligibility status. A week will be considered, beginning Sunday midnight and concluding midnight the following Sunday. A grade of "incomplete" means no participation in any contest until the incomplete (work) has been made up.

Students enrolled in grades 7 and 8 should earn passing grades in all subjects based on a cumulative tabulation from the beginning of a nine-week period to the end of a week during a sport season. Students receiving a cumulative failing grade will be placed on probation for one week and allowed to play. However, if they receive a further cumulative failing grade they will become ineligible for the following week, beginning Sunday midnight and concluding midnight the following Sunday. Students receiving two or more cumulative failing grades are not given probation and are ineligible

for one week. A grade of “Incomplete” means NO participation in any contest until the incomplete (work) has been made up.

Local Board Policy:

Any class (even if passing 5 classes) with an “F” for the week will result in “probation” (a week to get the grade back up to passing). Two weeks of consecutive failure of any class will result in ineligible. If a second “F” occurs in a class, consecutive or otherwise, a contract with the teacher, coach, student, and administration may be implemented for eligibility status. A week will be considered, beginning Sunday midnight and concluding midnight the following Sunday. A grade of “incomplete” means no participation in any contest until the incomplete (work) has been made up.

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A weekly check of the student’s academic program/performance will be conducted by the Athletic Director, High School Principal and the Middle School Principal, or designee. Teachers and coaches will be notified via e-mail of who is on the list. The Coach will notify the student if they have academic deficiencies.

GPA Policy:

In addition to the eligibility requirements established by the OHSAA, to be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student:

- High School students with a previous nine week G.P.A. of less than 1.5 will be ineligible for the next nine week grading period.

- Any high school student with a G.P.A. of 1.5 to 1.75 will be on a probationary status. The student and coach must develop a written plan to improve the student’s grades. The plan must be signed by the coach and student. The coach submits the plan to the athletic director for final approval. The student does not practice or perform unless the signed plan is on file in the A.D.’s office. Failure of the student to comply with the stipulations of the plan will result in being denied the privilege to participate and /or removal from the squad.

- Must have maintained at least a cumulative 1.500 grade point average or better during the seventh and eighth grades.
- Must have maintained at least a cumulative 1.500 grade point average or better during the freshman year.
- Must have maintained at least a cumulative 1.750 grade point average or better during the sophomore year.
- Must have maintained at least a cumulative 2.00 grade point average or better during the junior and senior year.

The Principal may make an exception if the student has been participating or participates in an intervention program and has shown satisfactory progress toward achieving the minimum grade point average.

If a student who becomes ineligible under these standards improves his/her grade point average during the current semester, he/she may be reinstated at the beginning of the following semester.

In the case of a student being educated under an IEP, the IEP Team shall determine whether or not the student has met eligibility standards appropriate for participation in an extracurricular activity.

OHSAA Policy:

In order to be eligible, a student in grades 9-12 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school immediately preceding the grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in subjects that earn a minimum of 5 classes, or the equivalent, per year toward graduation.

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75 percent of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade 7 or 8 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school immediately preceding the grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in 75 percent of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

Any home school student wishing to participate in athletics at Mount Vernon High School or Middle School must first submit a letter to the superintendent's office expressing interest in joining a team. Once residency is verified, the student will receive a letter directing them to contact the athletic department to set up a meeting. The student must also follow the Ohio High School Athletic Association eligibility guidelines for their grade level.

A weekly check of the student's academic program/performance will be conducted by the Athletic Director and the Middle School Principal, or designee. Teachers and coaches will be notified via e-mail of who is on the list. The Coach will notify the student if they have academic deficiencies who will notify students if they have academic deficiencies.

VIOLATIONS OF STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Students violating the code of conduct, placed on social probation and/or serving a suspension may surrender their athletic or co-curricular eligibility for a designated period of time. An athletic or co-curricular probation may be determined by the Principal, Activities Director, Head Coach or Club Advisor. A student who is placed on athletic probation will not participate in any game or event as predetermined by the Principal, Activities Director, Head Coach or Club Advisor. Students on Athletic probation may participate in practice if advised by the Principal, Activities Director, Head Coach or Club Advisor.

Levels of violations, numbers correspond with the code of conduct:

<u>LEVEL I</u>	<u>LEVEL II</u>	<u>LEVEL III</u>
1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 12 13, 14, 15, 20, 23, 24 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31 32, 33, 35	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 17, 22, 34	16, 18, 19, 21, 29

LEVEL I- Violation punishment up to 10% of the season.

