



Mount Greylock Regional School District

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CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

As representatives of their school and district, students that chose to participate in any co-curricular activity at Mount Greylock are expected to meet high standards of behavior. Policies have been developed and are implemented to cultivate the high ideals of good citizenship, community involvement and personal growth. Although the co-curricular program is a valuable part of the total educational experience, participation in co-curricular programs is a privilege, and not a right. Participants must abide by the rules and responsibilities that apply to each co-curricular program in which they are involved in order to continue participation in these activities. We expect students to be a credit to themselves, their family, school and community. Mount Greylock students must be in good standing to participate in co-curricular activities.

The Mount Greylock School District requires all co-curricular participants and their parents to agree to and abide by the following rules and regulations.

1. **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:** In order to participate in a co-curricular activity, a student a student must be passing the equivalent of four core courses and may not receive more than **one failing grade** during their most recent marking period regardless of the course. Incomplete grades will be considered a failing grade until coursework is complete and a grade change has occurred. Full year grades will be used to determine eligibility for the beginning of the following school year. Incoming seventh and ninth grade students are deemed eligible until the first marking period grades are distributed. Eligibility status changes on the date that report cards are distributed.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** A student who is absent from school, who has not been in school for **five consecutive** academic periods, who has been dismissed for an unexcused reason, or dismissed by the school nurse will not be permitted to participate in any activity or event on that day. School field trips are excused; prior notification, including a note from the physician must be provided for doctors' visits. Students are able to receive a waiver for other important appointments, but must see the Co-Curricular Director at least 24 hours in advance to complete the waiver request form. Please refer to the school attendance policy for questions regarding excused/unexcused absences. In addition, students with a combination of 8 unexcused tardies or absences during a performance season will be suspended from rehearsal for one week. A second suspension will occur if a student receives 9 unexcused tardies.
3. **DISCIPLINARY ATTENDANCE:** A student who has been suspended from school for disciplinary reasons is not eligible to attend or participate in any school event or activity while the suspension is in effect. The student is not eligible until reinstated in school.
4. **BEHAVIOR:** A student with excessive discipline referrals or who is asked to leave a school activity because of their behavior shall be ineligible to participate in their next co-curricular event at a minimum; more severe infractions will result in longer suspensions.

5. **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL:** From the earliest school event, to the conclusion of the academic year or final event (whichever is latest), a student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use, consume, possess, buy/sell, be in the presence of, or give away any beverage containing alcohol; any tobacco product (including e-cigs); marijuana; steroids; or any controlled substance. This policy includes products such as "NA or near beer", inhalants (defined as any substance that produces a mind-altering effect when inhaled), and misuse of over-the-counter medications and substances used for the purposes of altering one's mental state.

PENALTIES FOR INFRACTION OF ABOVE RULE

- First Offense: Removal from all activities/organizations for two weeks or 4 events (whichever is more severe), beginning at their next scheduled event. Students must also complete 10 hours of mandated community service.
- Second Offense: Removal from of all activities/organizations for the remainder of the school year. Students must complete a mandated 20 hours of community service.

Community Service locations and supervisors must be found by individual students and must be approved prior to completion. Community Service hours mandated by Chemical Health violation cannot be used for academic course work.

6. **HAZING:** Students should read and be familiar with the Massachusetts Hazing Policy. This policy is included in the student handbook and extra copies are available in the Main Office. Hazing is defined as “**any conduct or method of initiation into any organization which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any other person**”. This constitutes harassment, abuse, or humiliation often with the requirement to perform random, meaningless tasks. Hazing or failing to report known hazing is punishable by law.
7. **TRANSPORTATION:** All students must travel to and from events via school transportation when provided. Exceptions may be granted for a student traveling with their own parent as long as prior permission has been granted and the proper paperwork completed. If school transportation is not available or appropriate, all drivers must be 25 years of age, have a CORI submitted, and completed a Use of Personal Vehicle Form. Permission must be obtained from all parents involved. No student transportation shall be permitted.
8. **HEAD INJURIES:** A student with a possible head injury must immediately discontinue any active school activity until cleared by a physician. The Academic Recommendation Form should be completed by the physician and returned to the school nurse as soon as possible. The DPH Post Head Injury Clearance Form should be returned when the student has been medically cleared.
9. **PARTICIPATION FEES:** District policy requires that student's pay an activity fee **prior** to participation. This fee can be paid using a check, cash, or the online school system.
- Fees: Student Governance and Community Service: No Fee
School Club/Organization: \$35
Theater Production - Middle School: \$95, High School: \$120
Checks can be made payable to: **Mount Greylock Regional High School.***