

#### IV. STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR POLICY

Rocky Boy High School, as a member of the Montana High School Association (MHSAA), encourages and supports student participation in interscholastic athletics. Under the team mascots, Rocky Boy participates using the Morning Stars (girls' team) and Northern Stars (boys' team) names. Rocky Boy participates in boys' and girls' basketball, golf, cross country, and track. Football and volleyball are also offered.

The Athletic/Activities Director administers the extracurricular programs, insuring the school's compliance with MHSAA requirements, establishing student eligibility, scheduling games and meets, supervising coaches and enforcing the Student Athletic Policy outlined below.

Athletics are extracurricular activities, beyond regular school responsibilities. Therefore, athletes are expected to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress while participating in athletics.

Student eligibility to participate in extracurricular competition is determined by the following:

- a. Eligibility requirements as outlined in the Montana High School Association Handbook. Weekly eligibility is monitored and student athletes must maintain a **"C" average (2.0 GPA) in each graded class.**
- b. Any student who is academically ineligible at the start of any semester will not be allowed to participate at the varsity level during that season. He/she may play at the J.V. level once they have met the academic requirements.
- c. Compliance with Student Drug Testing and Tobacco policies.
- d. Academic Standards in accordance with Student's Policies and Procedures.
- e. Compliance with School Conduct Policy, as outlined in student Policies and Procedures. As an athlete, you are a role model and are expected to act as such. Conduct problems will prevent your participation in scheduled activities.
- f. Training Rules and Regulations as set by the Coach(s). SEE: Addendum A-Athletic Training Regulations.
- g. Any student who loses books, uniforms, practice gear, and other school property or fails to return overdue books in their possession will be required to reimburse the school.

Athletes are representatives of the school and community from which they come. They are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship while representing the school in competition.

#### V. GRADING POLICY

Students will be graded in the following areas: Tests (20%); Quizzes (10%); Daily Work (25%); Quarter/Semester Exams (20%); Attendance (25%).

At the end of each nine-week grading period, teachers will assign each student an overall letter grade, based on the average of their tests, quizzes, homework, quarter/semester exams. Students must earn 68% or higher to pass a class. Semester and yearly grades will be determined by averaging nine-week grades. Any nine-week average below a 36% will automatically fail a student for the semester. Any student who maintains an overall classroom average of 95% or better WILL NOT be required to take quarter/semester exams, unless they wish to improve their current grade.

If an incomplete (I) is given, the student will have one week to make up the uncompleted work.

To achieve Honor Roll status, a student must earn at least a 3.0 (B) average each 9 weeks. Any individual grade below a C- will bar a student from the Honor Roll, regardless of their overall G.P.A.

#### GRADING SCHEDULE AND HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Equivalent G.P.A
98-100	A+	4.00
95-97	A	4.00
92-94	A-	3.70
89-91	B+	3.50
86-88	B	3.0
<b>Cut Off Line For Honor Roll</b>		
83-85	B-	2.70
80-82	C+	2.50
77-79	C	2.0
<b>Any Grade Below C- Will Bar a Student From Honor Roll</b>		
74-76	C-	1.70
72-73	D+	1.50
70-71	D	1.0
68-69	D-	.70
0-67	F	0

#### ADDENDUM "A": Athletic Training Regulations

Students attending Rocky Boy Jr./Sr. High School who are participating in athletics will be required to abide by the following rules established by the coaching staff and student body policies:

1. Students must follow the policies as stated in the student handbook, as well as District 87J-L policies. Violations of any policies may result in disciplinary action, which may include but not limited to suspension or dismissal of a student after due process has been afforded. Students must follow athletic policies, school policies, and/or coaches' policies. Students are subject to disciplinary action by coaches, athletic director, principal, schools, or athletic policy individually and punishment may be resolved for each individual violation, based on seriousness of violation. Only the Board of Trustees can dismiss a student from an athletic team/activity.
2. No use or possession of alcoholic beverages from the start of the activity, as noted on the MHSA calendar, until the team or individual is eliminated from competition, which ends the season.
3. No use or possession of any type of drugs, unless prescribed by a doctor, from the start of the activity, as noted on the MHSA calendar, until the team or individual is eliminated from competition, which ends the season.
4. No use or possession of tobacco from the start of the activity, as noted on the MHSA calendar, until the team or individual is eliminated from competition, which ends the season.
5. Any team member leaving the playing floor, field, or bench area, must first receive permission from the coaching staff.
6. Any team member who displays gross unsportsmanlike behaviors while on the floor, field or bench will be escorted from the game and are subject to disciplinary action.

Any student who violates items 1-6 will be reprimanded in the following manner.

