

# REGULATION

## Mendham Township School District

Section: Program

2430. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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Students must be in both good academic and disciplinary standing in order to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. The Extra-Curricular Activities Policy is available in its entirety on our webpage.

**Good Academic Standing:** All students will be eligible for activities which begin during the first marking period, but are subject to review at the mid-point of that marking period. Eligibility shall be determined at the conclusion of marking periods 1, 2, and 3 for each succeeding marking period. As delineated in Mendham Township Board Policy, any student who earns two grades below 69.5% (D+) or one F on the first marking period report card (or any marking period thereafter) is ineligible to participate in (or tryout for) extra-curricular activities such as interscholastic sports teams and the school play. A student's eligibility status will be reinstated if a review of the mid-term progress report or end of marking period report card (whichever comes first) reveals that he/she has met academic standards. Participation in academically related coaching or tutoring takes precedent over scheduled extra-curricular activities.

**Good Disciplinary Standing:** Good disciplinary standing shall mean that a pupil is adhering to and respectful of all school rules, classroom procedures, and teachers' behavioral expectations.

1. When a pupil already participating in an extra-curricular activity is reported for an infraction of the rules for pupil conduct, the Principal shall appoint a staff committee to consider whether the pupil shall be removed from any or all extra-curricular activities.
2. If a pupil was in bad disciplinary standing the previous term, the Principal shall refer the matter to a staff committee to determine whether the pupil shall be permitted to participate during the current term. A pupil will not be allowed to participate in an extra-curricular activity if he/she did not attend school on that day. An exception to this rule may be made by the Principal in unusual circumstances.
3. A pupil will not be allowed to participate in an extra-curricular activity if he/she did not attend school on that day for at least four hours. This includes individual events such as Student/Faculty Basketball Game etc. An exception to this rule may be made by the Principal in unusual circumstances. Please contact the Principal to discuss circumstances which may be "unusual."
4. Scheduled detentions for disciplinary purposes take precedent over meetings of extra-curricular activities.
5. Students who are habitually late to school will forfeit eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities on the days they are late. If this situation occurs, parents will be

notified in advance of a student's ineligibility.

### Interscholastic Sports

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who are in Good Standing as defined above and by Board Policy are encouraged to try out for interscholastic athletic teams.

The Middle School offers students the opportunity to participate in the following:

Fall Sports: Girls' Field Hockey, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Boys' and Girls' Cross Country

Winter Sports: Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' and Girls' Volleyball, Cheerleading

Spring Sports: Softball, Baseball, Girls' Lacrosse, Boys'  
Lacrosse

### Team Selection Guidelines

Team members will be selected on the basis of ability with the following exceptions:

1. A sixth grade student will not be selected over a seventh or eighth grade student unless in the athletic department staffs professional judgment, that sixth grade student will receive a significant (50% or more) amount of playing time.
2. Whereas a seventh or eighth grade student is comparable in ability to a sixth grade student, the seventh or eighth grade student will have priority in selection over the sixth grade student.

Before giving permission for their child to participate in interscholastic sports, parents must realize that all sports carry the potential for injury. Therefore, students must have (and submit to the school nurse) a physical exam form by their own personal physician before they will be allowed to try out, attend practice sessions, or play in any games. To ensure the safety of our students, if you have any questions about your child's eligibility, please contact the Health Office.

Each team member must make the Mendham Township Middle School team his/her first priority. Participation on an outside team is permissible; however, in fairness to the other students, Mendham Township Middle School teams must be the first priority in the event of conflicts. Students must attend all games and practice sessions. In the event of illness or a family emergency, a written excuse from the parent is required.

Students may be dismissed from a team for the following reasons:

1. Two or more unexcused absences from games or practices.
2. Failure to obey the school rules and procedures at home games and when visiting other schools. Fighting, obscene gestures, profanity, or rudeness to coaches or officials will result in immediate suspension from the team.

Students must arrange for transportation home following practice sessions and games. Parents will be

provided with a schedule of practice session times and anticipated times for the end of games. Parents must realize that coaches are required to stay until their last player has been picked up. Please be as prompt as possible. Failure to pick up a child in a timely manner could preclude him/her from participating in after school activities.

#### School Production

Auditions for the school production are open to all Middle School students. Students may also work on scenery and stage crew. Some enrichment period time may be allotted for this activity, but it requires an afterschool time commitment of between two and four afternoons each week for approximately ten weeks.

Eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities requires a student to be in good academic standing as defined by Board Policy.

#### Band, Orchestra, and Chorus

Students have the opportunity of joining the Middle School band, orchestra and or chorus. Students interested in participating in the school band/orchestra are scheduled for individual and/or small group lessons on a rotating basis during the school day. Fifth and sixth graders must report to their regularly scheduled classroom first before going to a lesson. Seventh and eighth graders will report directly to lessons. At all grade levels, students attending lessons are responsible for making up all missed work without exception. Students must never be penalized for missing class to attend a scheduled music lesson.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students participating in the band, orchestra and or chorus are scheduled for practice during a "performing arts" period prior to homeroom at 7:22 a.m. The district is providing busing for this activity. Fifth graders participating in the band, orchestra and or chorus are scheduled for practice during period six enrichment. Students participating in the band and/or chorus have the opportunity to perform at the holiday concert, competitions, the spring concert, and graduation.

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