LEVEL II – Violation punishment up to 25% of the season.

LEVEL III – Violation punishment first offense – up to 50% of the season. Second offense – Up to 1 year suspension from athletics or a season upon pending completion of treatment counseling and/or other support services as directed by the administration. All costs are the responsibility of the student, parent and/or guardian. A suspended athlete may request in writing an appeal by the Athletic Council up to one month after suspension. Athletes wishing to appeal may only object to the finding of guilt by the administrator and not the punishment given. The athlete must be accompanied by a parent at the appeal. Third offense – 1 year suspension from athletics. Fourth offense - no participation in athletics for the remainder of student career in Mount Vernon City Schools.

SELF REFERRAL POLICY

If a student seeks assistance to deal with a violation of the athletic code of conduct by self-referral to their coach and/or school administrator prior to being accused of school rule violations or criminal misconduct, there shall, as a result, be denied one athletic contest/event, and must seek appropriate treatment/counseling as determined by the administration. The self-referral will be considered a “first offense” for a violation of the Mount Vernon City Schools Athletic code of conduct. Any subsequent violation will be considered a “second offense” and could result in the student’s suspension from participation in athletics for at least one (1) year. The cost of assessment, treatment rehabilitation or counseling shall be the responsibility of the student, parent and/or guardian.

The self referral option may be used only one time during a student’s athletic career in the Mount Vernon City Schools.

Self referral violation:

When a student comes forward on their own and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) request help prior to police intervention or knowledge of a violation by any school personnel, violations level I, II, III may be amended on a case-by-case basis depending on the severity of the offenses.

SPECTATORS

Partisan spectators by their behaviors and reactions determine to a large extent the reputation for sportsmanship of their school. Spectators should be reminded and should keep in mind that athletes are friendly rivals as members of opposing amateur teams. They are expected to be treated as such.

Spectators should be reminded too, that the contest should be between the teams engaged in the competition and not between their supporters. It is important that all spectators:

1. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship.
2. Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to the cheerleaders, coaches, and athletes of all teams.
3. Censure fellow spectators whose behavior is unacceptable.
4. Be positive toward players and coaches regardless of the outcome of the contest.
5. Respect the judgment and the professionalism of the officials and coaches.

Spectator inappropriate behavior:

1. Verbal/physical abuse of officials.
2. Berating players, coaches or other spectators through: chants, signs, cheers, intimidation and profanity.

Unacceptable interruptions of a contest:

1. Throwing objects on playing area.
2. Entering playing area.
3. Disruptive behavior.

Suggested disciplinary actions:

1. Removal from contest.
2. Conference/hearing with school officials.

We believe that each participant should be committed to upholding the ideals of good sportsmanship put forth in this document. It is in this spirit that the suggested disciplinary actions are proposed. We also recognize the importance of communication and cooperation between school officials when incidents of inappropriate behavior arise. The quality of our athletic program depends upon this natural respect. We also believe that being proactive is vital to the education of our students and spectators and therefore offer the following suggested related activities:

- P.A. announcements at contests
- Letter to community
- Insert in game programs
- Team night promotion of sportsmanship
- Beginning year assemblies
- Sportsmanship award given at each sports banquet

FAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The Mount Vernon City School district, in association with the Ohio High School Athletic Association promotes interscholastic events and sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is an essential part of any athletic competition and is expected from athletes, coaches, officials and fans. As a fan/spectator of the Mount Vernon City School District, we want you to be an example of positive encouragement while supporting our athletes, coaches and officials. Our behavior should be positive, respectful and encouraging.

Failure to be an example of these athletic practices and /or ejection from an athletic contest will result in the following procedures to be taken:

First Offense - Removal from the next two home athletic contests and/or one calendar week (7 days) of the same sport. A letter will be sent by the Activities Director to the spectator in question notifying them of the ejection and the dates that they must be absent from the contests.

Second Offense – Removal from all home athletic contests for that season. If applicable, relinquishing their season pass to the Activities Director. A letter of rejection will be sent from Central Office notifying the spectator of the ejection.

Third Offense – Removal from all home athletic contests for the year. If applicable, relinquishing their yearly pass to the Activities Director. A letter of rejection will be sent from the Superintendent notifying the spectator of the ejection.

Any athletic official, including but not limited to, officials, athletic directors, assistant athletic directors, principals, assistant principals, and anyone else in an administrative role on the site, may uphold enforcement of an ejection.