

MAD RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal – Don Kuntz

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Grades 7 and 8

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MISSION STATEMENT

We will increase student achievement and become life long learners by maintaining high expectations and by respecting ourselves, others and the community.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Principal/Mr. Kuntz	237-4265
8 th Grade Assistant Principal/Ms. Plank.....	237-4265
7 th Grade Assistant Principal/Mr. Holt.....	237-4265
Main Office/Mrs. Nartker.....	237-4265
Attendance Office/Ms. Grigsby.....	237-4265
School Counselor/Mrs. Chambers.....	237-4265 ext. 113
School Therapist.....	237-4265 ext. 112

PEOPLE TO CONTACT

To request appointments with staff/messages for teachers/student fees..... Mrs. Nartker

To report absences Ms. Grigsby

To report tardiness/request assignments/request Early dismissal (for appointments) Ms. Grigsby

Regarding student records Ms. Grigsby

Regarding Student Schedules/discuss grades or Academic progress..... Mrs. Chambers

Regarding Disciplinary Actions:

Mr. Holt-7th Grade Ms. Plank- 8th Grade

Regarding Athletics.....Athletic Coordinator

Transportation..... 237-4280

HomeworkWebsite:..... www.maddriverschools.org

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOL: Announcements will be made over the Dayton radio and television stations regarding **Mad River Local Schools of MONTGOMERY COUNTY**. Please **do not call** the school.

STUDENT USE OF MAIN/STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

The Student Services Office is designed to serve the students on school business. It is open to students from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. each school day. To avoid problems, the following procedures have been established:

Office Contact

- a. Student will report quickly to the office with a pass from a staff member.
- b. Student will identify himself/herself to office personnel and state his/her business.
- c. Student will sit quietly until appropriate personnel are available.

NOTE: Students leaving the building for illness reasons must make their initial call home through Student Services.

Phone Usage - Student Services

- a. Student Services phone will be used for illness or emergencies only!
- b. All calls must be approved by either Mrs. Nartker or Ms. Grigsby.
- c. Emergency illness calls will be made only after 8:40 A.M.

NOTE: An illness emergency means that the student is absolutely too ill to continue at school.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ANY CONCERN OR PROBLEM WITH THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OR PRINCIPAL – please see Ms. Grigsby in student services for an appointment with Mr. Holt/Ms. Plank or Mrs. Nartker in the main office for an appointment with Mr. Kuntz.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROCEDURES WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL: Upon arrival to school students must report directly to the cafeteria if they are eating breakfast or to the gym if they are not eating breakfast. Students will be dismissed to the hallways at 8:30

a.m. Upon dismissal to the hallways students may go to their lockers and then proceed to their homeroom.

PROCEDURES WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO CLASS: Be on time to class – be prepared for class – have materials and assignments for that class. Follow posted classroom rules and any directions of the school staff. Respect yourself, others, and their property. Respect your right and the rights of others to learn. Be concerned for the safety and welfare of yourself and others.

PROCEDURES BETWEEN PERIODS: Class changes occur on a staggered format with 7th grade being dismissed first, followed by 8th graders three (3) minutes later. Students have three minutes between classes. Proceed directly to your next classroom in a quiet and non-disruptive manner – NO HORSEPLAY - NO RUNNING – be on time.

PROCEDURES FOR ASSEMBLIES: Students behaving inappropriately will be removed from the assembly and could lose their right for future attendance at assemblies. Removal from the assembly could result in further disciplinary action. Walk to the gym with your teacher. Sit together as assigned. You will be dismissed from the assemblies by sections and return to your classroom with your teacher.

PROCEDURES FOR FIRE DRILLS, TORNADO DRILLS, AND BUILDING LOCKDOWN: In the event of a Fire Drill, follow your teacher's instructions. Walk together with your class and exit the building without talking. Once you are outside, line up with your class. Return to class with your teacher (avoid conversation).

In the event of a Tornado Drill or Building Lockdown, follow teacher instructions and report to your safe place. Remain in the safe place until released by the school administration or the proper authorities.

PROCEDURES TO/FROM LUNCH: Students proceed quietly on the right side of the hall to the cafeteria. During restroom stops, stay in line against the wall until ready to move on. At pick up time line up and follow staff directions. During lunch student will have the following options depending on weather conditions: go to Gym, go to Library, go outside, remain in Cafeteria.

CAFETERIA GUIDELINES:

- Students are expected to have good behavior while waiting in the lunch line; there will be no cutting in line, pushing, or causing a general disturbance.
- Students are expected to be polite and considerate to both the people who serve them and the supervisors.
- Students are to keep the dining areas clean and neat. All trays are to be returned to the tray return area.
- All eating is to be confined to the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to eat in the classrooms or in the hallways during lunch.
- Students are to report to the cafeteria during their lunch period assigned unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher.
- Students causing a disturbance or not complying with the cleanliness rules of the cafeteria will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

PROCEDURES AT SCHOOL DISMISSAL: After going to your locker, proceed directly to the exits in a quiet, non-disruptive manner. All students are expected to leave the building immediately unless involved in an extracurricular activity. In the case of a late bus, line up on the curb.

PROCEDURES FOR BOARDING THE BUS: Please walk to your bus as soon as school is dismissed. Please sit in your assigned seat and follow the transportation rules. Students cannot ride another bus unless they have a note from home. Note approvals must be brought to Student Services prior to

lunch and it is recommended that notes be submitted to Student Services upon the student arriving to school. Students cannot travel in a car unless you are with your parents or you have prior administrative permission. If you or your parents have a bus question, please call the Transportation Department at 237-4280.

