

Stewartville High / Middle School
Authorization for Athletic Participation
Grades 7 - 12

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Eligibility Guidelines for Stewartville High / Middle School Athletics

Instructions for completion by student and parent/guardian:

1. Please read and be familiar with all parts of this authorization brochure.
2. Make sure the **concussion**, **yearly health questionnaire**, and the **registration form** have the correct signatures on them. Return forms to the Athletic Office..
3. Record of a physical examination signed by a physician is required every three years and must be on file in the Athletic Office.
4. The Athletic Fee (listed below) must be paid prior to participation in the first scheduled practice in that sport season.
5. All forms must be turned in to the Athletic Office prior to participation in the first scheduled practice in that sport season.

Students: Your participation in high school athletics is dependent on your eligibility. PROTECT that eligibility by reviewing with your parent(s)/guardian(s) this summary of Minnesota State High School League rules which govern your participation. Complete regulations are found in the MSHSL Official Handbook which is available at each member high school and which is also posted on the MSHSL Web site: www.mshsl.org. Please keep this brochure for reference, and if there is a question about any rule interpretation, contact your school principal or athletic director. **According to the MSHSL rules and regulations, school districts can also establish certain eligibility rules that fall within the parameters of the MSHSL guidelines for doing so. The specific SSD rules are reflected in this athletic participation document**

Parents/Guardians: REVIEW the following rules with your son or daughter. Your role in stressing the value of following these rules cannot be overstated.

Informed Consent

INFORMED CONSENT: By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury and the transmission of infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis B. Although serious injuries are not common and the risk of HIV transmission is almost nonexistent in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants have the responsibility to help reduce that risk. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical and hygiene problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

High School students who earn a failing grade in a class at the end of a quarter are ineligible to compete for three weeks or three contests whichever is greater. The student is placed on probation until mid-quarter and at that time if they are not passing all of their classes they are ineligible for the remainder of the season. A Mid-Quarter athletic eligibility form (found on the SSD athletic page or can be obtained in the Athletic Office) needs to be completed and return to the Athletic Director for determination of eligibility. Spring sports eligibility will be based on second quarter grades until third quarter grades have been published. If third quarter grades are passing, the athlete will be eligible to compete until the end of the season. If they earn a failing grade, the mid-quarter policy will be in effect.

THE ATHLETE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING THIS FORM TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE.

Incomplete Grades: A student with an incomplete grade is ineligible until the work is completed, unless the incomplete is due to an excused absence during the last week of the quarter. If neither of the above is met, the student remains ineligible for the remainder of the quarter.

Year end Consideration: Fourth quarter grades apply to the first quarter of the next school year. Fourth quarter grades in 8th grade carry over to 9th grade.

Practices: During the ineligible time athletes are expected to attend practices.

Games / Meets: Students cannot compete in any games or meets. The athlete will not be allowed to *dress at the scheduled events. *refers to any portion of the team uniform.

Middle School Eligibility Policy is located on the last page of this document

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY, ENROLLMENT, AND REQUIRED SUBJECT LOAD

In order to be eligible for regular season and MSHSL tournament competition, a student must be fully enrolled as defined by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning and bona fide member of his or her high school in good standing. Students enrolling after the semester begins will gain eligibility at the start of the third week or on the 15th calendar day after enrollment. Students must be properly registered, attending school and classes regularly, and enrolled in the required number of credits.

A student who is under penalty of exclusion, expulsion or suspension, whose character or conduct violates the Student Code of Responsibilities (MSHSL 206.00) is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as determined by the athletic director or principal.

A student ejected from a contest shall be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled game/meet at that level of competition and all other games/meets in the interim at any level of competition, for the first ejection. All subsequent ejections shall result in ineligibility for four (4) regularly scheduled games/meets.

ATHLETIC FEE SCHEDULE

Grades 7 – 8	All Sports	\$100.00
Cheerleading	7 – 12 grades	\$100.00
Grades 9 – 12	Football	\$125.00
Grades 9 – 12	Other sports	\$120.00

An athletic fee is charged for each sport a student participates in each year. These fees are to be received by the Athletic Office prior to the first practice in each sport season.

