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NORTHMOR LOCAL SCHOOL

ATHLETE'S CONSTITUTION

NORTHMOR ATHLETIC CONSTITUTION

The purpose of this constitution is to promote an understanding in the school community of our athletic program.

I. MISSION AND PURPOSE OF ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The interscholastic athletic program is an important part of the total educational system. It provides an opportunity for participation by all students as members of the program or as fans and spectators. Athletics provides learning experiences for both athlete and spectator. These experiences include the following:

- a) To show enthusiasm for our team while maintaining respect for our opponent and the game officials.
- b) To be a courteous visitor when we play away and how to be a gracious host when we play at home.
- c) To maintain respect and dignity for ourselves and our opponent regardless of who wins and who is defeated in competition.
- d) To display good sportsmanship whether we are defeated or win.

Specifically, the student athlete will be given the opportunity to learn:

- a) The skills necessary to compete in his/her chosen sport.
- b) The rules governing competition in his/her chosen sport.
- c) To set and achieve personal performance goals.
- d) Leadership skills.
- e) Teamwork skills.
- f) Time management skills.
- g) To display appropriate school spirit.
- h) To make appropriate choices for a healthy lifestyle, particularly in the areas of rest, diet, and exercise.
- i) To demonstrate self-control and good judgement in stress situations that are a part of athletic competition.

The sports programs should also teach the value of self-discipline, responsibility, and work ethic, all in our attempt to provide for the total education of well- rounded young adults.

Participants in school sports are STUDENTS first and athletes second. No participation in athletics that detracts from the student's ability to perform to the best of their ability in the classroom will be tolerated. Coaches are EDUCATORS first and coaches second. They will support the student's academic performance and require student athletes to maintain minimum academic standards.

II. ORGANIZATIONS

Northmor Athletic Council

The Northmor Athletic Council is a broad-based organization formed to promote and guide a sound interscholastic athletic program for grades 7-12. The duty of the Athletic Council is to establish guidelines and procedures that direct the operation of athletic activities within parameters established by the Board of Education. Voting members of the Athletic Council consist of: two representatives from the Board of Education assigned to the Council, the high school and junior high school principals, the District Superintendent, the Athletic Director, each high school head coach, President of the Athletic Boosters, and an "at large" member of the Athletic Boosters. Each of the above positions is entitled to one vote in all voting matters. Therefore, if one person holds two positions, he/she may cast two votes.

Athletic Boosters

The Athletic Boosters is a community-based organization dedicated to the support of athletics at Northmor Schools. Membership is open to all Northmor citizens. As a coach, attendance at the booster meetings and help with projects is earnestly sought. Meetings are held once a month, beginning at 7:30 PM at the Northmor High School.

OHSAA

Northmor High School is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. All rule of the OHSAA apply to our athletic program, the administration of the program, the athletes, the coaches, and the spectators. A copy of the OHSAA constitution and rules is available in the school office for review.

Varsity "N"

The Northmor Varsity "N" provides student leadership in the school and community for the purpose of 1) developing the spirit of the athletic competition; 2) promoting and improving the Northmor athletic program. This is accomplished through a cooperative team effort involving Varsity "N" members, student body, coaches, and administrators.

III. GENERAL BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

1. Excellence

Our athletic program has enjoyed success over the past years. Desire to perform well, hard work, sacrifice and success have achieved that success. Through these traits we have set goals and achieved much. There must be an ongoing resolve to continue to improve.

At the heart of our program is the individual athlete who demonstrates the attitude described above. Each athlete is to set an example of winning with grace and losing with class, an example for our community of fair play and dedication to the athletic program. This example is of vital importance to the younger athlete, for they look to the high school athlete as a role model. This tradition of excellence requires a commitment on the part of each athlete to abide by a set of standards, which include the following:

- a) To endeavor to be a good citizen in and out of school.
- b) To follow all school rules.
- c) To set a positive example at all times in conduct, manner of dress, and cooperation with school personnel.
- d) To lend support and enthusiasm for all sports at Northmor Schools
- e) To strive at all times for constant improvement individually and in the athletic program.

