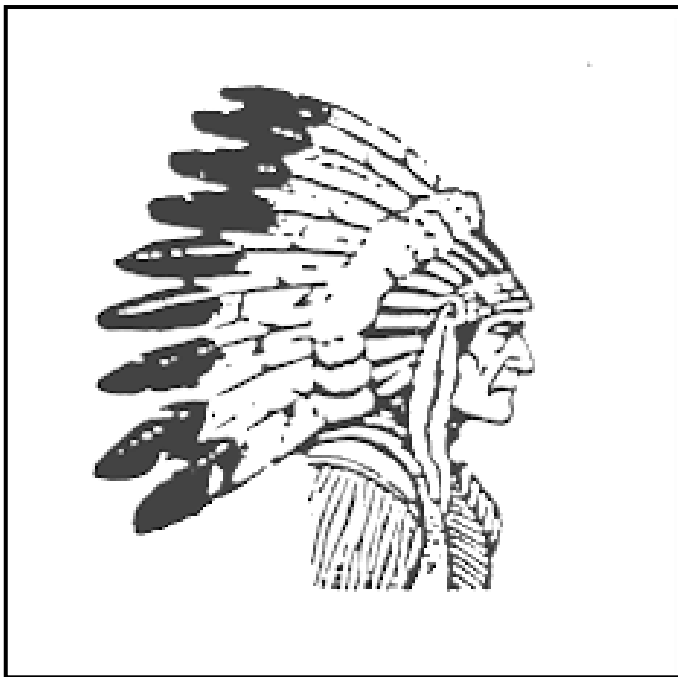


Puxico R-VIII District
Student
Activities
Handbook
2023-2024



INDIAN PRIDE

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Puxico R-VIII District activities program. The privileges and responsibilities of participation in our school activity programs should enhance the student's enjoyment of school life. It is vital that academics are kept first in order to obtain a successful academic and athletic career. It is our hope that every student can find an activity to be involved in during their time at Puxico schools. Our activities programs are an important part of each student's education and research shows that students who are active in co-curricular activities have a greater chance for success in adulthood. We hope that your student athlete has an enriching experience.

Bryant Ferneti
Athletic Director

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of Puxico R-VIII School District that no persons shall, on the basis of race, sex, creed, or color, be subject to discrimination in any activity of the Puxico R-VIII School District.

Activities at the Puxico R-VIII Schools

PHS is a member of the Stoddard County Activities Association, made up of eight schools, and the Missouri State High School Activities Association. As a member, PHS is committed to adhere to the rules, regulations, and guidelines of these groups.

The activities available are as follows:

- Art Club (HS)
- Band (JH/HS)
- Beta Club (JH/HS)
- Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America; FCCLA (HS)
- Future Business Leaders of America (JH/HS)
- Future Farmers of America; FFA (HS)
- Future Teachers of America (HS)
- Pep Club (JH/HS)
- Publications (JH/HS)
- Quiz Bowl (JH/HS)
- Science Club (HS)
- Spanish Club (HS)

Athletic programs available are as follows:

Fall Sports

Baseball (HS)
Cheerleading (JH)
Volleyball (HS)
Cross Country (HS/JH)

Winter Sports

Basketball (HS/JH B/G)
Cheerleading (HS)

Spring Sports

Baseball (HS)
Softball (HS/JH)
Volleyball (JH)

Philosophy

The activities programs of the Puxico R-VIII Schools provide opportunities for the participant, student body, and community to develop positive, responsible attitudes and personal enrichment from these programs. The activities of our schools should be a positive force in preparing our youth for an enriching and vital role in adulthood. Participation is a privilege, not an inherit right; therefore, eligibility for involvement is determined by the Puxico R-VIII School District in conjunction with the Missouri State High School Activities Association standards.

