



Jordan Activities Handbook 2026-2027

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Mission Statement

Jordan High School, in partnership with its students, parents, and the community, will strive to prepare today's students for tomorrow's challenges. Our goal, through activities, is to develop stronger academic skills and encourage students to be lifelong learners who are tolerant, respectful, and responsible. The activities program at JHS will enhance the educational experience of our students and contribute to the development of better citizens for a democratic society.

Website

Information on Jordan Activities can be found at www.JordanActivities.org. Each program has their own page with specific information for that activity. Most general information can be found under the "more" tab.

Registration

Students must be fully registered to participate in any athletic or activity offered by the Jordan Activities Department. Registration is fully electronic and can be found at: <https://gobound.com/mn/schools/jordan>

- If you are on educational benefits (free or reduced lunch) or are setting up a payment plan, register under "special considerations." Please confirm with afranklin@isd717.org once you register under special consideration.
- A sports physical must be on file with the school in order to register or you will not be able to finish your registration.
- Sports physicals are good for 3 years from the date of the exam.
- If your physical exam expires during a season, you will not be allowed to participate until an updated physical is on file.

Academic Eligibility

All student athletes and fine arts participants are required to be making adequate progress towards earning credits towards graduation.

Academic Support

If a student is on the "F list", meaning they have an F on their current grades in infinite campus in at least one class, they will be placed on Academic Support.

1. Grades will be checked every Monday. Any student in activities with an F will meet with either the AD or Activities Assistant to go over expectations while on support.
2. During this time, the student is eligible to participate in competition.
3. The student will have until Friday at 3:15 pm of that same week to collect signatures from teachers of classes in which the student is earning an F, stating that the student is making academic progress.
4. "Academic progress" is intentionally vague because academic progress may look different from one situation to another depending upon the nature of a specific class or academic setting. A student with an F can make academic progress, while still having an F at the end of the week.
5. If a student does not turn in their Academic Support sheet, or is unable to successfully gather the required signatures by 3:15 pm on Friday, they will be ineligible to participate in competition the following Monday through Friday. The student should participate in practices, and can attend games out of full uniform, but is ineligible for competition. The student will then remain in the Academic Support process while ineligible with the opportunity to regain eligibility for competition on the Monday following the date on which he or she obtains the necessary signature(s) stating that he or she is making academic progress.
6. If a student ends a semester with a failing grade in one or more classes, they will serve an academic suspension from events and competitions for either two weeks or two contests, whichever is longer. The student should participate in practices, and can attend games out of full uniform, but is ineligible for competition. If the student is participating in an activity at the time of the end of the semester, the suspension will be administered immediately. If not, the suspension will be administered at the beginning of the season for the next activity for which they are registered.

Attendance

This policy applies to all students involved in any extracurricular activity scheduled either during or outside the school day and any school-sponsored on-the-job training programs.

- School-initiated absences will be accepted and participation permitted.
- A student may not participate in any activity or program if he or she has an unexcused absence from any class (including lunch or study hall) during the day.
- If a student is suspended from any class, they may not participate in any activity or program that day.
- If a student has been absent from school due to illness or suspension they will not be allowed to attend sporting events that evening.

ABSENCES DEFINED:

A student is considered absent whenever he/she is not present in class after the first ten minutes of class. All attendance information is kept by class. It is conceivable that a student could be in violation of the policy for all classes or for only one class.

Excused Absences

To be considered an excused absence, the student's parent or legal guardian may be asked to verify, in writing, the reason for the student's absence from school. A note from a physician or a licensed mental health professional stating that the student cannot attend school is a valid excuse.

The following reasons shall be sufficient to constitute excused absences:

- Illness.
- Serious illness in the student's immediate family.
- A death or funeral in the student's immediate family or of a close friend or relative.
- Medical, dental, or orthodontic treatment, or a counseling appointment.
- Court appearances occasioned by family or personal action.
- Religious instruction not to exceed three hours in any week.
- Physical emergency conditions such as fire, flood, storm, etc.
- Official school field trip or other school-sponsored outing.