Reduced Fees: If the student qualifies for free or reduced price meal benefits, the athletic fees will be waived or reduced by 50%.

respectively. This benefit is not retroactive during the school year.

Refunds: If a student decides to quit for personal reasons, after the first two weeks of practice, the participation fee will not be refunded. A student unable to continue due to an injury (with written approval from the Coach) will receive a refund of half the participation fee if less than half of the season has been completed. If injured after midpoint of the season, there will be no refund. Refunds will be in the form of a check sent to the parent/guardian by the Stewartville School District.

ATTENDANCE

- A student must attend school for SIX (6) periods of the day to be eligible to participate in that evening's/day's game/meet. Students are expected to attend school the morning following a game/meet.
- If absent without a previously approved excuse, the student will be unable to participate in that evening's/day's game/meet.
- When violating school attendance policies, a student is subject to temporary suspension from participation.
- Assigned detentions must be served before participating in any game/meet.

AGE

A student representing a member school in league activities shall be under 20 years of age on the date of the contest. If, however, a student has started a season, the student will be permitted to complete that season after reaching the student's 20th birthday. Adapted athletes are eligible to participate until their 22nd birthday, provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.

AMATEUR

A student must be an amateur in that sport. A student may not receive cash or merchandise

for athletic participation. A student does not lose her/his amateur status because of reimbursement for officiating, instructing, teaching or coaching a sport.

ATHLETIC CAMPS AND CLINICS

A. School Year: Students may attend athletic camps and clinics which have been approved by their high school athletic director or principal.

B. Summer Vacation Period: Non-school specialized athletic camps and clinics do not require approval.

1. The non-school sponsored camp or clinic fee must be provided by the student or the student's parent(s) or guardian, unless other arrangements are approved by the Board of Directors.
2. A student may attend a camp or clinic where a member of the school's coaching staff (C, JV, or varsity) in that sport owns, administers, directs, organizes, or serves as an instructor or is a staff member during the student's attendance. Dates that are allowed is the time period of the 4th Friday in May thru July 31st, with the exception of no contact week.

C. Penalty

1. First Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility in the sport for that next two (2) consecutive interscholastic contests or two (2) weeks of that season, whichever is greater. If there are fewer than two (2) events remaining in that sport, the loss of eligibility will continue into the next season in that sport.

Note: This means that a senior who violates the bylaws at the end of one sport season will lose eligibility for two (2) games in the next sport season in which the student participates.

2. Second Violation: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility in that sport for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests or three (3) weeks, whichever is greater.
3. Third Violation: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility in that sport for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests or four (4) weeks, whichever is greater.
4. Accumulative Penalties: Penalties shall be accumulative beginning with the student's first participation in a League activity and continuing through the student's high school career.

AWARDS BYLAW

Acceptable awards to students in recognition of participation in high school activities include medals, ribbons, letters, trophies, plaques and other items of little or no intrinsic value (\$100.00 or less). Violation will render a student ineligible for participation in that activity.

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY TEAMS

Individuals who have participated with a college or university team are ineligible for participation in any activity of the League.

FAIR HEARING PROCEDURE

The League Constitution provides a Fair Hearing Procedure for the student or parent contesting a school's failure to certify the eligibility of a student. The student has 10 calendar days in which to appeal the school's decision. The appeals process includes an appeal before a hearing panel at the school and the right, if desired, to appeal that decision to the League's Board of Directors. An independent hearing examiner will hear the appeal and make written findings of fact, conclusions and a recommendation for the Board of Directors following the hearing. The Board's decision shall be final. A complete listing of the Fair Hearing Procedure may be obtained from the athletic director or principal of the high school.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Foreign Exchange Students are limited to one (1) calendar year of high school eligibility beginning with their 1st date of enrollment and attendance.

GRADUATE

A student shall not be a graduate of a four (4) year high school or any secondary school. This includes foreign exchange students.

INSURANCE

The school does not carry personal injury insurance. Injuries will need to be covered by the health insurance policies of the parents. If you wish to see if you qualify for Minnesota care health program, call 1-800-657-3672.