1. We believe in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school program reflecting the needs of the school community.
2. We believe that the potential values to the participant to be very genuine. Rigorous competition under prescribed regulation and policies provides adolescents with the opportunity to develop ideas and habits of health, fair play, initiative, achievement and emotional control.
3. We believe that athletics provide some real values for the student body. It can make a substantial impact on morale and can provide an outlet for enthusiasm.
4. We believe that many participants can find a purpose in their work and their lives through a sound athletic program.
5. We believe that athletic program, through differing in nature from academics, does justify its existence by providing a profitable, educational experience for all the student body through a program which provides ever changing opportunity for our students.
6. We believe the welfare of the individual student is always the primary concern. The game exists for the student-never-the student for the game.

Objectives

Puxico R-VIII Schools believe a dynamic program of activities is vital to the overall development of the student. The activity programs should provide experiences that result in the development of good citizenship and personal development through:

1. Providing a purpose-based program for the student-athlete;
 - a. Promoting sports as a growth experience
 - b. Providing the student-athlete with an enjoyable and rewarding experience
 - c. Making player safety and welfare our highest priority
2. Giving quality instruction in the fundamentals of each sport offered;
 - a. Teaching specific athletic skills and strategies
 - b. Sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play
3. Being an integral part of the secondary school curriculum'
 - a. Inspiring all athletes to give their highest effort in the classroom, as well as on the playing field

- b. Stressing the importance of self-discipline in the classroom, in the community and on the field/court
 - c. Teaching our athletes that dignity, self-worth, and self-esteem are achieved through hard work
 - d. Creating a positive school climate that is enhanced when student-athletes and remaining student population work together as a team to represent their school in interscholastic competition
 - e. Developing concepts of goal attainment through hard work and rigorous self-discipline
4. Making the athletic program a source of both school and community pride;
- a. Helping each athlete to interact positively with faculty, community, and fellow students
 - b. Making the team a positive influence on all who encounter it
 - c. Demonstrating the social competence of operating within a set of rules, thus gaining a respect for the rights of others, and an understanding that penalties follow rule violations.

Sportsmanship

Puxico R-VIII Schools promotes the highest level of sportsmanship and good character in all of our athletes. Students who participate in our activity's programs are expected to serve as role models for other students, parents, and community members through their actions and conduct at all times. As a participant in student activities, you are identified with that activity throughout your school career. This includes school time, weekends, evenings, and summers. It is your responsibility to present yourself, your program, your school, and your community as a source of pride.

Student Expectations

All students participating in school activities are expected to read, understand, and abide by all rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth in this document, the Student Code of Conduct, and any additional directives by staff and administration of the Puxico R-VIII Schools. The authority of the school applies on all school property, in attendance at any school function (home or away), and at any time you are representing your school.

Guidelines for Participation

The Puxico R-VIII School District is a member of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. The MSHSAA has standards that students must meet in order to participate in school activities. In addition, the Puxico R-VIII Board of Education has local guidelines for eligibility. **(MSHSAA by-law 2.1.1)** Students who are unsure of eligibility should always check with the principal or athletic director for a rules interpretation.