2. Academics and Athletics

The athletic program is part of the total educational program. In this regard it is the obligation of every student athlete to strive to achieve to the best of their academic ability. Student athletes should serve as a positive example in the classroom by:

- a) Cooperating fully with the classroom teacher.
- b) Completing all work assignments accurately and on time.
- c) Doing own work in regard to tests, quizzes, and assignments.
- d) Actively participating in classroom discussions, activities, demonstrations, etc.

Athletic participation cannot interfere with a student's academic progress. It is an athlete's responsibility to make sure they are maintaining satisfactory grades. OHSAA standards will be strictly enforced.

** See related "Eligibility for Participation" (Section V.9)

3. Physical Performance Considerations

- a) **Conditioning.** All athletes have a year round obligation to achieve and maintain a high level of physical fitness. Athletes are encouraged to maintain a regular schedule of personal physical exercise. In addition, athletes are encouraged to participate in open gyms, camps, weight lifting, and other organized forms of conditioning and skill development.
- b) **Proper diet.** Diet should be structured around the basic food groups. Avoid "junk food." Athletes are encouraged to eat a nutritious breakfast. Three balanced meals a day at regular times is the best way to provide an athlete's body with nutrition requirements.
- c) **Rest.** Proper rest is a must for a student athlete. Keep regular hours and get a minimum of 8-hours of sleep each night.

4. Equipment

Each athlete is responsible for proper use and care of athletic equipment and athletic facilities. Coaches are responsible to instruct athletes in proper use and care of equipment.

Athletes are directly responsible for equipment issued to them. An athlete will be required to pay the replacement cost for lost or abused equipment. Payment must be made before the athlete may go out for another sport.

Athletes who purchase and use their own equipment are responsible to ensure that such equipment is safe, is in proper working order, and complies with the rules of the sport.

5. Specific Team Expectations

Each sport is unique in its development of athletes and as such each head coach will develop and distribute training expectations to all athletes and their parents or guardians specific to their sport. These will be in writing and on file with the Athletic Director.

A pre-season meeting with the coaches, athletes and their parents or guardians could facilitate this process. These team-training expectations should contain the following:

1. Schedule of sporting events.
2. Practice schedule and times.
3. Attendance guidelines for participation in competition.

III. GENERAL BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES Continued

4. Lettering requirements.
5. Equipment and uniform requirements.
6. Team appearance guidelines.
7. How coaches will monitor academic performance (i.e. weekly or bi-weekly).
8. Team goals.
9. Required forms (Emergency Medical, Insurance Waiver, and Physical Exam).
10. A reference to the Major violations Chart.
11. Additional team expectations not included in this document.

IV. COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Competition

Athletics provide an opportunity to compete as an individual and as a member of a team. The value of competition has long been a basic part of our society. Hard work, desire to improve performance, and self discipline grow stronger through competition.

2. Fair Play

It is important to remember that this competition takes place within a framework of rules and regulations. Northmor athletes will follow the rules of the game.

Unsportsmanlike behaviors will be addressed within the rules of particular sports and may result in disciplinary action.

3. Winning and Losing

Competition often results in one group declared winner and the other group defeated. It is important to remember that mistakes will be made and that even despite our best efforts, our team may be defeated. The appropriate response to defeat is:

- a) To learn from any mistakes we made.
- b) To acknowledge the worthy performance of our opponent.
- c) To accept our defeat with grace and resolve to perform better next time.

Similarly, the appropriate response to winning is:

- a) To learn from any mistakes we made.
- b) To acknowledge the worthy performance of our opponent.
- c) To work hard and prepare for the next competition.

4. Traveling

Student athletes, their families, fans and coaches represent the school and community when traveling and participating in competition away from home. Their conduct should be such that it brings credit to the athlete, the team, the school, and the community. The following guidelines should govern behavior while traveling:

- a) Respect will be shown to all opposing players, coaches, fans, and officials at all sporting events.
- b) Parents and fans can promote sportsmanship by positive attitudes and behaviors in the stands.
- c) Athletes should always attempt to leave the locker room in better condition than it was upon arrival.

5. Transportation

School provided transportation will be utilized to transport student athletes, coaches, other team personnel, equipment, and uniforms to competition events.