JUNIOR HIGH PARTICIPATION

Participation in high school interscholastic programs is limited to students in grades 7-12 inclusive. Students in grade 7th and 8th may participate if enrolled in the regular continuation school for the educational unit and if all other eligibility requirements of the League have been met. Elementary students in grades K-6 are not eligible for participation in any MSHSL sponsored activity; C, JV or varsity level.

LAST DATE TO JOIN A TEAM

To be eligible for section and state competition, a student must be a member of that school's team not later than the fourth Monday from the official start of that sport season. Gymnasts must be on the school's team not later than the third Monday from the official start of that season. When a sport season begins on a Monday, that day shall be counted as the first Monday.

CHEMICAL POLICY

Students who participate in any co-curricular activity or in MSHSL activities represent Stewartville Public Schools and must also adhere to Minnesota State High School League rules of conduct. It is expected that all students who participate in a co-curricular activity and/or sports at Stewartville Public Schools will not possess, buy, use or sell any tobacco product, a non-prescribed mood-altering chemical, alcohol, steroid or illegal performance enhancing supplements. This rule applies to each participant for the entire

calendar year, both in and outside of the defined school day.

Violations and Penalties

First Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the remainder of that activity's season in which the student is a participant, or a minimum of nine contests, whichever is greater, but not to exceed one calendar year. In addition, the student is required to practice during the period of suspension, is allowed to travel with the team, but will not be allowed to dress* at the scheduled events. If the violation occurs out of season the penalty must be served during the next season. This penalty must also be served in a sport previously participated in by the student or in a sport where permission has been granted by the coach. A student must notify the coach of the sport in which the penalty is to be served by the fourth Monday after the official start of that sport season. Failure to notify the coach by this date will make the student ineligible to serve the penalty in that sport, for that season and the student will not be eligible to compete for the entire season.

*refers to any portion of the team uniform

Alternative Penalty for Co-curricular and Sports Activities:

A student who has been confirmed as a first violator and who has obtained permission from his/her parents and coach may choose alternative penalty. If the first violation alternative is selected, the student will not be allowed to participate for a minimum of three weeks following the violation affirmation, or in the next three competitive events.

In addition, the student must fulfill the following requirements:

1. In the first three weeks of the penalty period, arrange for a meeting with his/her coach and team to apologize.
2. Provide twenty hours of service to the community. Community service assignments must be designated by SHS Administration with the help of the Olmsted County Corrections Division.
3. Complete the season in good standing with the team.
4. The student meets with a school counselor, certified staff member, athletic administrator or coach. The professional will be determined by the athletic administrator. The student must complete recommendations made by such professional.

Second Violation: Students receiving a second chemical violation are ineligible for one calendar year from the date of infraction if the student is not currently in an activity. If the student is involved in an activity or becomes involved, the penalty begins when the infraction is disclosed to the administration. The student will be required to have a chemical dependency evaluation (by a licensed provider) and have followed their recommendations prior to the time for eligibility to be reinstated.

Alternative for Second Chemical Violation:

If agreed upon, the student would be ineligible for 50% of the competitive season. The 50% would begin as soon as the optional penalty is chosen. During the penalty period, the student must attend practice and:

1. The student meets with a school counselor, certified staff member, athletic administrator or coach weekly. The professional will be determined by the athletic administrator. The student must complete recommendations made by such professional.
2. The student must have joined the team within the first two weeks of organized practice. With the coach's approval, the student must practice for 50% of the competitive season of a sport, and must complete the season. He/she must attend every practice and every game. He/she will be in the locker room, team bus, and occupy the team bench during the game but will not be in uniform.
3. The student and his/her parent must agree that the student will be allowed to leave their home residence only to attend school, school functions, work or in the presence of their parent.
4. The student will submit to random urinalysis tests, at their own expense, for the remainder of their high school career. Written results must be reported to the SHS Athletic office. A positive UA may jeopardize the successful completion of the penalty.
5. The student must complete 30 hours of community service before the penalty is considered served. Community service assignments must be designated by Olmsted County Corrections or the SHS Administration.