- A. Students in athletics (including cheerleading) must have a physical examination by a qualified physician and this form is to be kept on file in the office of the Activities Director. In order for this physical exam to be valid, it must have been administered on or after February 1 of the previous school year, and must have been signed by a parent or guardian giving the student permission to participate. **MSHSAA by-law 3.8.1**
- B. All students who participate in athletics must have on file in the office of the athletic administrator written proof of valid insurance coverage. **MSHSAA by-law 3.8.2**
- C. All students who participate in any MSHSAA activities (athletics, cheer, quiz bowl, band, and choir) must have a signed drug testing consent form. **A., B., and C. must be completed prior to participation in any practices or games.**
- D. In addition, the following guidelines must be met:
 - 1. **CITIZENSHIP:** Students must be creditable school citizens whose conduct, both in or out of school will not reflect discredit to themselves or their school. **MSHSAA by-law 2.2.1 (see also Puxico Code of Student Conduct).** Any penalties or punishments applied by the school district or by law enforcement must be met before an athlete can be considered eligible.
 - 2. **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** A student who commits an act for which charges may be or have been filed by law enforcement authorities under any municipal ordinance, misdemeanor or felony statute shall not be eligible until all proceedings with the legal system have been concluded and any penalty (i.e. jail time, fine, court costs, etc.) or special condition of probation (i.e. restitution, community service, counseling, etc.) has been satisfied. If law enforcement authorities determine that charges will not be filed, eligibility will be contingent upon local school policies. Moving traffic offenses shall not affect eligibility, unless they involve drugs, alcohol, or injuries to others. After a student has completed all court appearances and penalties, and has satisfied all special conditions of probation and remains under general probation only, local school authorities shall determine eligibility. **MSHSAA by-law 2.2.2**
 - 2. **ACADEMICS:** A. An incoming freshman or 7th grade student must have been promoted from the previous grade. B. Second semester freshmen through seniors must have passed six classes in the previous semester. **Credits earned or made up after the close of the semester or in summer school will not fulfill requirements.** Junior High students must pass six classes each quarter to be eligible for the next quarter. **MSHSAA by-law 2.3.2, 2.3.7 Students must**

also be enrolled in at least six credit earning classes during the semester of eligibility.

3. TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS: Students and parents must move into the district of their new school unless they meet the exceptions listed in MSHSAA rules. **MSHSAA by-law 2.3**
4. PARTICIPATION LIMITS: Students are eligible to participate in any one activity for a maximum of four consecutive seasons beginning when he/she enters the ninth grade. **MSHSAA by-law 2.4.1**
5. AGE LIMIT: If a student reaches nineteen (19) years of age prior to July 1, he/she will be ineligible the next school year. To be eligible for the junior high school competition against teams in a particular grade classification, the student shall not have reached the following ages prior to July 1 preceding the opening of school: Grade seven-14, Grade Eight-15, or Grade Nine-16. **MSHSAA by-law 3.5.1, 3.5.2**
6. ENTERING SCHOOL: Students must enter school within the first eleven days of the semester in order to be eligible. **MSHSAA by-law 2.5.2**
7. AMATEUR AND AWARDS STANDARDS: Students may not receive cash or merchandise for participating in an athletic contest. Any awards presented must be symbolic in nature such as medals or ribbons and the retail value cannot exceed \$100.00. **MSHSAA by-law 3.6.1, 3.6.2**
(note) A student may play in a band, sing, etc. and receive remuneration, if they are not representing the school. The cautionary statement on this is two fold: (A) students cannot wear school emblems and (B) the school cannot act as a booking agency.
8. 6th graders playing Jr. High sports. We will follow **ALL** of MSHSAA's guidelines listed in the MSHSAA Handbook for the Jr. High levels, playing the same sport/same season, coaching qualifications, number of games allowed, etc. However, we will provide our district with the flexibility to be able to use 6th grade students, **as needed**, with regards to participation numbers in JH basketball, JH cheer, JH baseball, and JH softball
9. 6th graders that aren't selected/allowed to participate in the Fall JH seasons, will be allowed to participate in the Puxico Athletic Booster Club Program. Those 6th grade students who participate in the JH seasons will **NOT** be allowed to participate in Puxico Athletic Booster Club Program seasons that overlap with the JH seasons. However, if a student participates in a JH season can participate in a Booster Club season that **DOES NOT** overlap with JH seasons.
10. The numbers below represent the **minimum** locally required numbers needed for a JH team:
 1. 8= JH boys and girls basketball(per grade) (i.e- 8 for 8th grade and 8 for 7th grade)
 2. 12= JH baseball and softball
 3. 8= JH cheer
 4. 9= JH girls volleyball (per grade) (i.e- 9 for 8th grade and 9 for 7th grade)

11. Requirements for earning varsity athletic letters. Letters will be given to high school students who excel in the following areas: baseball, softball, volleyball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cross country, cheerleading, band, scholar bowl.

