

# CITIZENSHIP STANDARDS FOR ELIGIBILITY

NAME (Print Last First): \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

Student activities in the Willard Public Schools provide a program for students to pursue special interests in addition to the 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 to work as part *of* a group. Although student activities are important for the all-around development for students, they must necessarily be of secondary importance.

REGULAR CLASSROOM WORK MUST COME FIRST.

The Willard High School Handbook contains the following statement:

Creditable citizenship shall be one *of* the criteria for participation in school activities. Creditable citizenship includes such things as regular and punctual attendance and a quality *of* conduct which promotes the best interests *of* the school.

Repeated referrals *of* a student to the office *of* the assistant principal or to the principal (or any other person having general responsibility for discipline in the school, for misbehavior may be sufficient reason to declare a student ineligible. A single breach of good conduct, either in or out *of* school may also be sufficient cause for declaring a student ineligible to participate in a school activity.

The Willard Public School Activity Program has traditionally been represented by excellent students who are outstanding citizens. Only a few students make errors in judgment which makes necessary a review *of* the citizenship. The following citizenship standards for eligibility have been approved as school policy for the Willard Public Schools and are applicable to any student who represents their school.

Participation in student activities is a privilege and not a right; therefore, the School Board believes that students must adhere to standards which will bring credit to the individual student, the particular activity, and the community.

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 extracurricular activities. While it is not possible to cite every example of behavior that violates policies, regulations, or public laws, there are certain behaviors that are more frequently a problem for school systems than others and will be addressed herein. Specifically, a seven (7) calendar day suspension from the activities program will be assessed for a violation *of* the tobacco use standard. A minimum fourteen (14) calendar day suspension from the activities program will be assessed for a violation *of* standards which result in charges being filed in court and/or school suspension which results in loss *of* school time. A minimum twenty-eight (28) calendar day suspension for use, possession or distribution *of* alcohol and/or illegal drugs including all controlled substances, counterfeit drugs, imitation drugs, kiddie dope, and other substances purported to be drugs. A second violation *of* the citizenship standard will result in expulsion from the activities program for the remainder *of* the school year. The School Board also believes that consistent administration *of* the policy is important from school to school, and from activity to activity, and that appropriate due process procedures must be followed before any student is suspended from participation.

A student will not be allowed to practice with a team or school-sponsored group while that student's eligibility is suspended. In addition to these standards, students must abide by the rules and regulations *of* the Missouri State High School Activities Association. The following rules are included in the rules to the MSHSAA official handbook, and are listed here to help students and parents understand state requirements and to help avoid a misunderstanding which could lead to violations of eligibility standards.

1. A student who misses class on the date of a contest shall not be considered eligible to represent his school on that date without previous permission *of* Administration.
2. Any student who withdraws from school because *of* disciplinary measures shall not be 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* 2- 1/2 units *of* credit, and he must have earned 2- 1/2 units *of* credit in courses that met the preceding semester in which he was in attendance in high school.
4. A beginning ninth grade student shall have been promoted from the 8th grade to the 9th grade for first semester eligibility.
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 person which whom he has been living for one calendar year, and which is designated as the school for him to attend by the Board *of* Education.
6. Nonschool competition: Before competing in any nonschool competition, check with your coach or member *of* the 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 or she is physically able to participate in athletic contests *of* his or her school.
- 7b. A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until it has verification that he or she has basic athletic insurance coverage.

Please sign and return to your coach or activity sponsor. No student will be allowed to participate in any interscholastic activity *of* school related activities before the public until this form is signed and on file in the office.

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(Student's Signature)

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(Parent's Signature)