Third Violation: After confirmation of the third violation, the student will lose eligibility for an additional calendar year, will meet with parents and a school official, and shall be reinstated only after successful completion of a chemical dependency treatment program. Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the student's participation in grades 7 – 12. A student will be disqualified from all co-curricular activities for an additional 18 weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility, when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate, and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation. Any co-curricular activity participant, with an in-season rules violation, cannot be nominated for all-conference selection. Participants in any co-curricular activities, other than athletics, need to check with their advisors/coach for specific penalties or rules of conduct for that activity.

NON-SCHOOL COMPETITION AND TRAINING FOR TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

A. During the High School Season: During the high school season, a student may not participate as a member of a non-school team, in the same sport. *Season Defined: The high school season shall run from the first date that practice may begin until the*

team is eliminated in MSHSL tournament competition. Baseball, Softball and skiing are exceptions to this rule.

Exception: Summer Vacation Period – Students may participate on a non-school team in the same sport as they currently play at the high school level during the summer vacation period. *Summer Vacation Defined: summer vacation shall start on the Saturday following the fourth Friday in May and ending on Labor Day.* Summer Coaching waiver: If a student participates on a team coached by a member of the high school coaching staff, coaching contact shall end on July 31 unless an extension to the summer waiver is granted by the school's athletic director. Students may take private lessons during the MSHSL season.

B. During the School Year, Prior To and Following the High School Sports Season:

A student may participate in contests, meets or tournaments as an individual competitor or as a member of a non-school team provided that these activities are voluntary and not influenced or directed by a salaried or non-salaried member of the student's C-Squad, JV or Varsity high school coaching staff.

1. A Student may not use any type of school uniform.
2. A student may not receive coaching or training from a salaried or non-salaried member of the student's C-squad, JV or Varsity school coaching staff in that sport. Power skating and indoor soccer are included in this limitation.
3. A student may receive training through private lessons from a person who is not a salaried or non-salaried member of the student's C-Squad, JV or Varsity high school coaching staff in that sport.
4. A student's fee for non-school coaching or training must be provided by the student or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) unless approved by the Board of Directors.

C. Summer Vacation Period:

A student may compete as an individual or as a member of a non-school team even though competing on a high school team in the same sport. *Summer Defined: The day following the fourth Friday in May through Labor Day.* (Exception Summer Coaching Waiver).

D. Penalty

Same as Penalty under "Athletic Camps and Clinics" previous listed.

E. Special Considerations:

1. National Teams and Olympic Development Programs – the MSHSL may permit participation by high school students on bona fide national teams or in Olympic development programs if:
 - a. The program is approved and supported by the national governing body of the sport or if there is an Olympic development program of training and competition.
 - b. Directly funded by a national governing body on a national level.

- c. Authorized by a national governing body for athletes having potential for future national team participation. Students who are invited to participate on National Teams or in Olympic Development Programs must contact their high school principal to obtain an application form. This must be completed at least thirty (30) days prior to participation.
2. During the school year, students who participate for their school in a sport may participate through training, try-out or competition on a National Team or in a United States Olympic Development Program provided the student receives an individual invitation from the United States Olympic Committee or the United States National Governing body on the national level for that sport.
 3. Students who have completed their eligibility in a sport are exempt from the non-school competition and training rules in that sport. All-Star rules shall apply.

PADLOCKS

Students may purchase a padlock for \$1.00 from the athletic office. This becomes the property of the student.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND PARENTS PERMIT

Any student who intends to participate in school interscholastic athletics and cheerleading activities must have on file in the school's Athletic Office, a record of a physical examination performed within the previous three (3) years. A Parent/Guardian Permit and Health Questionnaire shall be completed annually and could indicate the need for a physical examination prior to participation. The signature of the parent/guardian approving participation is required.