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> Violation:** athletes(s) will be suspended from scheduled athletic activities for a four (4) game period
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup> Violation:** athlete(s) will be suspended from scheduled contests until the Board of Trustees reviews and acts on the recommendation for dismissal.
7. Students will be declared ineligible if:
- a. They do not maintain a "C" average in all seven (7) class periods. They will be declared ineligible until they are academically passing.
  - b. Grade reports by class will be submitted by the teaching staff by Monday at 8:30 a.m. for students who are academically ineligible. They will be reviewed by the athletic director and names will be submitted to the coaching staff by 4:30 p.m. The student will have until Thursday at 8:30 a.m. to meet academic requirements, or they will be declared ineligible for that weekend. During tournaments, deadlines will be at 4:00 p.m. Monday.
8. Any student who accumulates any unexcused tardy on the day of the game will not be allowed to participate. If an unexcused tardy occurs on Friday, the student will be ineligible to participate the entire weekend.
9. Any team member who confronts the coaching staff in any way deemed detrimental of the program will be suspended from scheduled contests until the Board of Trustees reviews and acts on the recommendation for dismissal.

A student that has an unexcused practice will miss one (1) scheduled activity. If a student has three (3) unexcused practices he/she will be suspended from scheduled contests until the Board of Trustees reviews and acts on the recommendation for dismissal from the team permanently. Parents/guardians are asked to notify either the principal, athletic director or one of the coaching staff if a student is going to be absent from practice. This notification must be either by telephone or by a visit with the principal, athletic director or coaching staff. Notes from parents/guardians will not be accepted.

**Definition: Unexcused Practice**

If a student fails to report to practice after attending school that same day, it will be recorded as an unexcused practice, unless the coaches, athletic director or principal have been notified **prior** to that practice by a parent/guardian of the absence from practice.

10. Students must be in school a **full day** of the day of an athletic event to participate unless excused by the principal.
11. Students who are absent two [2] or more days from school in the same week will not be allowed to participate in that weekend's sporting activities, unless there is a valid reason for the absences. This may include if the participant has been ill, we believe participating immediately after being sick will only hinder his/her recovery.
12. **Curfew Rule:** during week days, students will be expected to be home by 10:00 pm. Weekend and holidays they will be expected to be home by midnight. Violation of the curfew rule will result in:
  - a. **1<sup>st</sup> Violation:** Participant will be suspended from the team for a seven (7) day period.

- b. **2<sup>nd</sup> Violation:** Participant will be suspended from scheduled contests until the Board of Trustees reviews and acts on the recommendation for dismissal.
- 13. When traveling, students will be required to ride the team bus to and from the site of the sporting event. Students/parents will be responsible to transport athlete(s) home from the school, as this will be the final destination of the team busses.
- 14. Students will be ***prohibited from participating*** in any athletic activity with any hickey marks.
- 15. Any acts against the general welfare or personal rights of any member of the staff, including working staff, will result in suspension from scheduled contests until the Board of Trustees reviews and acts on the recommendation for dismissal.

#### ADDENDUM "B": Student Driving

Only state licensed and insured students are permitted to park on school premises as a matter or privilege, not of right. Proof of licensure and insurance must be turned into the HS office. The school system retains authority to conduct routine patrols of parking lots and inspections of the exteriors of student automobiles on school property. The School may inspect the interiors of student automobiles parked on school property, whenever a school authority has reasonable suspicion to believe illegal or unauthorized materials are contained inside the automobile. Such patrols and inspections may be conducted without notice, without student consent, and without a search warrant. Any damage to school property or personal property will be the sole liability of the driver. Students parking on school premises are required to turn their vehicle keys into the office. Failure to do so could result in loss of the privilege of parking on school premises.

#### ADDENDUM "C": Drug/Alcohol Free Policy

##### 1. First Offense

The student and student's parents/guardian will be contacted regarding the offense and the student may be suspended up to three days. The student may be readmitted to school after an administrator-parent-student conference, at which time the Student Support Team will provide recommendations based on their findings. The Building Administrator will inform the student and parent of the plan of action derived from the Student Support Team's recommendations. If the student and/or parent refuse to accept the plan of action, then the student will be referred to Social Services.

##### 2. Second Offense

The student and the student's parents/guardians will be contacted regarding the offense and the student may be placed on long-term suspension and recommended for expulsion.

#### ADDENDUM "D": Transportation Policy

School law requires us to transport students to their legal residence before and after the school day. Parents are responsible to be home to meet students who are being dropped off by bus. If no one is home, especially for disabled students, the student will be transported back to the school and attempts will be made to contact parents/guardian. If no contact is made with parents/guardians, the student will be transported and left at the police department.

Parents and students are responsible for providing their own transportation home from all extracurricular activities and events. The school WILL NOT transport students home after events. Parents are responsible for meeting the team bus at the high school and transporting their student(s) home. The high school is the final destination for all athletic/extracurricular busses.