CLINIC PROCEDURES/STUDENT ILLNESS: If a student becomes ill during the school day the student is to obtain a pass from his/her teacher and go directly to the clinic. Students are not permitted to go to the clinic during 1st period or the last 30 minutes of the school day. Students will not be admitted to the clinic with out a pass from the classroom teacher. If a student is to be sent home, arrangements for transportation must be made through Student Services. A parent/guardian must be contacted by the office for permission before the student is released from school. Students are **not** to call home before reporting to the clinic (do not use teachers' phones or cell phones) in order to have their parents/guardian/s pick them up at school because of an apparent illness. Students must be signed out by their parent/guardian before they leave school. ***Disciplinary action may be taken if a student calls home before the Student Services Staff determines the nature of the illness.***

Parents are required to provide transportation home if the student shows signs of a contagious disease, has a temperature of 100 degrees or above, or has any other health problems assessed serious by the nurse or school administration. If a student leaves school because of a high temperature, the temperature should be normal for 24 hours before returning to school.

Students need to sign the logbook in the clinic with the date and time of the call. Students will return to class once their call has been made unless directed otherwise by the school nurse

or student services secretary. Mad River Middle School has the availability of the district nurse one (1) day per week.

USE OF STUDENT RECORDS: CONFIDENTIALITY: For the protection of the student, official school records shall not be made available to any person or organization without the prior written permission of the student's parent or legal guardian or from the student if he/she is over eighteen (18) years of age.

In compliance with federal regulations, directory information consisting of a student's name, address, phone listing, date and place of birth, courses of study pursued, participation in recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, date of graduation, years enrolled, degrees and awards received, and last school of attendance, may be released unless a student's parent(s) request otherwise.

BULLYING:

Bullying is an intentional written, verbal or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior causes both mental and physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing and/or bullying does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

HAZING:

Hazing means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of intimidation or harassment to any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing and/or bullying does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

DRESS CODE:

We believe that students learn best in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance and trust. The best discipline is self-acquired and not imposed. Freedom and self-direction are achieved gradually as the student learns self-control in accordance with district procedure. With this in mind, we believe it is necessary to place guidelines on a student's hairstyle and his/her manner of dress if those present a hazard to the student's health and safety, cause an interference with the educational process or create classroom or school disruption. These guidelines are important not only to the individual students, but also to those with whom he/she shares school property.

Dress and grooming are factors in a positive educational environment. In order to establish and maintain this environment, the following administrative guidelines have been developed:

- Any type of clothing that could be disruptive or interfere with the learning process will not be permitted.
- Clothing should be in good taste and sensible in size, length and style. **Shorts and skirts will be –at a minimum—at least fingertip length (standing with shoulders relaxed, your shorts or skirt will come down to the tip of your fingers)**
- Hats, sunglasses, bandanas or other head apparel are not permitted, unless approved by administration.
- Students must wear shirts at all times.
- The following dress is not considered appropriate for school: strapless or sleeveless tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, halter-tops, or clothing that bares the midriff.
- Pajamas, or clothing resembling pajamas (in particular, pajama pants) are not appropriate school attire.

- Clothing expressing reference to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, etc., is not considered appropriate.
- Boys pants must be kept at the waist with no undergarments visible.
- Students must wear safe and appropriate footwear at all times. Household/bedroom slippers are not appropriate. Flip-flops are not appropriate.
- Outdoor apparel (coats, vests and jackets) should be placed in the student's locker for the duration of the day. Students who consider the building to be cold should wear sweaters, sweatshirts, or an over shirt.
- Habits of personal cleanliness and grooming will be practiced.
- Students must abide by the rules set forth in classes requiring special dress.

Students who violate the dress code will be referred to the Assistant Principal's office. Attempts to secure appropriate clothing from home or borrow from the office will be made.

The Administration will determine proper application of the dress code. In making this determination, the administration may decide that certain types of clothing are not appropriate. Administration discretion will be exercised in working with individual situations as they may affect the educational environment.

LOCKERS: Each student is assigned a locker in which to store books, coats, book bags, and school supplies. Students will receive this locker assignment from their first period teacher. **Each student is responsible for his/her locker by keeping it locked, clean, and orderly at all times. Students are not to share lockers. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

SEARCH & SEIZURE: Search of a student and his/her possessions, including lockers, may be conducted at any time

the student is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is in violation of school rules. A search may also be conducted to protect the safety of others.

LOST AND FOUND: The lost and found is located in the cafeteria. Lost clothing will be found in this area. Lost books and notebooks will be returned to Student Services. Lost clothing is only kept through the quarter – clothing not picked up is donated to local charities at the end of the quarter.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Students are not to bring radios, MP3's, iPod's, tape recorders, cameras, skateboards, bikes, cars, chains, walkmans, balloons, flowers, stuffed animals, face glitter, candy, gum, food, drinks, resealable drink bottles, snacks, facial paint, bandanas, laser pens, spray cologne, body sprat etc. to school without receiving prior administrative approval. Such items will be confiscated and turned in to the Principal or Asst. Principal's office. Students that choose to ignore this policy may face disciplinary action from the administration. In addition Mad River Middle School is not responsible for the loss or theft of the aforementioned items.

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES: A student shall not transmit or use telecommunication devices, including, but not limited to, beepers, portable phones, and/or other items, which may be considered telecommunication devices unless, authorized by the school administration. These items MUST be kept in lockers during school hours. Cell Phone Consequences: 1st – Wednesday school/parent must pick up phone 2nd – Two Wednesday schools/parent must pick up phone 3rd – In-School Suspension/phone retained until end of quarter 4th - Out of School Suspension/phone retained until end of year. In addition, the administration reserves the right to increase the discipline for inappropriate

telecommunications.

BOOK/GYM BAG POLICY: Bookbags are to be used for the transporting of books and school supplies to and from school. Students are to leave their bookbags in their locker after arriving to school. Bookbags are not to be taken to the classroom. Students need to plan their daily routine to allow for reasonable visits to their lockers. (Coats in locker; coat includes windbreakers, bubble vests, sweat suit tops).

HALL PASSES: Students are not permitted in the halls during class periods unless they are accompanied by a teacher or have a hall pass from an authorized staff member.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION: Students who become overly amorous present an embarrassing appearance to those around them. School is definitely not the place for public display of affection. Students not able to set reasonable limits on their behavior will be creating a situation which will be embarrassing to them and others and will be subject to disciplinary action.

TARDINESS TO CLASS: Any student who arrives after the designated starting time of 8:35 A.M. must report to the Student Services Office to sign in and receive a tardy slip.