- Removal of a student pursuant to a suspension. Suspensions are to be handled as excused absences and students will be permitted to complete make-up work.
- Family emergencies.
- Active duty in any military branch of the United States.
- A student's condition that requires ongoing treatment for a mental health diagnosis.

MSHSL Policies

Jordan High School is a member of the Minnesota State High School League, an association of Minnesota high schools formed to govern interscholastic contests in athletics and fine arts. All players and contestants are subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Minnesota State High School League.

All MSHSL policies are to be followed by teams that have students in 10th-12th grade participating.

Chemical Violations

The Minnesota State High School League bylaws state that during the calendar year, a student shall not at any time, regardless of the quantity: (1) use or consume, have in possession a beverage containing alcohol; (2) use or consume, have in possession tobacco; (3) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any other controlled substance or drug paraphernalia; (4) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away products containing or products used to deliver nicotine, tobacco products and other chemicals. "Tobacco products" means: any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part or accessory of a tobacco product; or (5) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell or give away any substance or product where the intent of such use of the substance or product is to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of the central nervous system, except under the direction and supervision of a medical doctor. Such substances or products shall include, but are not limited to, synthetic drugs, gasoline, glue, aerosol devices, bath salts, and any substances addressed by Minnesota or Federal Law. The bylaw applies to the 12-month calendar year.

Consequences following Chemical Violations

- 1st Violation = 2 weeks/2 contests (whichever is greater)
- 2nd Violation = 3 weeks/6 contests (whichever is greater)
- 3rd Violation = 4 weeks/12 contests (whichever is greater)

*Denial Disqualification - Additional 9 weeks of suspension

*Must be at all practices, scrimmages, games, meetings, etc. during the period of suspension. Must start & finish the season with the team where suspension was served.

In Season vs. Out of Season + Sundays

- There is to be no instruction or coaching outside of the designated season, except during the MSHSL summer waiver period.
- An eliminated team may hold organized team activities through the state tournament of your sport.
- It is okay for a coach to supervise an open gym out of season, but only as a supervisor, no instruction.
- Sundays in season are non contact days. It is okay to send out information on the upcoming week, but no team activities such as practice, film study, pizza party, etc.

Local Jordan Policy

1. Violations for participants in Jordan Middle School, or less than MSHSL activities are also bound to the MSHSL chemical violation policies.
2. Any student who violates the chemical or tobacco policy as set forth by the MSHSL and Jordan High School shall forfeit the right to be captain during that school year. They can regain captaincy the following year. After a second violation, they can never be a captain.
3. If a chemical violation occurs, the student is not eligible for the Outstanding Senior Athlete award.

Extracurricular Private Transport Waiver

- If a student wants to request transportation home from an event other than on the team bus or with a custodial parent or guardian, they need written permission from a custodial parent/guardian. This form can be found at JordanActivities.org under the "more" tab.

- We always want to travel as a team on the bus. If this is not possible, and a student requests to drive themselves or to ride with someone else, the head coach of the team must have this same form signed and in hand prior to the trip.
- If a student was bused to an event but is going to ride home with a custodial parent or guardian, that adult needs to have a personal conversation that includes eye contact with the head coach at the event to provide notification that they will be driving their own child home. No waiver necessary in this case.

Communication

In-season written and digital communication between coaches, athletes and families for all JPS Activities and Athletics will take place on SportsYou, a platform accessible via both an app and on the web. This will include weekly newsletters, daily schedule updates, and needed clarifications from coaches, directors and advisors. Coaches, directors and advisors will provide athletes and families with needed access codes to access relevant SportsYou pages. If you do not have access to a SportsYou page that is relevant to you or your student, reach out to your coach, director or advisor or Activities Director Brittany Barker for access.