Students may ride home from such events with their parent or guardian only when the coach is presented with a written note signed by the parent or guardian. Coaches will keep a sign out log for each sporting event. Under no circumstances will a student be released, to be transported by another minor or student. A student may ride home with an adult other than their parent or guardian only with a **pre-approved** note from their parent or guardian.

6. Officials

Athletes should always treat officials with respect and cooperation. Athletes should never argue or demonstrate disgust with the decision of an official.

7. Team Activities

Athletes and coaches are responsible to meet all obligations. This includes attendance and good behavior at awards programs for that team.

V. STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

As part of our total school program, we believe that athletic participation improves physical and mental development, encourages self-discipline, and rewards self-sacrifice, hard work, and desire to perform well. At the present time, Northmor sponsors opportunities in interscholastic athletics for team and individual recognition, travel, and team fellowship in the following sports: football, volleyball, golf, basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, cross country, track and field, baseball, and softball.

A student who chooses to participate in interscholastic athletics must be aware that along with the rewards of participation are obligations of a Northmor athlete. The athlete's behavior is in the public eye and represents our entire school. The coach or advisor will inform each team or group of training rules and guidelines for their particular activity. (See Student Athletic Code of Conduct)

1. Sports Seasons

The following are the Northmor sports seasons:

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Football	Basketball	Baseball
Cheerleading	Cheerleading	Softball
Volleyball	Wrestling	Track and Field
Cross Country		
Golf		

2. Multiple Sports

A student may participate in only one sport per season unless both coaches involved grant permission.

**Athletes must check with the Athletic Director for the details regarding participation in multiple sports.

3. Discontinuing/Changing Sport

If an athlete wants to quit his/her sport, consultation with the head coach is a requirement. If an athlete does quit, he or she is not eligible to participate in any other athletic program until the season he/she began is concluded. If there is a unique situation (i.e. injury) that causes an athlete to quit, the head coach may give permission to join another sport during that same season. If an athlete quits prior to the first contest of the season, they may join another sport without penalty.

4. Cut

A student who is cut from one sport may move to another sport without a make up penalty.

5. Transfer

Transfer students may go out for a sport as soon as they enter school. OHSSA transfer rules apply.

6. Individual Participation in Competition

Participation in interscholastic athletic programs should be seen as an extension of the educational process, but as a privilege, not a right. The amount of participation by each student in interscholastic competition will be determined by the coaching staff and based upon athletic performance, ability, cooperation with sport rules and guidelines, sportsmanship, and participation in team practice.

7. School absence

Any student who is absent one half day or more of a school day may not participate in an athletic contest that day. For the purpose of this rule, 11:00 AM will be used as the cut off time. A student must arrive before 11:00 AM. A student could not leave school until after 11:00 AM. Under this rule, the attendance requirement must be met on Friday for a Saturday contest. This rule may be waived if medical reasons prevail or upon administrative approval.

8. General Discipline Problems

The school administration will not involve coaches in general discipline problems. However, the administration may exclude a student from athletic participation as a disciplinary measure.

A student who is suspended or expelled from school may not participate in any extra curricular activities, including sports, while suspended or expelled.

9. Eligibility for Participation

To participate in athletic programs, students must first meet all eligibility requirements established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, including residency and academic requirements.

V. STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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Further, the following requirements, established by the Northmor Board of Education must be met.

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletic activities, students in grade 7-12 must meet the following requirements:

A. Students in grade 7-12 must earned a minimum of 1.0 Grade Point Average of all classes at the completion of the grading period immediately preceding the start of interscholastic extracurricular activity. The 1.0 GPA is based upon a 4.0 scale. All students with a 2.0 or less must attend a mandatory study table. *See Attached "Study Table Rules"

B. Students with an IEP (Individualized Education Program) may be eligible for an exemption from the GPA requirement if pursuant to Section 3323.08 their plan indicates an exemption would be advisable.

C. A student enrolled in the seventh (7th) grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement.

VI. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

Code of Conduct

Student athletes represent their school, family, and community and are looked to as role models by younger students. Additionally, higher levels of competition demands that student athletes develop skills and participate in individual and group conditioning year round. Therefore, student athletes are expected to abide by the following code of conduct (these guidelines will be applied throughout the calendar [365days] year).

