

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CODE

- 1 The New Plymouth School District Board of Trustees believes individual students will benefit from opportunities to grow physically and intellectually, through experience in self-discipline, and in their contribution to the effort made possible through competitive team and individual sports activities.
- 2 The purpose of middle school athletics is both educational and recreational. The athletic program should encourage participation by as many students as possible and should be carried out with the best interests of the participants. This should be done without unreasonable interference with other obligations in the school district.
- 3 The Board recognizes the interest that parents of athletes have with regard to the accomplishments of their children. Parents are encouraged to stay well informed about the academic progress of their child. The parent has the right to disallow the participation of their child in athletics. Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers and coaches in a cooperative way to obtain a maximum benefit for the student.
- 4 The New Plymouth Middle School follows the Idaho Middle School Activities Association and in all athletic matters will firmly adhere to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy of sports which IMSAA encourages. The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic program is determined in accordance with IMSAA regulations.
- 5 No student may start practice for any athletic team until he or she has met the requirements for a physical examination in accordance with IMSAA rules. All students participating in interscholastic athletics must purchase insurance available through the school or the parent or guardian must sign a waiver to the effect that such coverage is not necessary.
- 6 Students participating in athletics are required to have a student activity card.
- 7 Transportation to "away" games will be provided by the school and the participants will ride with other team members.
- 8 Students must participate in ten practice sessions before being eligible to participate in any athletic contest sponsored by NPMS. Students transferring in during a given sport season who have been participating at another school will have time practiced at the other school counted as part of the ten practice sessions. Students already participating in one sport may have this rule waived in order to start their next sport without missing contests.
- 9 Students are financially responsible for all equipment checked out to them and not returned.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ANY EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION:

- 1 On days of specific activities students must be in school for at least six periods unless arrangements have been made with the principal before school begins on the day of the anticipated absence. Emergency situations are to be left to the discretion of the principal.
- 2 Students involved in the use or possession of tobacco (in any form), drugs or alcohol (regardless of where the use or possession occurs), or who quits an activity after four weeks will be ineligible for participation in extra curricular activities for the following four weeks (i.e. athletics, trips, performances). Students must attend any practices during this time.
- 3 Any student suspended from school for any reason or removed from class will not be allowed to participate in any extra curricular activity. (One activity up to four weeks of activities at the discretion of the principal)
- 4 Observes 90% attendance rule.
- 5 Abstains from participating in any activity that will disrupt the regular school program or that will dishonor the school or organization.
- 6 Any student owing money to the school will not be eligible for any extra curricular activity until the money is paid.