1. The 1st time a student letters in any area in High School, they will receive one letter, one pin for that sport/activity, a bar, and a chevron. After that, only bars and chevrons will be given to the individual for that area.
2. To letter in basketball or volleyball:
 - A. The student-athlete must be a 1st year Varsity member.
 - B. The student-athlete must participate with the Varsity team for the whole season.
3. To letter in softball, baseball, cross country, scholar bowl, band:
 - A. The student-athlete must be a 1st year Varsity member as a Junior or Senior class rank.
 - B. **OR** as a Freshman or Sophomore, the student-athlete must participate in 50% of the Varsity contest.
4. To letter in Cheerleading
 - A. The student-athlete will receive a letter the first time they are selected to a High School squad.
 - B. The student-athlete must participate with the squad for the whole season. High school teams that win Conference tournaments are to receive 4" circular patches or medals with the inscription "SCAA Champs"

12. NON-SCHOOL COMPETITION: Students may not practice for or participate with non-school team or in any organization non-school athletic competition in the same sport during the same season. **For example, A student may not play on a church league basketball team during the school basketball season. A volleyball player may not practice or play on an AAU volleyball team during the school volleyball season. A baseball player cannot play or practice on a city league team during the same season.** (note) Students may participate on a school team and a non-school team in different sports during the same season. Students may not practice with or participate for a non-school team or organized non-school athletic competition on the same day as they practice or participate for the school team without approval of their school administrator. **MSHSAA by-law 3.13.2**

13. During any sport season in which a student is **not** a member of a school sport squad and during the summer vacation period, he or she **may** participate in non-school sponsored competition in a sport in which a MSHSAA member school competes interscholastically provided:

- a. If held during the school year, no school time is missed to compete, practice for, or travel to the site of the non-school competition unless the absence is approved in advance by the school administrator.
- b. No non-school basketball, baseball, or volleyball team is comprised solely of members of the same school team or students who will be members of the same school team as other players on the non-school team the

next year. **This restriction does not apply during the summer months when school is not in session.**

- a. Non-school teams which are nontraditional offerings of these sports shall not be restricted in team composition. The following are considered non-traditional; teams of three or fewer members in basketball and four or fewer members in volleyball and coed volleyball.
- b. Any non-school team in basketball and volleyball involving more players on the court or field than listed in 235.2-b-1 **shall** be considered traditional and must meet the requirements of 235.2-b.
- c. During the school sport season a student may **not** participate in any traditional or nontraditional Non-school offerings of the sport concerned.
- c. It is not an all-star contest as defined in by-law 3.11.1
- d. If held during the school year but outside the designed school season, the participant shall receive no coaching from a member of the coaching staff of the school the student attends or will attend the following year. **During the summer months only-** the participant (in any sport) may be coached by a member of the school coaching staff in the school he/she will attend next year.

E. The Puxico R-VIII Schools Discipline Code applies to all activities and participants. In particular:

1. No Pass-No Play Policy: Students with a failing grade (F) in any course are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities including athletics, dances, class and club activities until evidence of a passing grade is presented in accordance with building policies.
2. ABSENCE AND ACTIVITIES: A student must attend the full school day to be eligible to participate in or attend an activity that night, and must be in school the full day before a weekend competition unless the absence is prearranged with the principal. **In extraordinary circumstances, the principal may excuse a student's absence to allow for participation.** A student must be in attendance all day following an activity unless he/she has a doctor's excuse (presented on return to school) or has been sent home with an illness by the nurse or one of the principals.
3. SCHOOL PROPERTIES: Grades, diplomas, or records may be withheld if uniforms, equipment, etc. are not returned at the end of the season, or if damage assessment and/or fines are not paid.
4. TRANSPORTATION: If the school provides transportation, the student must ride that school transportation to and from all school sponsored activities. Exceptions will only be made where the parent or guardian contacts the coach/advisor and the principal to make the arrangements.

