

# KMS ELIGIBILITY RULES

## KMS PUBLIC SCHOOLS District #775

Participation in interscholastic athletics and fine arts at KMS Schools is a privilege which carries with it great responsibilities to the school, faculty, community and student body which the participant represents.

Therefore, in addition to the rules of the Minnesota High School League, the following rules regarding the use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other drugs are deemed necessary to maintain that responsibility.

Eligibility rules governing all participants in extra curricular activities and all public performances was approved by the Board of Education at a meeting held on November 9, 2015.

***I have read and understood the rules, have furnished a copy to my parents or guardians, and have secured my parents or guardians signature hereon which acknowledges receipt of his/her copy.***

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***(This page must be signed, dated and returned to the office.)***

## **KMS ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES INFORMATION**

The Mission of the KMS Public School Activities Program is to provide an opportunity for all students to develop meaningful competition, enhances physical and mental well being, and teaches positive values. The primary objective is to provide wholesome opportunities to promote the physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral well being of the students.

The philosophy of the KMS Public School is to encourage student participation in a variety of activities that will be encouraged and supported by the staff and administration. Each participant must accept the responsibility of representing KMS School in the BEST possible way personally, academically, and in a sportsmanlike manner. All rules and regulations of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) concerning academic eligibility, prohibitive use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco, hazing, and sexual, racial, and religious harassment will be followed and enforced.

### **STUDENT CODE OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Participation in inter scholastic activities is a privilege, which is accompanied by responsibility. As a student participating in {MSHSL} sponsored activities and other school sponsored activities, I understand and accept the following responsibilities:

- 1. I will respect the rights and beliefs of others and will treat others with courtesy and consideration.**
- 2. I will be fully responsible for my own actions and the consequences of my actions.**
- 3. I will respect the rights and property of others.**
- 4. I will respect and obey the rules of my school and the laws of my community, state, and country.**
- 5. I will show respect to those who are responsible for enforcing the rules of my school and laws of my community, state and country.**

### **STUDENT CODE OF RESPONSIBILITY - PENALTIES**

A student who is dismissed from school or who violates the Student Code of Responsibility is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as determined by the school administration acting on the authority of the local board of education.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY I, II AND III ACTIVITIES**

In addition to MSHSL rules, if a KMS student knowingly attends a function where alcohol or illegal chemicals are being consumed but does not consume themselves, they are just as guilty with those that do. (Exception being those of family functions such as weddings, anniversaries to name a few.)

#### **Category I Activities**

All Category I eligibility will be handled according to MSHSL guidelines and KMS Schools Athletic Eligibility Policy. This includes all sports.

#### **Category II Activities**

All student participation in "Arts/Enrichment" activities is dependent upon the Minnesota State High School League Fine Arts Eligibility Rules and the KMS High School Eligibility Policies.  
NOTE: KMS High School penalties are more stringent and supersede MSHSL penalties.

Arts & Enrichment activities that fall under this jurisdiction (both competitive and non competitive) include, but are not limited to: SADD, Band, Choir, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Speech, One Act Play, Knowledge Bowl, BPA, FFA, Drama/Musicals, all special instrumental and vocal music ensembles.

### Category III Activities

Public Recognition activities that fall under this jurisdiction include which are highly visible such as NHS, PROM (Grand March), Homecoming Royalty, Snow Week Royalty and activities related to Home/Snow week. This list is not an all inclusive list and may include any activity, which receives public recognition.

Student participants who violate school policy or otherwise engage in conduct detrimental to the activity, school, or community shall be disciplined in an appropriate manner including suspension from the school activity. It is the student's responsibility to review school policies, which are available through each activity's advisor. Conduct, which shall be deemed detrimental to the activity, school, or community, shall include, without limitation, violations of the laws of the State of Minnesota.

### VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES FOR ALL CATEGORY I, CATEGORY II and CATEGORY III ACTIVITIES AT KMS SCHOOLS

*This includes Minnesota State High School league policies governing chemical use, sexual, religious, racial harassment and hazing.*

#### 1. FIRST VIOLATION

- a) **Category I:** After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic athletic events or two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater.
- b) **AND Category II:** The student shall lose eligibility for the next one (1) event/public performance. For the student who is in multiple activities, the rule will be enforced with the first event they are eligible to be a part of.
- c) **AND Category III:** the student shall lose eligibility for one (1) calendar year starting from the date in which the ineligibility begins. Serving this ineligibility will not reduce ineligibilities in Category I or II. Ineligible student's names shall not be placed on any ballot for highly visible events and the students cannot be selected.

#### 2. SECOND VIOLATION

- a) **Category I:** After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility in that activity for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests or three (3) weeks, whichever is greater, for public recognition.
- b) **AND Category II:** The student shall lose eligibility for the next two events/public performances in which the student is a participant.
- c) **AND Category III:** Same as First Violation.

**3. THIRD VIOLATION** *The student must undergo a chemical assessment performed by a licensed chemical counseling professional. A letter from the counselor stating that an assessment was performed must be delivered to the Activities Director before reinstatement. All costs associated with the assessment are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.*

- a) **Category I:** After confirmation of the third violation, the student shall lose eligibility in that activity for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests or four (4) weeks, whichever is greater.
- b) **AND Category II:** The student will lose eligibility for the six (6) events/public performances in which the student is a participant.
- c) **AND Category III:** Same as First Violation

**Denial Disqualification:** *a student shall be disqualified from all interscholastic athletics for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate, and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation.*

## Suspension from activities for grades

### QUARTER GRADES

#### **Category I (All sports)**

A student who receives an F on his or her report card during any grading period, shall become ineligible for two games or two weeks whichever is longer of the activity they are in or are going to be in.

#### **Category II (Arts and Enrichment activities)**

A student who receives an F on his or her report card during any grading period, shall become ineligible for one event. The event they will be ineligible for will be the first one that comes in the schedule if the student is in multiple activities.

*\*Students, coaches, and instructors will be notified of ineligibility by the Activities Director or the principal. The ineligible period begins when the student is notified. Notification will take place on, or around, the day the quarter reports are sent home. This will include all category I and category II activities. \*The ineligible period does carry over to the next quarter if the student is not in an activity. The ineligible period also carries over from the end of the school year to the following school year.*

**Remember these are separate penalties.** If you receive an F in a class you must serve **both** 2 weeks for the sports **and** a separate 1 week for the arts and enrichment.

### Grade Checks

Grade checks will be conducted three times per quarter. Students that are failing one or more classes will be notified Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of the grade check week. All class grades must be passing by Monday at 3:15 of the following week, or the student becomes ineligible to participate in practices or events. The student may participate in practices and events as soon as all grades are passing.

It is the student's responsibility to work with teachers to get their grades to passing. Keep in mind that teachers have at least 24 hours to grade work handed in.