1. Student athletes will perform to the best of their ability academically and not allow participation in sports to detract from academic performance.
2. Student athletes will conduct themselves in a respectable manner both in and out of school. The following behaviors are considered unbecoming of a student athlete:
 - a. Vandalism or participation in vandalism.
 - b. Drug abuse or any behavior that promotes drug abuse such as drug possession, distribution or sale.
 - c. Use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
 - d. Use or possession of tobacco products.
 - e. Horseplay or disruptive behavior.
 - f. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook.
3. Student athletes are expected to participate in activities designed to improve performance. These include open gym, camps, regularly scheduled practices, and competitions.
4. Student athletes are expected to show respect for fellow students, teachers and school personnel, fellow athletes, coaching staff, opponents, opponent coaches, opponent fans, and game officials.

Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action may be brought about by the team coach in response to misbehavior or failure to abide by the expected behaviors described in this document. The coach has the obligation to gather information and establish the facts, as well as possible, in all situations. The action shall be reasonable and fair and in keeping with the severity and frequency of the violation.

Penalties may include:

- a) Verbal reprimand
- b) Additional conditioning exercise
- c) Setting out games and/or practices
- d) Removal from the team
- e) Loss of athletic eligibility

Serious violations of the code of conduct listed above will be dealt according to the "Major violations Chart".

VI. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS Continued

Appeal

The student athlete has the right to appeal the disciplinary action to the next higher authority as outlined below (appeal process runs from the bottom of the list to the top):

Board of Education
Superintendent
Principal
Athletic Director
Coach/Advisor

Due Process with Regard to Suspension/Expulsion

Actions, which may result in suspension or expulsion, shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

1) Disruption of school, damage or theft of school or private property, physical or verbal assault, possession of dangerous weapons, possession of tobacco, alcohol or drugs, and repeated unwillingness to comply with rules and regulations.

The teacher, principal, or superintendent may remove a student from curricular or extracurricular activity on an emergency basis. Written reasons and notice of a hearing are sent as soon as practical. A hearing must be held within 72 hours. A student may be removed from a curricular or an extracurricular activity for a period of less than 24 hours.

Exclusion from an Extracurricular Activity

Students may be excluded from participation in a Northmor High School activity, including all clubs, sporting activities, or student government for the reasons that could lead to suspension or expulsion from school. Faculty advisors or coaches may exclude students as well.

Students excluded may, if they choose, be afforded the following:

- 1) A conference with the faculty advisor or coach to discuss reasons for the action.
- 2) After Step 1, the student may appeal the decision to the principal.
- 3) After Step 2, the student may appeal the decision to the superintendent.

VII. AWARDS

Awards are presented to participants in the athletic program, provided they satisfactorily complete the requirements of the activity or sport and are in good standing at the conclusion of the sport or activity.

Lettering Requirements

Requirements include coach's standards established at the beginning of the year, along with team rules. These will be the guidelines to determine who does and does not letter. For the coach who does not choose to establish his/her guidelines, the following criteria will be used:

- Baseball – Must play in ½ of all regularly scheduled games.
- Basketball – Must play in ½ of all quarters of all regularly scheduled games.
- Cheerleading – Must participate in a minimum of 75% of all scheduled contests and remain in good standing in the interpretation of the advisor/coach.
- Cross-Country – Must finish in the top 7 in ½ of all regularly scheduled meets.
- Football – Must play in ½ of all quarters of all regularly scheduled games. A quarter is defined as 2 consecutive plays in the same quarter. Specialty players may receive a letter at the discretion of the coach.
- Golf – Must participate in 50% of Varsity matches, or finish in the top 4 places in 25% of the matches.
- Softball – Must play in ½ of all regularly scheduled games.
- Track – Must average 1½ points per meet for all regularly scheduled meets.
- Volleyball – Must play in ½ of all regularly scheduled matches.
- Wrestling – Must wrestle in ½ of all regularly scheduled matches.