1. A tardiness to school will only be considered excused if the lateness in arriving is a result of:
 - a. important appointments
 - b. illness
 - c. unavoidable circumstances
 - d. emergency medical or dental attention

IMPORTANT: Parental verification by telephone or in writing is necessary.

2. A tardiness to school will be considered unexcused if the lateness in arriving is a result of:

- a. missing the school bus
- b. oversleeping
- c. those situations that might be considered unavoidable by the person who is tardy, but not receiving administrative support.

Two unexcused tardies per quarter will be allowed. The third unexcused tardy to school will result in disciplinary action up to and including Wednesday School. Students need to be on time to school.

ELEVATOR: Mad River has an elevator which may be used by handicapped students or those who temporarily cannot climb stairs. If there is a need to use the elevator, a pass must be secured from Student Services. In order for a student to obtain an elevator pass, we should have a note authorizing him/her to do so, preferably from a physician.

STUDENT FEES:

CLASSROOM SUPPLY FEE

Grades 7 and 8.....	\$40.00
Calculator.....	\$12.00

OPTIONAL COSTS

LUNCH PRICES

Type 'A' lunch.....	\$1.90
Milk a la Carte.....	50 cents

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Honor Club.....	\$5.00
Science Club.....	\$5.00
Student Council (Lariat).....	\$5.00

TEXTBOOKS: Students are issued textbooks and are expected to take care of them. In cases where a book is

defaced or lost, the teacher shall post a charge to the student's debt list, which will cover the cost to replace the book at current market price.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: We believe that the value of a student being in school cannot be measured solely by the attainment of passing grades. Learning goes well beyond that of the completion of assignments and the recall of facts and information. Further, research reveals a direct correlation between student attendance and academic success. Students who attend school with a high degree of regularity, greatly increase the likelihood of their academic success. Thus, we believe that the best attendance policy is one that places high emphasis on students being in school; hold students accountable for "poor" attendance; rewards students for "good" attendance; and involves school personnel, parents, and the community in specific procedures designed to carry out established regulations.

Based on these beliefs, we expect each student's attendance to be 100%. However, realizing that circumstances arise which prevent students from meeting this expectation, we consider a 95% attendance rate to be acceptable. Letters apprising parent of student absence will be sent home once a student has reached the following days of absence: 7 days; 12 days; 15 days. In addition, upon 15 days of absence, a medical note will be required for each subsequent absence. Anything after 15 days requires a medical note or it will be counted as an unexcused absence.

When a student is absent from school, the law requires that the school verify the reason for the absence. Following is the attendance procedure at Mad River Middle School to report the absence and reason for the student not being in school.

1. When a student is absent from school:
 - a. Parents are requested to call the school between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. on the day(s) which the

student is absent, to report the absence and reason for the student not being in school.

- b. If phone contact is not established, the parental/legal guardian should submit a written excuse to school officials upon student's return to school. The written excuse must state the reason and the date(s) of the absence. This note is to be given to Ms. Grigsby in Student Services. Students will be given a two-day time period to furnish a valid excuse.
- c. Failure to comply with a or b above may result in the absence being considered unexcused.
- d. Written excuses may be requested in addition to phone contacts at the discretion of the building administration.

2. Excuses for absence from school:

- a. The explanation of each absence shall be made by the parent or guardian to the building administrator who will determine if the absence is excused or unexcused.

(1) Excused absences, including, but not limited to:

- (a) illness
- (b) serious illness or death in the immediate family
- (c) emergency medical or dental attention
- (d) absences approved in advance by school principal
- (e) authorized religious holidays
- (f) approved school and instructional program activities

(2) Unexcused absences, including, but not limited to:

- (a) truancy
- (b) suspension
- (c) missing the school bus
- (d) trips **not** approved in advance
- (e) shopping
- (f) hunting, fishing, attendance at games

(g) birthday or other celebrations

(h) gainful employment

(i)

- 3. A student charged with an unexcused absence will not receive credit for any test or class work done during the absence. Should unexcused absences from school become a chronic problem, administrative action will be implemented.

VACATION ON SCHOOL TIME: School attendance is important to the academic success of students. Therefore, the school seeks parent support and requests that family vacations be scheduled when school is not in session. When it is necessary, due to extenuating circumstances, to take a family vacation when school is in session, the following guidelines apply:

- a. Submit a written notification to the building administrator that states that your child will not be in attendance due to a family vacation for a specified amount of time. This must be submitted one week prior to the student's absence.
- b. Request in writing assignments and/or review work from the teacher. Make-up work is the responsibility of the student and must be completed in a timely manner.
- c. Absence of more than five school days for grades K-8 or three days for grades 9-12 may be considered excessive and unexcused. Make-up work may not be accepted.

REQUEST FOR EARLY RELEASE DUE TO TRANSFER:

Parents or legal guardians who are requesting early release of their children due to transfer should complete a Request for Early Release Due to Transfer Form. Approval of this request by the principal would permit the student(s) to complete the requirements of his/her studies prior to the end of school. A student must have been in

attendance 70% of the current grading period for grades KG-8 and 85% for grades 9-12 to receive consideration for this request.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE: If at any time during the school year a change occurs in a student's/parent's home or business address or telephone number, please advise the school immediately. You must provide a copy of your lease in order to change your address. Up-to-date records are essential in handling emergencies.

DETENTION

DETENTION IS A WIDELY USED METHOD OF CORRECTING SOME NEGATIVE ACTIONS OR ENFORCING SOME SPECIFIC REGULATION. A FEW POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT DETENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Parents and students are to be given 24 hours notice of a detention (the teacher assigning the detention notice).
2. Detention can be assigned either before school, during lunch, or after school.
3. Detention will be served with the teacher who assigned the detention.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BEHAVIORAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM (WABAP)

1. Wednesday School for Middle School students is from 3:20 P.M. -4:50 P.M. at Mad River Middle School. Parents, please make arrangements to pick up your child at 4:50 P.M.
2. Students must come prepared to study. Students unprepared will not be admitted and will be referred to the administration.