5. **SUSPENSION:** If a student is suspended from school, the student will not be eligible to participate until he/she has fulfilled the disciplinary requirements established by the administration. This includes attendance at any school functions. **See Discipline Code**
6. **DETENTION:** If a student is assigned an after school detention period as a result of a classroom or disciplinary problem, he/she is **not** allowed to use the excuse of “I have practice, I can’t stay.” Classroom obligations always come first. **See Discipline Code**
7. **DRESS:** Students representing Puxico at activities may not wear clothing with vulgar slogans or symbols, racial slurs, or advertising for drugs, tobacco, or alcohol. **See Discipline Code**

F. Consequences For Violation of Citizenship Guidelines For Activities At Puxico R-VIII Schools

It is understood that citizenship eligibility cases are handled on an individual basis at the school level by the coach/advisor, athletic director, principal, parents, and participant. However, it is also felt that system wide guidelines will assist in the handling of such cases.

1. **STUDENTS UNDER ARREST:** If A student is arrested for a misdemeanor (shoplifting, vandalism, DWI, etc.) or a felony (assault, robbery, etc.) the student will be allowed to represent the school in interscholastic activities pending the legal outcome of the case. However, if there is an admission of guilt by the student, the school may restrict the student from participation.
2. **POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, NON-PRESCRIBED DRUGS, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, OR TOBACCO:** Students shall not use/possess alcoholic beverages, non-prescribed drugs, drug paraphernalia or tobacco. **Any violation of this rule will result in severe consequences as determined in the discipline code.** Following the review, the student and his/her parents will be notified of the decision. **The illegal usage of drugs, tobacco and alcohol may lead to consequences up to the permanent removal from an activity.**
3. **REFER TO THE DISCIPLINE CODE ON PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES.**
To Parents:
 - Set limits. Say no to alcohol, no to undefined curfews, and no to unsupervised parties.
 - Keep open the lines of communication.
 - Avoid lectures, stand behind discipline decisions.
 - Try working with the problem, rather than blaming other people.
 - If there is a need, we have counselors and programs available to assist you and your student with substance problems. **See Discipline Code.**
4. **STUDENTS INVOLVED IN MISCONDUCT WHILE AT SCHOOL:** This includes truancy, disrespect to teachers, fighting, use of abusive language, etc. After a review by the advisor/coach, activities director and principal, the student and parents will be notified of the results. Penalties will range from a

reprimand and placing the student on probationary status to temporary or permanent restriction from representing the school in the activities program.

5. STUDENTS WHO ENGAGE IN UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE ACTS: Such acts as deliberately striking an opposing player, using profane or vulgar language, or using abusive language during the contest resulting in ejection will, in most cases, cause the student to be restricted from representing the school for **at least** the next contest. Please note that if any player receives a special report related to profanity, or un-sportsman-like conduct toward a player or an official, our school requires that at a minimum the player not play in the next contest. If we have any indication of the use of profanity by a player during a game, we also expect the coach to withhold the player from the next game.
6. STUDENTS GUARANTEED DUE PROCESS: The student will have the opportunity to express his/her side of any incident in which he/she may be involved. If the student is dissatisfied with any decision, he/she has the right to appeal through the following channels.
 1. Activities Director
 2. Principal
 3. Superintendent
 4. Board of Education

Any incidents that are not covered by these guidelines will be reviewed on an individual basis and decisions related to penalties will be made by the school administration in consultation with the advisor/coach.

Hazing

Student hazing is expressly prohibited by Board of Education policy (BP2920). For purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as willful conduct directed at another student, whether occurring on or off school property, for purposes of initiation or admission to any school-related activity or athletic team. Conduct prohibited by this policy includes, but is not limited to, exposure or contact of private body parts whether directly or indirectly, threats of physical harm, and infliction of physical or mental harm or humiliation.

Students found to have violated this policy will be subject to suspension/expulsion from school and suspension and exclusion for activities/athletic participation depending on the severity of the misconduct.