RACIAL/RELIGIOUS/SEXUAL HARASSMENT/VIOLENCE & HAZING

A. Definitions

1. Racial Harassment consists of physical or verbal conduct relating to an individual's race. For further explanation of these violations, see the Minnesota State High School League website at www.mshsl.org.
2. Racial Violence is a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to race.
3. Religious Harassment consists of physical or verbal conduct relating to an individual's religion. For further explanation of these violations, see the Minnesota State High School League website at www.mshsl.org.
4. Religious Violence is a physical act of aggression or assault upon another because of, or in a manner reasonably related to, religion.
5. Assault is:
 - a. An act done with intent to cause fear in another of immediate bodily harm or death; or

- b. The intentional infliction of or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon another; or
 - c. The threat to do bodily harm to another with present ability to carry out the threat.
6. Sexual Harassment is a form of sex discrimination that violates Section 703 of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq., and Minnesota Statutes 363.01-.14, the Minnesota Human rights Act.
- a. Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment is illegal but many or many not be a criminal activity.
 - b. Sexual harassment may include but is not limited to:
 - 1) Verbal, written/graphic harassment or abuse;
 - 2) Subtle pressure for sexual activity;
 - 3) Inappropriate patting or pinching;
 - 4) Intentional brushing against the individual's body;
 - 5) Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's employment or educational status;
 - 6) Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implies or overt promises of preferential treatment with regard to an individual's employment or educational status;
 - 7) Any unwelcome toughing of a sexual nature.
7. Sexual violence is a physical act of aggression that involves the touching of another's intimate parts, either above or underneath the other person's clothes, or forcing another to touch one's intimate parts, either above or underneath one's clothes. Intimate parts, as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1990, Section 609.341, include the primary genital area, groin, inner thigh, buttocks, or breast of a human being. Sexual violence is a criminal activity.
- a. Sexual violence may include, but is not limited to:
 - 1) Touching, patting, grabbing, or pinching another person's intimate parts, either same sex or opposite sex.
 - 2) Coercing or forcing sexual touching on another;
 - 3) Coercing or forcing sexual intercourse on another;
 - 4) Threatening to force sexual touching or intercourse on another.
8. "Hazing"
- a. Hazing means committing an act against a student, or coercing a student into committing an act, that creates a substantial risk of harm to

a person, in order for the student to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization, or for any other purpose. The term hazing includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Any type of physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking or placing a harmful substance on the body.
 - 2) Any type of physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, confinement in a restricted area, calisthenics or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
 - 3) Any activity involving the consumption of any alcoholic beverage, drug, tobacco product or any other food, liquid, or substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student.
 - 4) Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects a student to extreme mental stress, embarrassment, shame or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from remaining in school.
 - 5) Any activity that causes or requires the student to perform a task that involves violation of state or federal law or of school district policies or regulations.
- b. "Student Organization" means a group, club or organization having students as its primary members or participants. It includes grade levels, classes, teams, activities or particular school events. A student organization does not have to be an official school organization to come within the terms of this definition.
 - c. Reporting Procedures
 - 1) Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of hazing or any person with knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute hazing shall report the alleged acts immediately to an appropriate school district official designated by this policy.
 - 2) The building principal is the person responsible for receiving reports of hazing at the building level. Any person may report hazing directly to a school district human rights officer or to the superintendent.
 - 3) Teachers, administrators, officials, volunteers, and

employees of the school district shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances or events which might include hazing. Any such person who receives a report of, observes, or had other knowledge or belief of conduct which may constitute hazing shall inform the building principal immediately.

- 4) Submission of a good faith complaint or report of hazing will not affect the complainant's or reporter's future employment, grades or work assignments.

- d. Reprisal

The school district will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, coach, official contractor or employee of the school district who retaliates against any person who makes a good faith report of alleged hazing or against any person who testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation, or against any person who testifies, assists or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such hazing. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal or harassment.

B. Bylaw:

During the school year, a student shall not violate the racial/religious/sexual harassment and racial/religious/sexual violence and hazing bylaws of the Minnesota State High School League. *Interpretation: the bylaw applies to the entire school year and any portion of an activity season that occurs prior to the start of the school year or after the close of the school year.*

C. Category of Activities:

- 1. Category I Activities: Those League-sponsored activities in which a member school has a schedule of interscholastic contests, exclusive of League-sponsored tournaments:
 - a. Athletic Activities: as listed in 501.00
 - b. Fine Arts Activities.

D. Penalties for Category I Activities:

- 1. Racial/Religious/Sexual Harassment and Hazing Violations
 - a. First Violation: After determination of the violation, a student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive interscholastic contests or two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. *Recommendations: 1) It is recommended that the school develop a local education program through which the student would receive information about racial/religious/sexual harassment and racial/religious/sexual violence. 2) It is recommended that, when appropriate, the school refer a student to a community agency or a*

professional individual outside the school for counseling.