3. No talking or movement from your seat is permitted without permission from the staff supervisor.
4. No food or drink is allowed to be brought in by the student.
5. Sleeping or putting your head down is not permitted.
6. If there is any violation, the student will be dismissed immediately, and a report will be submitted to the administration for further disciplinary action, which could include suspension from school.
7. Students who fail to attend WABAP without an excused approval by the administration will be referred to the administration for further disciplinary action, which could include suspension from school.
8. In case of illness or an emergency, the parent must call the school the following day between 8:00 A.M.- 9:00 A.M. or the day of the assigned Wednesday School. Contact the Assistant Principal or the Principal at 237-4265.
9. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parent.
10. Student Code of Conduct will be in effect, i.e., possession of tobacco, radios and tape recorders, dress code, etc.
11. If it becomes necessary for Wednesday Afternoon Behavioral Adjustment Program to be cancelled due to inclement weather, students and parents should listen to WING or WHIO on Friday afternoon.

IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS): The In-School Suspension Class (ISS) has been established to address the educational needs of students during a period of behavior adjustment needs. The In-School Suspension is not intended to lessen the impact and severity of being suspended, but is an educational response to assist students with their academic needs and responsibilities as they deal with the removal from the mainstream of school. Students are expected to attend the In-School Suspension when assigned. Assignment to the In-

School Suspension is made by the Mad River Middle School Administrative Staff.

GUIDELINES FOR THE IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION CLASS (ISS)

1. Students will arrive at school either by regular school bus or by parental transportation.
2. If a student arrives before 8:20 he/she must report to the Main Office. If a student arrives between 8:20 and 8:30 he/she is to report to the office and will be met by the ISS Coordinator.
3. Students will be escorted to their locker and to the ISS classroom.
4. Students must report with proper school materials, i.e., pen, pencil, paper etc. Students must also bring school-related materials to work on/read in case assignments are completed early.
5. Restroom and water breaks will occur at the discretion of the ISS Coordinator.
6. Students will receive credit earned on all assignments completed and will be graded accordingly.
7. If a student does not attend/report or leaves early for any reason he/she will receive zeros for work assigned that day.
8. If a student is suspended three days or less he/she must serve all days. If a student is suspended five days and attends first four days with satisfactory completion of work and appropriate behavior, the last day of suspension will be removed. If suspended 10 days and student has satisfactory attendance, completion of assignments and appropriate behavior, the suspension will be reduced two days. Any absence during suspended days will negate the opportunity for reduction of suspended days.
9. Students are not permitted to converse or meet with any Non-ISS students.
10. Students will be escorted to any and all areas of the building.
11. Students will eat lunch at 11:20 in the ISS room without student body interactions. It is the responsibility of the student to purchase or carry-in their lunch.
12. Students are to be quiet and communicate with the ISS Coordinator only. Communication with other ISS students is not allowed.
13. Students will be assigned to a study carrel in the ISS classroom.
14. Students will not be permitted to sleep or put their head down on their desk. Food and drink for the student is not permitted in the ISS classroom.
15. Students must report to school on time and be in attendance before the 8:35 tardy bell rings. Late arrival will be counted as a no show and student will not receive credit for the day's attendance or credit for work assigned. Student will be sent home and transportation must be provided by parent.
16. Students will be dismissed from school at 3:10 and will be transported home via school transportation.
17. It is expected that students will behave appropriately as all school rules will be in effect. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and may be cause for removal from ISS and loss of possible credit.
18. Students will not be permitted to participate in any school activity during or after school while in the ISS program.
19. Instructional behavior component will be part of the ISS. Students will be expected to participate in a behavior modification.

In the event of school cancellation all ISS assigned days will be made up the next day school is in session.

SPORTS/INTRAMURALS/CHEERLEADING: Mad River Middle School offers a fall, winter, and spring inter-scholastic program for 7th and 8th grade students.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS: Mad River offers the following sports: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, softball, track, volleyball and wrestling. The Mad River Local Board of Education has adopted the following fees for sports and activities: \$50 for each sport unless the student qualifies for free or reduced lunch – then the fee is \$35. Athletes should have their fees in before the first game or contest. Parents, please make your check payable to Mad River Middle School. You can pay your fee at Mad River between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., or at Stebbins High School between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:15 P.M., if you have a high school student. The following guidelines have been established for refunding the monies to activity participants: 1. If a student quits an activity, no refund will be given. 2. If a student is dismissed from an activity, no refund will be given. 3. If a student becomes academically ineligible during the course of the activity, no refund will be given. 4. Other circumstances that prohibit an individual from participating will be reviewed by the Athletic Director for a possible refund on an individual basis. If you have any concerns, please contact the MRMS Athletic Coordinator, or the Athletic Administrator, Ms. Plank. Students must be in attendance a minimum of one-half day to be eligible to participate in an athletic event. A student must be in school until 11:45 A.M. or arrive to school no later than 11:45 A.M.

INTERSCHOLASTIC TRAINING RULES: If at any time a participant violates one or more of the following rules during the period of athletic participation, the athlete shall be prohibited from participating in athletics:

NARCOTICS, MARIJUANA, DRUGS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES, AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, sell, conceal, or be under the influence of narcotics, marijuana, drugs, alcoholic beverages and/or mood altering substances of any kind, nor shall a student have the odor of alcohol on or about their person. A student shall not possess, use, transmit, sell and/or conceal drug paraphernalia.

SMOKING, USE, POSSESSION OF TOBACCO OR NON-TOBACCO MATERIALS: A student shall not smoke, use, or possess tobacco, clove cigarettes or other non-tobacco materials that may be used for smoking. If a participant violates one or more of the following rules, the athlete may be prohibited from participating in athletics:

1. Unexpected absence from team activities
2. Verbal and/or physical abuse to members of the athletic staff or members of the team
3. Theft and/or willful destruction of school or personal property
4. Violation of established and curfew
5. Behavior detrimental to the image of interscholastic athletics in the Mad River Local Schools.