Hazing does not require negative feelings, or hurt on the part of the victim. The act of hazing is defined as above and can include simple acts meant in good humor. Students must protect their rights and the rights of others to guard their program or activity. All acts of hazing will be dealt with under a zero tolerance enforcement.

Parent/Coach Communication

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of others and provide greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's program.

Communication you should expect from your child's coach

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all of the players on the squad.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. practices, special equipment, and conditioning.
5. Procedure followed should your child be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation.

Communication coaches expect from parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concerns with regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your children become involved in the programs at Puxico R-VIII Schools, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you may hope. **Coaches are professionals.** They make decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things must be left to the discretion of the coach

Issues not appropriate to discuss with coaches

1. Playing time
2. Play calling
3. Team strategy
4. Other student-athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the

other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue or concern.

If you have a concern to discuss with a coach, the procedure you should follow:

1. Call to set up an appointment.
2. The Puxico High School telephone number is 573-222-3175.
3. If the coach cannot be reached, call the athletic director or principal. A meeting will be set up for you.
4. **Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.**

The Next Step

What a parent can do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution.

1. Call and set up an appointment with the athletic director.
The situation can be further discussed.

Since research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Puxico High School athletic program less stressful and more enjoyable.

**A GUIDELINE FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT/ATHLETE AND
THEIR PARENTS**

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

Any student considering playing any sport at the collegiate level must notify the athletic director as soon as possible. There are numerous steps in the process that must be followed and deadlines are important. This applies to all governing bodies, NCAA, NAIA, and most junior colleges.

Steps To Success For College Preparation

A. Grades 9 and 10

1. Develop a resume' of achievements.

2. Participate in several activities.
 3. Attend camps to develop skills.
 4. Make best effort to establish the highest possible G.P.A.
- B. Grade 11
1. Take the required standardized tests.
 2. List and send for information on schools of interest.
 3. Continue efforts to maintain the highest possible G.P.A.
- C. Grade 12
1. Request college applications early.
 2. Continue to take and retake standardized tests.
 3. Update resume.
 4. Complete and send Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FASFA) as early as possible after January 1.
 5. Visit the campuses of those schools chosen. It is recommended to either call or write for an appointment to meet with a coach, admissions officer, financial and advisor and departmental chairperson.
 6. Don't take a vacation academically! Many schools scrutinize this phase of your academic progress.

Recruiting/Campus Visits

See your coach or athletic director for help regarding resumes, campus visits, recruiting, etc. The most important thing to remember during this entire process is to protect your eligibility. A violation could mean a suspension from further play at any level.

Athlete Drug Screening

Puxico R-VIII School District Student Drug Testing Program

Statement of Purpose and Intent:

The Puxico R-VIII School District recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse are a significant health problem in young people throughout our nation. There has been an increase in the number of drug related referrals in our school over the past few years. Drug abuse has a serious affect on the overall development and health of an individual. For this reason, the Puxico Board of Education feels that it is important that students participating in extracurricular activities sponsored by the MSHSAA, and those who drive to school and park on campus on a daily basis, remain free from the influence of drugs for the health and safety of all.

Participation in MSHSAA sponsored extracurricular activities, as well as driving a motor vehicle to school and parking on campus are considered to be privileges for our students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities carry a responsibility of appropriate behavior to themselves, their fellow students, their parents/guardians, and to their school. They are expected to set the highest possible example of conduct, which includes the avoidance of illegal or unauthorized prescription drug use. Students who drive and park at school are expected to follow all motor vehicle laws. Driving while under the influence is both an operational and safety hazard to the school community. For all students participating in the above school allowable activities, illegal or unauthorized prescription drug use is incompatible to the good order of the school.

It is the desire of the Puxico R-VIII Schools Board of Education, Administration, Faculty, and Staff that every student in the district refrain from using, possessing, or distributing illegal drugs/unauthorized prescription drugs. The purpose of this policy is to help ensure the health and safety of students by limiting any student in violation of the policy, the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the MSHSAA, or to drive a vehicle on school property while under the influence of illegal substances or unauthorized prescriptions. This policy is intended to deter and discourage drug abuse among our students who meet the criteria for testing and to complement all other district policies, rules, and regulations, associated with illegal or unauthorized prescription drug use.