- b. Second Violation: After determination of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests in which the student is a participant or three (3) weeks, whichever is greater. *Recommendation: It is recommended that before being readmitted to activities following suspension for the second violation, the student shall show evidence in writing that the student has received counseling from a community agency or professional individual such as a school counselor, medical doctor, psychiatrist, or psychologist.*
 - c. Third Violation: After determination of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests in which the student is a participant or four (4) weeks, whichever is greater.
 - d. Accumulative Penalties: Penalties shall be accumulative beginning with the student's first participation in a League activity and continuing through the student's high school career.
2. Racial/Religious/Sexual violence Violations: After determination of the violation of the racial/religious/sexual violence rules, the student shall lose eligibility for the next year, i.e., twelve (12) calendar months.

E. Penalties for Category II Activities:

Each member school shall develop penalties that it will apply to the participants in these activities. A current copy of the member school's policy shall be kept on file in the member school.

SEASONS OF PARTICIPATION

No student may participate in more than four (4) seasons in any sport while enrolled in grades 9-12, semesters 1-8 inclusive.

SEMESTERS IN HIGH SCHOOL

A student shall not participate in an interscholastic contest after the student's eighth semester in grades 9-12 inclusive. All eight semesters shall be consecutive, beginning in the 9th grade. The attendance of 15 days or more in one semester will count as a semester in administering this standard.

TRANSFER RULE

1. A transfer student is eligible for varsity competition provided the student was in good standing on the date of withdrawal from the last school the student attended and one (1) of the provisions in Section 2 (below) is met.
2. A transfer student is eligible for varsity competition if:
 - a) **9th Grade Option:** the student is enrolling in 9th grade for the first time;
 - b) **Family Residence Change:** the student transfers from one public school district attendance area to another public school district attendance area at any time during the calendar year in which there is a change of residence and occupancy in Minnesota by the student's parents. If the student's parents move from one public school district attendance area to another public school district attendance area, the student will be eligible in the new public school attendance area or a non-public school if the student transfers at the same time the student's parents move.

If the parents move from one public school district attendance area to another, the student shall continue to be fully eligible if the student continues enrollment in the prior school for the balance of the current marking period or for the balance of the academic school year. If the student elects either of the current enrollment options above, the student will be fully eligible upon transfer to the new school.

A student who elects not to transfer upon a parent's change in residence shall continue to be eligible at the school in which the student is currently enrolled.

- c) **Court Ordered Residence Change for Child Protection:** The student's residence is changed pursuant to a child protection order placement in a foster home, or a juvenile court disposition order.

d) Custody of Student:

A student of divorced parents who have joint physical custody of the student may move from one custodial parent to the other custodial parent and be fully eligible at the time of the move. The student may utilize this

provision only one time during grades 9-12 inclusive.

e) Move From Out of State:

If a student's parents move to Minnesota from a state or country outside of Minnesota and if the student moves at the same time the parent establishes a residence in a Minnesota Public School District attendance area, the Student shall be eligible at The first school the student Attends in Minnesota. See Bylaw 111 on the MSHSL Website for more detail.

STEWARTVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY POLICY

1. The expectation of Stewartville Middle School is that academics are a priority and achievement must meet a certain level to be eligible to participate. All students participating in athletics must maintain a 1.67 (C-average) and not receive an "F" in any class. If a 1.67 GPA is not attained or a student receives an "F" in any course the student will immediately be placed on athletic probation.
2. **Requirements of Athletic Probation:**

The individual student placed on probation must set an appointment to meet with the school principal, school counselor, or grade level representative to prepare an academic action plan for improvement. The action plan must clearly state the efforts the individual student will take to improve their GPA. The student may participate in practices and contests until the next grading period (mid-quarter or end of quarter). If a 1.67 GPA/No F's has not been attained the student will immediately enter into athletic suspension.
3. **Athletic Suspension:**

When a student is on athletic suspension they may participate in practices, but not participate in contests until the end of the next grading period (mid-quarter or end of quarter).