The above rules are in effect during the official beginning and ending date of that activity. The prohibition from athletic participation will be for a period not to exceed the ending date of that activity.

GUIDANCE SERVICES: Guidance Services and counseling are available for every student in the school. The service includes assistance in planning courses, explaining test scores, providing information about jobs, careers, and proper study habits, helping with home, school, or social problems, or answering any questions a student would like to discuss. There are two counselors at Mad River Middle that will provide services for all 7th and 8th grade students.

If you would like to see a counselor, you may obtain an appointment request slip from the counselor before school, during lunch, or after school. If the need arises to see a counselor during class time, you must obtain a pass from your classroom teacher to visit the guidance office; otherwise, no one should be in the office without an appointment slip or a hall pass. The counselor cannot give out passes between classes except in emergencies. At the time of your appointment, you should ask your teacher's permission to leave class. The Guidance Office is adjoining the Student Services area. The Guidance Dept. is here to serve the students of Mad River Middle School. If you make use of this service, we're sure you'll find the results very satisfying and helpful. The counselors look forward to meeting and knowing you.

PEER MEDIATION: Peer Mediation is a program at Mad River Middle School that allows students to help other students resolve conflicts that they may be having with their friends and/or fellow classmates. Peer mediation is coordinated by the guidance department and students may sign up for 'mediation' through their counselor.

GRADING SYSTEM: Our school year consists of four major sections or quarters. Each quarter is approximately nine weeks in length, and students receive grades in their subjects at the end of each quarter. Grades are influenced by the following factors:

1. tests and quizzes
2. homework
3. reports
4. projects
5. labs
6. demonstrations
7. participation
 - a. attendance
 - b. punctuality
 - c. class participation

Students receive letter grades (A,B,C,D,F) on their report cards, and these letter grades are determined through the use of percentages.

THE GRADING SCALE IS AS FOLLOWS:

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90- 92	C-	70-72
B+	87- 89	D+	67-69
B	83- 86	D	63-66
B-	80- 82	D-	60-62
C+	77- 79	F	0-59

It should be pointed out that not all teachers use the 4.0 system in determining daily grades. However, at the conclusion of each quarter, all grades are converted to this scale and letter grades are determined. NOTE: Report cards are mailed home usually 7-10 days after the quarter has ended. **Student fees must be paid before report cards are mailed home.** Progress reports are sent home with students mid-way through each respective quarter. It is the responsibility of the student to bring their progress report home.

HOMEWORK WEBSITE: Students and parents may access the Mad River Middle School Website at www.madrivermiddle.org. Click on Mad River Middle School. Click on Progress Book and then enter your user name and password.

ADMINISTRATION OF STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CODE: Building principals, assistant principals, and other administrators shall administer the student disciplinary code and shall use their professional judgment in determining the most appropriate disciplinary action to be taken in each individual case.

In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, it is necessary to classify the behavior of students according to the severity of the violation. While under the jurisdiction of the school, or on school property, or in a school vehicle, or off school grounds immediately before or after school, or on the way to or from school, or in any school sponsored activity on or off school grounds, a violation on the part of a student of any or more of the following rules of conduct shall result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, denial of participation in an extracurricular activity, counseling, parent conference, detention, Wednesday School, emergency removal, removal from school vehicle, suspension from school and expulsion from school. This includes misconduct by a student that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a school official or employee, whether directed toward their person or property.

Procedural requirements of Section 3313.66 of Ohio Law will be implemented in conjunction with an emergency removal (over 24 hours) suspension, or expulsion from school. The administrator shall:

1. Give the student written notice of the intention to suspend and the reason(s) for the suspension.
2. Provide the student an opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, superintendent, or superintendent designee, or other administrator and challenge the reasons for the intended suspension or otherwise explain his/her actions.
3. Notify the parent, in writing, within one school day after the suspension (immediate parent contact notification by phone, when possible).
4. Provide the student, parent or guardian, the right to appeal to the Board of Education's designee and be represented.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We believe that students learn best in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance and trust. The best discipline is self-acquired and not imposed. Freedom and self-direction are

achieved gradually and as students learn to substitute self-imposed controls of behavior for adult-imposed controls. Our ultimate goal is to help students see that rules and regulations are necessary and, when applied, shall be reasonable and appropriate to the nature of the behavior and in accordance with the holdings of Ohio courts of law.

SEARCH & SEIZURE

Search of a student and his/her possessions, including lockers, may be conducted at any time the student is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is in violation of school rules. A search may also be conducted to protect the safety of others.

TELEPHONE

No personal phone calls may be made on the school phones. Our office personnel will place emergency calls. Students will not be called to the phone during the school day. Emergency messages from a parent or guardian will be taken in the office.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Student Code of Conduct, adopted by the Board of Education as required by Ohio Law, sets forth a student discipline code, which outlines the conduct for which a student may be removed from a curricular or extra-curricular activity, be suspended, or expelled from school.

In maintaining the student's right to equal educational opportunity, it is reasonable and necessary to maintain order in our schools. A student may forfeit his/her right to educational opportunities when his/her conduct is such that it disrupts the educational process, deprives others their basic rights, or violates rules as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.

UNRULY CHARGES

Repeated violations of the Code Of Conduct will result in the school pressing unruly charges through the Montgomery County Courts.

DUE PROCESS

Procedural requirements of Section 3313.66 of Ohio Law will be implemented in conjunction with an emergency removal (over 24 hours), suspension, or expulsion from school. The administrator shall:

1. Give the student written notice of the intention to suspend and the reason(s) for the intended suspension.
2. Provide the student an opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, superintendent, or superintendent's designee, or other administrator and challenge the reasons for the intended suspension or otherwise explain his/her actions.
3. Notify the parent, in writing, within one school day after the suspension (immediate parent notification by phone, when possible).
4. Provide the student, parent or guardian, the right to appeal to the Board of Education's designee and be represented.

ADMINISTRATION OF STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CODE

Building principals, assistant principals, and other administrators shall administer the student disciplinary code and shall use their professional judgment in determining the most appropriate disciplinary action to be taken in each individual case, which may result in verbal or written warning or

reprimand, referral to guidance counselor, parental contact or conference, detention, Wednesday School, emergency removal, referral to law enforcement agencies, suspension or expulsion.