Participation Awards

Participation Awards:

- 1st Year – Certificate and Numerals
- 2nd Year – Certificate
- 3rd Year – Certificate
- 4th Year – Varsity Letter

VII. AWARDS Continued

Lettering Awards

- 1st Year – Letter
- 2nd Year – Medal
- 3rd Year – Plaque
- 4th Year – Plaque

Cheerleading Awards

- Freshman – Certificate and Numerals
- Reserve – 1st Year – Certificate
- 2nd Year – Certificate
- Varsity - 1st Year – Letter
- 2nd Year – Medal
- 3rd Year – Plaque

Injured Player

A player who is injured in a sport can letter, even though the player does not meet the above requirements, at the discretion of the coach. Provisions are:

- 1) The player meets the requirements outlined by the coach. Among the requirements are:
 - a. Remain a member of the team.
 - b. Attend all team functions, games, and practices.
- 2) The player, in the judgement of the coach, would have lettered if the injury had not occurred.
- 3) If a player sustains an injury, it is his/her responsibility to notify the coach of said injury.

VIII. Major Violations Chart

See last page of this document.

IX. AGREEMENT

Northmor athletes and their parents or guardians have the obligation to be familiar with and understand all of the guidelines and regulations set forth in the Northmor Athletic Constitution.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS CHART

Violation	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
Rule 1: Unacceptable conduct such as destruction of property in or out of school, theft	Denial of participation for 20% of season	Denial of participation for 40% of season	Denial of participation in sports for one year from date of offense
Rule 2: Drug distribution Sale or distribution of drugs	Denial of participation for a minimum of 40% of sports season	Denial of participation in any sport for one year from time of offense	Denial of participation in sports for the remainder of the student's school career
Rule 3: Alcohol and drugs Use, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs (including look-a-like drugs),	Denial of participation for 20% of sports season, Plus 20 hours of community service through Family & Children Services	Denial of participation for 40% of sports season Plus 40 hours of community service through Family & Children Services	Denial of participation in sports for one year from the date of the offense. Plus 80 hours of community service through Family & Children Services
Rule 4: Tobacco Use or possession of tobacco products	Denial of participation for 10% of sports season	Denial of participation for 20% of sports season	Denial of participation in sports for one year from the date of the offense
Rule 5: School Conduct Code Violations of the Student Code of Conduct Outlined in the Student Handbook	Denial of participation for the same period as the expulsion, suspension or alternative school placement	Note: Coaches have the right to prescribe further team punishments when the student returns.	
Rule 6: Attendance Students must attend a minimum of a half-day of school on the day of the competition **See section V.7	Denial of participation for the contest	Note: Final determination is left to the building principal's discretion	

- **This chart is not intended to be comprehensive**
- **In an appeal process the administration and or school board may alter the penalty**
- **Multiple violations of the code of conduct occurring at the same time will result in a penalty of the most severe offense in question**
- **Completion of penalties will carry over to subsequent sport seasons**

Study Table Rules

The Following rules apply to all season athletes with a G.P.A. of 1.0 to 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.

Study table is to be held outside of the normal school day. Sessions will generally be held every week on Tuesday and Thursday, 6:55 A.M. until 7:35 A.M. and also afterschool on Tuesday and Thursday, from 2:45 P.M. until 3:25 P.M.

In order to remain eligible to participate in your sport, you must attend two (2) of the four (4) sessions each week. In order to be counted in attendance you must be on time and prepared to study the entire time while in attendance. Study table time is not to be used for recreational reading, but serious quiet studying.

If you do not attend two (2) sessions each week, you will be ineligible to participate the following week. Participation will be decided on a weekly basis. For each week you attend Study Table, you will be able to participate. For each week that you miss Study Table, you will be declared ineligible for the following week.

**Northmor Local Schools
Athletic Participation Policy**

Section I. LIMITS ON TEAM ROSTER SIZE

If on any given year, a team at any level finds an excessive number of athletes that wish to tryout, head coaches will adhere to the following guidelines.

