



## Competitive Interscholastic Activity Code

The Marietta Board of Education believes that a properly controlled, well-organized competitive interscholastic activities program allows a student the opportunity to develop to his or her fullest physical, mental, and emotional potential. Students involved in competitive interscholastic activities enjoy high visibility and serve as role models for their peers and younger students. Therefore, the Marietta Board of Education requires students to abide by the Competitive Interscholastic Activity Code (Board Policy IDF-R), as well as the Marietta City Schools Discipline Handbook (Board Policy JCDA).

### Attendance

- A student involved in competitive interscholastic activities must be in school at least one-half of the school day (2 blocks or 11:00 a.m.) in order to participate in any game, performance, practice, tryout, or conditioning. Documentation must be provided to school officials.
- If a student is illegally absent, truant, suspended, or placed in an alternative education environment for any part of a school day, he/she may not participate in any competitive interscholastic activity that day, including games, performances, practices, tryouts or conditioning.
- Students should report to school on time each day. Students should be in school the day following a competitive interscholastic event. If a pattern of unexcused absences or tardiness develops, it would indicate that the individual is unable to cope with the demands of being involved in competitive interscholastic activities. Appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken.

### Travel

- Marietta City Schools will provide transportation to and from all competitive interscholastic events. Students are expected to ride school transportation when provided.

### Infractions

Regardless of whether infractions occur on or off campus, during or after the school day, during or after the school year, the following infractions may result in suspension or dismissal from a competitive interscholastic activity. Each case will be evaluated on an individual basis.

- Use, possession, distribution, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs or related paraphernalia, and the abuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs.
- Theft or being in possession of stolen property.
- Vandalism of school property.
- Acting in an un-sportsmanlike manner.
- Any act which results in student suspension.
- Unexcused absence from any practice, performance, or game.
- Violating curfew.
- Any offensive act, which, in the opinion of coaches/sponsors, and/or administration, reflects in the negative manner on the competitive interscholastic activities program at Marietta High School, Marietta Middle School, or Marietta City Schools in its entirety.

### Duration

This policy is in effect year round.

### Enforcement

Violations of the Competitive Interscholastic Code, verified through a reliable source (law enforcement agency, school system staff member, school system administrator, teacher, entry into a drug treatment program, parent of an



involved student, etc.), shall be investigated by the Competitive Interscholastic Activity Council. The Council shall be comprised of a school administrator from the school the student attends, the school system's Athletic Director, a coach/sponsor of the student, one additional coach/sponsor selected by the Athletic Director, and one teacher from the student's school council. The council will determine the guilt or innocence of the student and determine the appropriate discipline of guilty students, but under no circumstances shall assign discipline outside the guidelines established for Infractions. Consequences shall be voided by the Superintendent of Schools, and the appropriate discipline shall be assigned by the Superintendent within the guidelines provided therein:

- *First Offense:* Based on the decision of the Competitive Interscholastic Activity Council, the range of penalties shall be suspension for part or all of the current season and/or part or all of the next season in which the student participates to permanent suspension from participation in competitive interscholastic activities. The student shall complete the season in which the suspension is in effect. The school reserves the right to permanently dismiss a student from all competitive interscholastic activity programs for the remainder of their school career at Marietta High School and/or Marietta Middle School upon arrest, conviction or plea, including no lo contender, for any misdemeanor or felony crime.
- *Second Offense:* Suspension from all competitive interscholastic activity programs for a period of not less than one year from the date of the second violation to permanent dismissal from all competitive interscholastic activity programs for the remainder of their school career at Marietta High School and/or Marietta Middle School.
- *Third Offense:* Permanent suspension from all competitive interscholastic activity programs for the remainder of their school career at Marietta High School and/or Marietta Middle School.