Conflict Resolution

It is inappropriate to approach a coach or advisor prior to or at the conclusion of a game or practice unless the meeting has been previously agreed upon. Playing time, X's and O's, and fundamental skill/technique development are determined solely by the head coach and coaching staff. Discussion can only focus on how a participant can improve their skills. The coach has sole authority to end a meeting at any time. The meeting will be suspended and rescheduled according to the coach's schedule, with the AD present.

There is a process parents, families, and athletes can follow when they have concerns or issues that need to be addressed:

Step 1: Student-athlete meets with the head coach to discuss the concern. Assistant coaches may also be involved.

Step 2: If not resolved, the student-athlete AND parent meet with the head coach to discuss the concern.

Step 3: If still not resolved, the student-athlete, parent, and head coach meet with the Activities Director to discuss the concern.

Step 4: If still not resolved, the student athlete, parent, head coach, and Activities Director meet with the building principal to discuss the concern.

Social Media

- Students in activities are required to follow district social media policies.
- Cyber bullying on school grounds or off, will have consequences within activity participation.
- The penalty will fall under "code of conduct" based on the severity of the incident.

Spectator Expectations At Events

- It is recommended that elementary age students be accompanied by an adult at all activities and performances for their safety and the safety of others.
- We welcome enthusiastic fans that come to watch the game/performance and encourage our team/performers. *Good sportsmanship is our goal.*
- Please arrive at an appropriate time prior to the beginning of an auditorium event. If this is not possible, please enter quietly at an appropriate time, such as a scene change or after the first musical selection.
- Running, throwing objects, or horseplay, such as grabbing hats or playing catch in crowded areas is both **disruptive** and dangerous. Spectators that endanger themselves or others by their behavior will be removed from the event.
- Alcohol, tobacco and tobacco products are not allowed on any of the school grounds. (This includes outdoor venues like football, baseball, softball, and track)
- We expect spectators to address volunteers, supervisors and each other respectfully. *Offensive language has no place at Jordan activities.*
- Signs are limited to those designed to promote our Jordan teams and give positive enthusiastic support.
- Firecrackers, smoke bombs or weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited at

any District 717 activity. Violators may be subject to state and/or federal law.

- Use of noisemakers, horns, whistles, or other artificial attention-getters is not permitted at any MSHSL sponsored event.
- We thank the fans for patronizing our concession stand. Remember that rude behavior such as cutting in line or speaking rudely to those working there is not acceptable.

MAX Performance - Strength & Conditioning

The Max Athletic Program puts our athletes in a position to be the strongest and fastest they can be. Please consider joining MAX in season or during the summer. In the school year, the program runs Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 7:40 AM and can be taken for credit. The summer program is run through community ed. MAX Performance coaches work with in season coaches to avoid athlete burnout.

Leadership Council

Each year, the activities director will ask each head coach for names of student athletes who have shown interest in growing their skills and opportunities as a leader. These will largely be juniors and seniors, with the exception of a few underclassmen if appropriate. Ms. Barker will meet monthly with these students to learn more about leadership, whether that be through self-reflection or group activities. You do NOT have to be named a captain in order to attend these sessions. Please let your coach know if you're interested in being part of this group.

Activity Fees

HS Athletics & Activities Fees

- Football (Varsity, B, C squad): \$225
- All Other Athletics (Varsity, B Squad, 9th Grade): \$200
- Musicals, Speech (7-12), Competitive One-Act Play: \$185
- Debate: \$175
- Cheerleading: \$175
- Noteworthy: \$175
- Non-competition One Act Play, Plays, Knowledge Bowl, Robotics: \$150

- Visual Arts: \$75
- Play Crew: \$25

MS Athletics & Activities Fees

- Grades 7 & 8 Athletics: \$150
- Grades 7 & 8 Knowledge Bowl: \$150
- Grades 6-8 Spring Play: \$150

7-12th Max Athletic Program: \$75

**JMS students asked to participate at a C, JV or Varsity level will still pay at JMS rates.

School Song

Jordan High School hats off to thee
 To our colors true we shall ever be
 Firm and strong, united are we
 Rah, Rah, Rah, for JHS
 Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah,
 Rah for Maroon and Gold

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