- A. Baseball**
- J.V. Team** – minimum of 9 players kept (maximum is coach's option).
Varsity Team – minimum of 9 players will be kept (maximum is coach's option).
Jr. High Team – minimum of 9 players will be kept (maximum is coach's option).
- B. Basketball**
- 7th Grade Team** – minimum of 7 players will be kept (maximum is Coach's option).
8th Grade Team – minimum of 7 players will be kept (maximum is Coach's option).
9th Grade Team – minimum of 7 players will be kept (maximum is Coach's option).
J.V. Team – minimum of 7 players will be kept (maximum is Coach's option).
Varsity Team – minimum of 7 players will be kept (maximum is Coach's option).
- C. Cheerleading**
- Jr. High** – (applies to both 7th and 8th grade football and basketball cheerleading) – minimum of 6 participants will be kept (maximum is coach's option).
High School – applies to all High School squads, football and basketball cheerleading) – minimum of 6 participants (maximum is coach's option).
**** Final determination of squad members will be made by a panel of judges with the coach's input.**
- D. Golf**
- A maximum of 4 players is allowed on the course (9 hole) at any given time. The coach may carry additional athletes.
- E. Softball**
- Jr. High Team** – minimum of 9 will be kept (maximum is coach's option).
J.V. Team – minimum of 9 will be kept (maximum is coach's option).
Varsity Team – minimum of 9 players will be kept (maximum is coach's option).

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F. Volleyball

7th Grade Team – minimum of 8 players will be kept
(maximum is coach's option).

8th Grade Team – minimum of 8 players will be kept
(maximum is coach's option).

9th Grade Team – minimum of 8 players will be kept
(maximum is coach's option).

J.V. Team – minimum of 8 players will be kept
(maximum is coach's option).

Varsity Team - minimum of 8 players will be kept
(maximum is coach's option).

Determination of a minimum number of athletes required to continue with a season schedule will be determined collectively by building principal, the athletic director and the corresponding head coach

**Northmor Local Schools
Athletic Participation Policy**

Section II. GUIDELINES REGARDING ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

The following factors will be taken into consideration when team rosters are selected:

- A. Tryouts must be held for any athlete who wants to participate on an athletic team and who meets all OHSAA and Northmor Local School District criteria. The athlete may be subject to being cut from the team.
- B. The head coach of the team will make a decision on whether a student may continue to be a part of the team after a period of time not less than 5 days.
- C. Factors which may lead to being cut, but are not inclusive are as follows:
 1. Knowledge of basic fundamental skills of the sport
 - a. The head coach of the sport at each level of play will determine what skills are necessary to be proficient and fundamentally sound at the respective age level.
 2. Age
 - a. All students trying out for a sport must meet OHSAA and all Northmor Local School District guidelines regarding academic eligibility.
 3. Academic
 - a. All students trying out for a sport must meet OHSAA and all Northmor Local School District guidelines regarding academic eligibility.
 4. Attitude and Respect for Coaches, Fellow Athletes and Property
 - a. Athletes will be expected to behave in a respectful manner to the coach of the sport and other participating athletes. Disrespect of the coach, and other athletes and/or school property is not acceptable behavior and may be grounds for dismissal.
 5. Coachability
 - a. Athletes will be expected to follow the team rules set by the coach and to follow directions in practice and games. Constructive criticisms may be offered by the coach to improve a player or team's performance.

Section III. COACHES' MEETING AFTER THE TRYOUT PERIOD

- A. Coaches shall set up a time to meet with each athlete who was cut from a team.
- B. Coaches shall provide each athlete with information or strategies for improvement and development of skills for the following year.

Northmor Local School District

Resident Home School Extra-Curricular Participation

Home Educated Students

The sections of the Ohio Revised Code that addresses home educated students are actually split into two sections:

- 1) Students whose parents reside in our district and who may wish to participate in our school sponsored extra-curricular activities
- 2) Students whose parents reside outside our district but who may want to participate in our school sponsored extra-curricular activities.

Please see clarification below:

1. The Home Educated Student Who Resides in the Northmor Local School District

The Ohio Revised Code (Section 3313.5312 (A) provides that a student who is receiving home education, in accordance with Division (A) (2) of section 3321.04, shall be afforded by the Superintendent of the school district in which the student is entitled to attend school the opportunity to participate in any extra-curricular activity offered at the school. Any student who is receiving home education pursuant to statute and who resides in the Northmor Local School District or is entitled to attend the Northmor Local School District shall have the same opportunities to participate in our school sponsored teams and all extra-curricular activities as any other students in the district. Home educated students must meet all other eligibility requirements (e. g. transfer, scholarship, age, semesters, ect. and pay the same fees as any other student involved in the extra-curricular activity).