In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, it is necessary to classify the behavior of students according to the severity of the violation.

SCOPE OF JURISDICTION

While under the jurisdiction of the school, or on school property, or in a school vehicle, or off school grounds immediately before or after school, or at any school sponsored activity on or off school grounds, a violation on the part of a student of any one or more of the following rules of conduct shall result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, denial of participation in an extracurricular activity, counseling, parent conference, detention, Wednesday School, emergency removal, removal from a school vehicle, suspension from school and expulsion from school. This includes misconduct by a student, regardless of where it occurs, that is directed at a school official or employee, whether directed toward their person or property.

CATEGORY A-1

Students behaving in a manner as described in Category A-1 will be suspended from school for ten school days and will be recommended to the Superintendent of Schools to be expelled from school for up to one calendar year.

FIREARMS: A student shall not bring a firearm to school or onto any other property owned or controlled by the Board, or to

any interscholastic competition, extracurricular event, or any other school program or activity even if not located in a school or on property owned or controlled by the Board. Further, a student shall not possess, transmit, use or conceal a firearm while at school, while at a school sponsored activity, or while on any other property owned or controlled by the Board. "Firearm" means: any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device. (See 18 U.S.C.A. Sections 921-924).

"Destructive device means: any explosive, incendiary, or poisonous gas; bomb; grenade; rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces; missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce; mine; or device similar to any of such devices. A student committing this violation will be expelled for a period of up to one calendar year. The Superintendent of Schools may consider reducing the expulsion period on a case-by-case basis for the following reason(s):

1. The student has not had a record of reoccurring discipline problems.
2. There are mitigating circumstances surrounding the offense that may indicate expulsion for one calendar year to be an inappropriate measure.
3. The students age and grade level indicate expulsion for one calendar year to be an inappropriate measure.
4. A reason(s) not listed in one, two, or three but which the Superintendent of Schools, in his/her sole discretion, believes warrants a reduction of the expulsion period.

KNIVES: A student shall not bring a knife to school or onto

any other property owned or controlled by the Board, or to any interscholastic competition, extracurricular event, or any other school program or activity even if not located in a school or on property owned or controlled by the Board. Further, a student shall not possess, transmit, use or conceal any type of knife while at school, while at a school sponsored activity, or while on any other property owned or controlled by the Board. A knife includes, but is not limited to any instrument having a sharp blade and a handle. A student committing this violation may be expelled for a period of up to one calendar year.

The Superintendent of Schools may consider reducing the expulsion period on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the reasons set forth in Category A-1: Firearms.

SERIOUS PHYSICAL/PROPERTY HARM: A student may be expelled from school for a period not to exceed one year for committing an act that is a criminal offense when committed by an adult and that results in serious physical harm to persons or property as defined in state law. The Superintendent of Schools may consider reducing the expulsion period on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the reasons set forth in Category A-1: Firearms.

CATEGORY A

Students behaving in a manner as described in Category A will be suspended from school for ten (10) days, and a letter recommending expulsion may be sent to the Superintendent of Schools. The school may refer these cases to the proper legal authorities.

ARSON: A student shall not burn or attempt to burn any part

of any building or property owned or leased by the Board of Education, nor shall a student set or attempt to set an unauthorized fire.

ASSAULT: A student shall not act or behave in such a way as to cause or attempt to cause or threaten to cause physical injury to any person, nor shall any student encourage another person to commit the offense of assault.

COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND/OR

RELATED TOOLS: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal, and/or sell counterfeit controlled substances and/or related tools as defined in Amended House Bill 535.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS OR OBJECTS: A student shall not bring a dangerous weapon/object to school, to a school-sponsored activity, or onto any other property owned or controlled by the Board. Further, a student shall not possess, transmit, use or conceal any kind of dangerous weapon or object while at school, while at a school sponsored activity, or while on any property owned or controlled by the Board. "Dangerous Weapon or Object" includes, but not limited to: a chain, club, metal knuckles, explosives, noxious irritation or poisonous gases, poison or firearms (not within the definition in Category A-1: Firearms) and any other items that could be considered a dangerous weapon, or object capable of inflicting bodily injury.

FALSE ALARMS: A student shall not initiate an alarm for fire, an impending bomb explosion, or other catastrophe without just cause.

FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES: A student shall not possess, transmit, sell, conceal, use, or detonate any fireworks and explosives, or other such devices capable of inflicting bodily injury.

NARCOTICS, MARIJUANA, DRUGS, ALCOHOLIC

BEVERAGES, MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES, AND

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, sell, conceal, or be under the influence of narcotics, marijuana, drugs (including prescription and non-prescription drugs), alcoholic beverage, and/or mood altering substances of any kind, nor shall a student have the odor of alcohol on or about their person. A student shall not possess, use transmit, sell, and/or conceal drug paraphernalia.

UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY: A student shall not enter a school building or other Board owned facility or vehicle that has been locked and/or otherwise secured from student and public use without administrative or staff approval.

CATEGORY B

Students behaving in a manner as described in Category B may be suspended from school for one (1) to ten (10) school days. Serious and/or further violations may result in a letter sent to the Superintendent of Schools recommending expulsion.

BULLYING/CYBER BULLYING: A student shall not plan, encourage or engage in any bullying of another students or person. This may include, but not be limited to, physical, mental, intimidations, verbal and/or written threats, telecommunication devices and/or cyber communications. Bullying may result in the person(s) being liable for civil or criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law.

DEFIANCE: A student shall not refuse or otherwise fail to follow directions given by school personnel, nor shall the student refuse to identify himself/herself when asked.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY: A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to school or private property.

DISRESPECT: A student shall not show intent or engage in any willful act that tends to haze, frighten, degrade, or disgrace

any person.

DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL: A student shall not cause or attempt to cause a disruption or obstruction of any curricular, extra-curricular activity, or the normal operation of school.