The drug testing program is not intended to be disciplinary or punitive in nature. However, the program will not affect the policies, practices, or rights of school officials, coaches, and sponsors in dealing with illegal or unauthorized prescription drug or alcohol possession or use where reasonable suspicion is obtained by means other than the random sampling provided by the drug testing program.

The provisions of this policy apply to all students attending Puxico R-VIII Schools who sign and whose parent/guardian sign a consent form. This form will be kept on file in the Activities Director's office and a copy in the Superintendent's office. All students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the MSHSAA or who wish to drive and park a motor vehicle on campus, will be required to participate in the drug testing program. Students who fail to meet this initial requirement will not be eligible to participate in these privileges.

Definitions:

→Extracurricular Activities: MSHSAA sponsored activities that generally take place outside of the regular course of study in school. (Some occasions require activity during the school day and will be considered part of this program.)

→Drug Use Test: Scientifically substantiated method of testing for the presence of illegal drugs or prescription drugs in a person's urine.

→Illegal Drugs: The use, possession, distribution, sale or solicitation of alcohol, drugs (their imitators), unauthorized prescription or nonprescription drugs, drug-related paraphernalia, narcotic substances, marijuana or other intoxicants and any other substances, which an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under either state or federal law.

→Suspension Days: Suspension from MSHSAA sponsored activities and driving/parking privileges will begin on the day the positive results are made known to school officials. Suspension days for the first positive test (45 days) will be considered to be school days in which classes are in session. Weekends, holidays and teacher meeting/conference days will not count toward a student's 45 day suspension period. Suspension days for the second positive test will be 365 calendar days.

→Positive Test Results: When referring to a drug test administered under this policy, a toxicological test result which is considered to demonstrate the presence of an illegal or prescription drug or the metabolites thereof using standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test. (Upon testing positive for the use of prescription medication, the student will have to provide documentation that the use of the particular drug in question has been authorized by the physical providing care to the student. A meeting with the student's parent/guardian will be scheduled with school officials to review medical documentation.

****Special Note:** A positive result attributable to the lawful use of a prescription or nonprescription drug shall not be considered a positive result for the purposes of this policy.

Testing Pool

An independent drug testing company will randomly select students who are listed on eligibility rosters provided by the principal or who wish to drive and park a motor vehicle on campus. Activities include all sponsored or governed by the MSHSAA. Activities include but are not limited to the following: baseball, basketball, softball, volleyball, cheerleading, dance team, academic teams (quiz bowl), band, and choir. Random testing may be conducted at any time during the year. Any refusal to test will result in the student losing the privilege to participate.

Procedures for Testing

Puxico R-VIII School District will use an outside agency to randomly test students in the pool. The testing agency will follow practices and procedures designed to ensure the validity of testing, the proper chain of custody with regard to specimens, the confidentiality of medical information submitted with testing, and procedures designed to ensure the privacy of students while testing.

At the beginning of the school year (August), all students who want to park on school grounds and/or participate in MSHSAA sponsored activities will have their name entered into the pool of eligible names to be drawn for drug testing. (For the purpose of testing, names of students who wish to park on campus will be determined from a list of students who obtain parking permits during the school year. Names of students participating in MSHSAA sponsored activities will be acquired from eligibility rosters provided by coaches/sponsors at the beginning of each sport/activity season.)

Consequences of a Positive Test Result

When positive results are received from the testing agency, the principal will notify the student's parent/guardian as soon as possible to schedule a conference to explain the results and discuss the consequences. At the conference, the principal will solicit any explanation for the positive finding and ask for doctor prescriptions of any drugs the student may have taken that may have affected the outcome of the analysis. The student or parent/guardian may request that the sample be tested again at their expense. Such a request must be made in writing within 24 hours of notification of the positive result. **Note: A positive drug or alcohol test will result in automatic forfeiture of your A+ tuition eligibility.** See A+ Good Citizenship Policy Item #1.