2. The Home Educated Student Who Does Not Reside in the Northmor Local School District

The Ohio Revised Code (Section 3313.5312 (B) addresses the student who receives home education, in accordance with Division (A) (2) of Section 3321.04 and who is **not** entitled to attend school in the district. In this situation the law states that “the Superintendent... **may** afford (the student) ... the opportunity to participate in any extra-curricular activity offered by the school **if the district to which the student is entitled to attend does not offer that extra-curricular activity.** If the Superintendent grants acceptance to Northmor Local School District extra-curricular activities under this provision of the law, the student must meet all other eligibility requirements (e.g. transfer, scholarship, age, semesters, ect. and pay the same fees as any other student involved in the extra-curricular activity).

Students Enrolled in Non-Public Chartered or Non-Chartered Schools

The Ohio Revised Code (Section 3313.5311 (B) provides that “if the non-public school in which the student is enrolled does not offer the extra-curricular activity, a student enrolled in a chartered or non-chartered non-public school shall be offered, by the Superintendent of the district in which the student is entitled to attend school, the opportunity to participate in that extra-curricular activity”. Please note that the word “chartered” in this provision of the law refers to a non-public school which is chartered by the State Department of Education (a “08” category school). Chartered in this context should not be confused with a charter or community school, which by definition is an independent public school that is part of the state’s educational system. Students in these types of schools would not have a participation option.

Northmor Local School District Home School Extra-Curricular Participation Enrollment Form

All home school or non-public chartered school students seeking participation in extra-curricular activities (athletic or otherwise) must meet the same requirements, including eligibility, of resident attending students. These requirements may include but are limited to the following: participation fees, transfer eligibility (for athletics), proof of residency, scholarship and age. Specific requirements for a particular sport or activity are available from the Advisor/Director of that activity or from the Head Coach of a particular sport. Further, the Northmor Local School District is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and adheres to the by-laws of this organization for all athletic extra-curricular activities. The Northmor Local Board of Education and the Northmor Athletic Council have adopted a Constitution that further guides eligibility for students participating in athletic events.

The completed form below shall be submitted to the Northmor Local School District Athletic Director or the Director/Advisor of the Activity and/or the Building Principal prior to the desired season of participation.

Date: _____

Name of Student: _____ Current Grade Level: _____ Male or Female

Age as of August 1: _____ (**Students will be required to provide their birth certificate)

Desired Sport(s) or Activity sought for participation: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian(s): _____

Address of Custodial Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Proof of custody may be required

Street Address _____ City _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian certifying that all information is correct: _____

Class Schedule for Current School Year

Name of Class	Credits
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

Immediately Preceding Grading Period Grades

Class Schedule for Current School Year

Name of Class	Credits
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Northmor Board of Education believes that participation in extra-curricular events is an important part of the school experience for many students. The Board further recognizes that participation in these activities can provide incentives for success in the classroom. To be eligible to participate in these activities, students in grades 7 – 12 must meet the following requirements:

- A. Students must meet all eligibility requirements for academic eligibility established by the Ohio school Athletic Association.
- B. Students in grades 7 – 12 must have earned a minimum of 1.0 Grade Point Average of all classes at the completion of the grading period immediately preceding the start of the interscholastic extracurricular activity. The 1.00 GPA is based upon a 4.00 scale. All students with a 2.00 or less must attend a mandatory study table to maintain eligibility.
- C. Students with an IEP (Individualized Education Program) may be eligible for an exemption from the GPA requirement if, pursuant to Section 3323.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, their plan indicates an exemption would be advisable.
- D. A student enrolled in the seventh (7th) grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement.

Eligibility or ineligibility will begin or end on the date established by the administration and or the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the posting of grade.

For the purpose of this policy “extra-curricular activity” means a pupil activity program that is coached or advised by a person receiving a supplemental contract for their work. Club sports that participate in extra-curricular activities will adhere to the same eligibility guidelines.

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