EXTORTION: A student shall not gain or attempt to gain any money or thing of value from any person unless both parties enter into the agreement freely and without the presence of an implied or expressed threat.

FIGHTING: A student shall not fight. Fighting is defined as the willful act of hostile bodily contact among two or more persons.

HARASSMENT: A student shall not plan, encourage or engage in any harassment of another student or person. This may include, but not be limited to, physical, mental, verbal and/or written threats, intimidations and/or sexual harassment.

HAZING: A student shall not plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing of another student or students. Student organizations are not permitted to haze members of their organization. Hazing may result in the person(s) being liable for civil or criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio Law.

LOOK ALIKE WEAPONS: A student shall not possess, transmit, use, or conceal a look alike weapon including, but not limited to, a knife, gun, or device that could be considered a look alike weapon.

RECORDS: A student shall not alter, destroy, or falsify any school record, form, or other school data. A student shall not remove any school record from its official place of deposit.

SEARCH: No student shall refuse, impede, hinder, obstruct, or otherwise interfere with a search.

STEALING: A student shall not take or acquire the property of others without the consent of the owner.

CATEGORY C

Students behaving in a manner as described in Category C may be suspended from school one (1) to ten (10) school days. Repeated violations may result in a letter sent to the Superintendent of Schools recommending expulsion.

CHEATING/ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Presenting someone else's work as one's own in order to obtain a grade or credit is considered to be cheating. This includes, but is not limited to, copying others assignments, quiz or test answers, and plagiarism. Students who violate this policy will receive zero credit for assignments or work involved. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action.

CLASS CUTTING: A student shall not cut any educational assignment (class, study hall, ROC, homeroom, library, field trip, etc.).

DISRUPTING CLASS: A student shall not behave in any unreasonable manner that prevents the teacher from teaching or prevents other students from meeting the class objectives.

FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL: A student shall comply with the compulsory attendance laws.

FAILURE TO SERVE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SESSION(S): A student shall not fail to serve an alternative school session(s) assigned by the school administrator, including but not limited to after school session(s) and/or Saturday School(s).

FAILURE TO SERVE DETENTION: A student shall not fail to serve detention as assigned by a teacher and/or administrator.

GAMBLING: A student shall not gamble.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION: Upon boarding the school bus or upon arriving onto the school property, the student is considered to be under the jurisdiction of the school. Students are not permitted to leave school property until the end of the school day unless they

have a "special excuse" approved by an administrator or designee.

PROFANITY/OBSCENITY: A student shall not use profane or obscene language or gestures.

RESTRICTED AREA: A student shall not enter a closed or restricted area without administrative or staff approval.

RULES/REGULATIONS OF STUDENT HANDBOOK;

POSTED SCHOOL STANDARDS: A student shall follow the written rules and regulations in the school student handbook and shall follow the posted standards of each class, department, and school building.

STUDENT AUTOMOBILES/PARKING LOT: Use of the parking lot is a privilege. A student shall comply with the parking lot regulations.

TARDINESS TO CLASS: Any time that a student comes to class late, the student is considered tardy unless accompanied by an excused pass.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL: Any student who arrives to school after the designated starting time must report to Student Services to sign in and receive a tardy slip. The policy on tardiness permits a student to be considered excused if the lateness in arriving is a result of an important appointment, illness, or emergency provided the school receives parental verification by telephone or in writing.

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES: A student shall not transmit or use telecommunication devices, including, but not limited to, beepers, portable phones, and/or other items, which may be considered telecommunication devices unless, authorized by the school administration. These items MUST be kept in lockers during school hours.

TRUANCY: A student shall not be absent from school without the knowledge of his/her parents or school officials.

SMOKING, USE, POSSESSION OF TOBACCO OR NON-

TOBACCO MATERIALS: A student shall not smoke, use, or possess tobacco, clove cigarettes or other non-tobacco materials that may be used for smoking.

First Offense: Two Wednesday School assignments. An elementary student will be suspended pending a parent conference.

Second Offense: Three-day in school suspension.

Third Offense: Three-day suspension.

Repeated violations may result in further five day suspensions or a letter sent to the Superintendent of Schools recommending expulsion.

CATEGORY D

AIDING/ABETTING: A student shall not in any way aid or abet another student in violating the Student Code of Conduct. A student behaving in this matter will be disciplined according to the consequences given for the rule being violated by the other student.

GANGS/GANG-RELATED ACTIVITY: A student shall not participate in any gang or gang-related activity on or near school property or at school-sponsored activities, or on the way to or from school or school sponsored activities.

A "gang" is defined as a formal or informal organization, association, or group, consisting of two or more persons, and to which all the following apply:

1. It has a name and/or one or more signs, gestures, symbols, colors, mode of dress, or other method by which it or its members are identified.
2. It has member(s), whether acting individually or collectively, who engage in or who have engaged in a

pattern of gang activity.

3. It has, as one of its activities, the commission of acts, which violate any provision(s) of the Mad River Schools Student Code of Conduct and/or State or Federal Law.

A “gang-related activity” includes the following:

1. Engaging in, or otherwise participating in, supporting, or promoting, any threatening, intimidating, violent, or illegal act.
2. Soliciting any student, employee, or visitor of Mad River Schools for membership in a gang.
3. Wearing, carrying, drawing or displaying any sign, symbol, color, mode of dress or other item, which symbolizes gang identity or membership. Such conduct includes drawing or displaying gang symbols on any surface.
4. Engaging in conduct, whether verbal or nonverbal (such as gestures, hand signals, and hand shakes), which symbolizes gang identity or membership.
5. Distributing or copying any gang related material.
6. Engaging in, or otherwise participating in, or supporting or promoting, any activity that interferes with the school attendance or participation of another student.
7. Engaging in, or otherwise participating, supporting, or promoting, the commission of an act which violates any provision of the Mad River Schools Student Code of Conduct and/or State or Federal Law.

REPEATED VIOLATION OF SCHOOL RULES: A student shall not repeatedly violate school rules as outlined in the

Student Code of Conduct. A student who repeatedly violates school rules may be recommended to the Superintendent of Schools for expulsion from school.