First Positive Test- The student who tests positive for the first time will be suspended immediately from all MSHSAA activities and parking privileges for a period of 45 days. The student must receive counseling for drug abuse during the 45 day period at the expense of the parent/guardian. At the conclusion of the 45-day suspension, proof of counseling along with a second drug test conducted at the parent/guardians expense with a negative result must be presented to the principal before the student will be allowed to participate in MSHSAA activities and have parking privileges. Failure to comply with any of these provisions will result in the student remaining on suspension from activities and parking until the provisions are met.

Second Positive Test- The second positive test will result in the student being suspended immediately from all MSHSAA sponsored activities and driving privileges for a period of 365 calendar days. The student must receive counseling for drug abuse from a licensed individual or agency within the 365-day period at the expense of the parent/guardian. The counseling will need to be substantial in nature. At the conclusion of the 365-day suspension, proof of counseling along with a second drug test conducted at the parent/guardians expense with a negative result must be presented to the principal before the student will be allowed to participate in MSHSAA activities and have parking privileges. Failure to comply with any of these provisions will result in the student remaining on suspension from activities and parking until the provisions are met.

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Student Appeals Process

Students and their parent/guardians who wish to make an appeal concerning the result of testing or the administration of the policy may do so under the existing due process policies. Please see the student handbook for details.

Puxico R-VIII Schools
Extracurricular Activities
Student/Parent Agreement
2023-2024

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COPY
Name of Student

Date

COPY
Signature of Student

COPY
Name of Parent/Guardian

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****This sheet is provided for your records please sign and return the attached colored copy.**

**Puxico R-VIII School District
Student Drug Testing
Consent Form
2023-2024**

Student Participant:_____

I understand and agree that participation in extra-curricular activities sponsored by the MSHSAA during school and after school hours and driving on campus are privileges that may be withdrawn for violation of the Puxico R-VIII Schools Drug Testing Policy.

I have read and understand the student drug testing policy and understand the consequences that I face if I refuse or fail to comply with the policy including the loss of A+ tuition eligibility.

I understand that I am subject to initial and random substance screenings for the presence of illegal drugs.

I hereby agree to participate and comply with the school's drug testing program.

Student:_____ Date:_____

As a custodian/parent/legal guardian:

I understand that participation in this drug testing program is required, if the student participates in any extra-curricular activity during school or after school hours sponsored by the MSHSAA or drives on campus, with the understanding that he/she is subject to a random screening for drugs.

I understand the consequences for violations of the Puxico R-VIII School District Drug Policy including the loss of A+ tuition eligibility.

I understand the increased risk of injury, accident, or death if allowed to drive or participate in extra-curricular activities, and I support the intent of the Puxico R-VIII School District in its effort to discourage the use of drugs and alcohol.

I hereby consent to allow my son/daughter/ward to participate in the school drug testing program.

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian:_____ Date:_____

This sheet must be signed and returned to the Athletic Director prior to the first practice.

[Approved July 2006]

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Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ DOB: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT 1: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Cell phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT 2: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT 3: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

PICK UP CONSENT

My child may leave athletic events with the following adults other than parent/guardians. These listed adults are reliable and will be responsible for signing the student out of athletic events before leaving with said student.

ADULT ALLOWED TO PICK UP MY CHILD FROM AWAY GAMES:

1) _____ Relationship to student: _____

2) _____ Relationship to student: _____

CONSENT TO WALK

My son/daughter lives within walking distance to the school and can walk home after practice and games.

Parent Signature

Date

PUXICO ATHLETIC MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

ATHLETES NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

ALLERGIES:

Please list any allergies the student suffers from:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ASTHMA

Does your student suffer from asthma? YES NO

Does your student carry a rescue inhaler? YES NO

Comments/Concerns/Instructions

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____