

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF JUVENILE COURT PROCEEDING WAIVER

Student participation in clubs, activities, sports and extra-curricular activities is a privilege. Students participating in clubs, activities, sports and extracurricular events outside of the school day are expected to represent Mt. Vernon High School in a dignified manner. Negative behavior by students involved in events outside of the school day reflects poorly on Mt. Vernon High School and the rest of its student body. In order to discourage negative behavior by students participating in events outside of the school day and to be able to consistently and fairly hold all students participating in these events accountable for their actions, the students and their parents must sign an acknowledgement of juvenile court proceeding waiver prior to the first public event that takes place outside of the school day. This waiver will authorize representatives of the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation to obtain any and all information in the possession of any juvenile probation officer with respect to acts of delinquency alleging:

1. the commission of an act which would be considered an offense if committed by an adult (criminal conduct), or
2. a violation of law regarding minors and alcoholic beverages

The clubs, activities, sports and extra-curricular groups required to have participants sign the waiver include, but is not limited to:

Baseball	Academic teams
Basketball	Dance Teams
Cheerleading	Drum Line
Cross Country	FFA judging teams
Football	Pep Band
Golf	Robotics Club
Soccer	School Play
Softball	School Musical
Swimming	
Tennis	
Track	
Volleyball	
Wrestling	

Athletes who have a violation of the Athletic Code will be disciplined according to the consequences spelled out in the Athletic Code. Students in all other activities will be disciplined as follows:

1. FELONIES, MISDEMEANORS, VANDALISM, THEFT AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTS

Maximum Penalty- Exclusion from events for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the violation is determined. The penalty is to be determined by the administration. Any student arrested or detained as a juvenile on such a charge may be suspended from any participation pending investigation of the incident.

2. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUGS:

First Violation: The student shall be excluded from all out of school activities for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the violation is confirmed as fact.

Rehabilitation- The student may reduce the penalty to 50% of the events in each group the student participates in for 365 days (one calendar year) by submitting to a substance abuse program of assessment, counseling, screening, and/or indicated therapy. The program must have been approved by the high school administration and may include a recommendation for parent or guardian participation. The cost of the program is the responsibility of the student and/or his or her parents or guardians. The student will serve the remainder of the entire 365-day suspension if the administration is notified that the student has violated any of the stated conditions of the substance abuse program.

Community Service- The total penalty will be reduced to 25% of the events in each group the student participates in for 365 days (one calendar year) if: 1) the student completes 50 hours of community service and 2) the student submits to a substance abuse program as described above. The community service must be performed at Mt. Vernon High School and must be approved and overseen by the administration.

MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS

Second Violation Within 365 Days:

The student will be suspended from all event participation for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the second violation is confirmed as fact.

Third Violation Within 365 Days:

The student will be suspended from all participation in events outside the school day for the remainder of his or her high school career.

APPEAL PROCESS

Anyone wishing to request an appeal should notify the high school principal in writing within seven calendar days of the date the student is notified of the suspension. The right of appeal is forfeited if not requested within this seven-day limit.

If an appeal is requested, the principal will conduct a hearing with the student, the student's parents, and the administrator who implemented the disciplinary action. The purpose of the appeal hearing is to inquire into the student's violation and to allow the student and parents or guardians to present evidence on the student's behalf. The principal shall make a final determination in regards to whether procedure was properly followed in regards to the violation.

REINSTATEMENT

Any student who has received a career suspension may apply for reinstatement after serving a suspension of 365 days (one calendar year). If requested, the administration will conduct a hearing to determine whether the student should be reinstated and allowed to participate in events at Mt. Vernon High School. The principal may reinstate the student with no restrictions or conditions, reinstate the student with certain specified conditions that must be met prior to being allowed to participate and/or while the student is participating, or reject the application for reinstatement. This process has no legal implications or requirements.