SCHOOL PROPERTY: School officials retain control of school property such as desks and lockers even though assigned to students. Therefore, such school property is subject to inspection and search at any time.

CATEGORY E

TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS: A student violating the Student Code of Conduct and/or the Student Transportations Safety Standards may be suspended from bus riding privileges by the principal, assistant principal, or other administrative personnel for one (1) to ten (10) school days.

Serious and/or repeated violations may result in a recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools for further disciplinary action. The Superintendent of Schools may suspend a student's bus riding privileges for an equivalency of up to two semesters.

Before suspending a student from bus privileges, the administrator shall:

1. Give the student written notice of the intention to suspend and the reasons for the intended suspension.
2. Provide the student an opportunity to appear before the superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or other administrative personnel in order to challenge the reasons or otherwise explain his/her actions.

If a suspension is imposed, the student shall also be given

written notice of the reasons and the duration of the suspension. A copy of the notice of suspension should be sent to the parent (or guardian) within one school day after the suspension is imposed.

The student, parent, or guardian will be provided the opportunity to request an appeal, which will be heard, by the superintendent or superintendent's designee. The decision of the superintendent or superintendent's designee is final.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SAFETY STANDARDS

The school bus driver is responsible for students being transported to and from school. The driver has the authority and responsibility for the orderly conduct of students.

1. A student shall obey the driver promptly and respectfully at all times.
2. A student shall board and leave his/her assigned bus at a location closest to his/her home unless school personnel have given authorization to do otherwise.
3. A student shall be at his/her bus loading area approximately five minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
4. A student shall wait at a pick up location clear of traffic.
5. A student is expected to line up quietly and respect the property of others while waiting for the bus.
6. A student is expected to board the bus in an orderly fashion and walk directly to an available or assigned seat.
7. A student shall sit three (3) in a seat whenever necessary.
8. A student shall not save seats for other students.

9. A student shall remain seated and shall keep aisles and exits clear.
10. A student shall keep noise at a minimum. Quiet conversation is permitted.
11. A student shall be silent at all railroad crossings.
12. A student shall not throw or pass objects on, from, and/or into the bus.
13. Only those objects that can be held at his/her seat may be carried onto the bus by a student. Animals are not permitted on the bus.
14. A student shall not put any part of his/her body out of the bus windows.
15. A student shall not open the emergency door or the front door without driver permission.
16. A student shall refrain from eating and drinking on the bus except as required for medical reasons.
17. A student is required, when exiting the bus, to remain in his/her assigned place of safety until the bus leaves the bus stop.
18. A student shall not behave in any manner that tends to impair the ability of the driver to safely operate the bus and/or interferes with the welfare of the other passengers.
19. Students are not permitted to use cell phones on the bus.

CATEGORY F

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: A student shall comply with the rules and regulations of said club, organization, department, team, and school.

Extra Curricular Standards

INTRODUCTION

All students of Mad River Local Schools are encouraged to participate in school activities. Participation fosters student growth related to the development of important life-long skills, habits and practices. Through involvement in school activities, students learn the true meaning of responsibility, competition, accountability, and teamwork. Further, students are exposed to valuable lessons related to socialization, goal setting, time management, and leadership. Those who choose to participate will undoubtedly receive a more balanced comprehensive and enjoyable education than those who choose not to become involved in school activities.

EXPECTATIONS

Students participating in athletic/extracurricular activities are expected to:

1. Abide by the Student Code of Conduct and other specific and related activity rules. Category A violations shall result in a denial of participation from the activity.
2. Always represent yourself in a manner that is becoming to Mad River Local Schools.
3. Be at every scheduled activity or practice and be on time.
4. Anticipate schedule conflicts in advance and initiate necessary communications directly to advisors/coaches in a timely fashion.
5. Refrain from using profanity and/or degrading actions/comments.
6. Maintain a neat and appropriate appearance.
7. Take care of equipment and assist in the setting up and taking down of activity equipment.
8. Pay the associated fees prior to the first scheduled

contest.

These expectations are in effect during the official beginning and ending date of the activity. If a participant is prohibited from participation, the period of nonparticipation may be for a specific period of time and/or for the duration of the activity.

SCHOLARSHIP STANDARDS FOR GRADES 7-12

The Mad River Local Schools promote academic excellence and extracurricular involvement on the part of all students. In keeping with this position, the following scholarship standards are established for students participating in extracurricular activities:

1. Student Senate/Council and Class Officers

In order to be a candidate and to maintain the status as a participant, the student shall:

- a. Have at least a 2.0 quarter grade average (grades 7-8) in the preceding quarter.
- b. Have at least a 2.0 half-term grade average (grades 9-12) in the preceding term half term.
- c. Not have exhibited behavior that resulted in suspension from school during the current school year.
- d. Not have been truant from school during the current school year.

All other extra-curricular activities:

GRADES 7-8

A student, in the preceding quarter, must have at least a 1.67-quarter grade point average and have received passing grades in 75% of the subjects enrolled, to participate in extracurricular Activities.

GRADES 9-12

A student in the preceding half-term must have at least a 1.67 quarter/half-term grade point average and have received passing grades in a minimum of three half-term courses to participate in extracurricular activities.

All students must pass a minimum of three courses during the half-term immediately preceding extracurricular participation to be declared eligible.

3. Probationary Status

A student who does not meet the 1.67 quarter/half-term grade point average may petition to be placed on probation for the current quarter/half-term. **If probation is granted, 9-12 grade students must attend study table two days per week.**

4. Quarter/half-term grade averages shall be rounded to the nearest tenth.

5. Athletes must meet the eligibility standards of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

6. A failing grade shall not determine eligibility for participation as long as the student meets all other scholarship standards.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

While under the jurisdiction of the school, students are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct and the rules and regulations adopted by the Mad River Board of Education. Furthermore, each extracurricular activity may have specific guidelines and rules with which its participants must comply and abide by. In order to be a candidate and/or maintain participant status, students should familiarize themselves with all guidelines associated with student activities

and are advised that failure to abide by the guidelines may affect their status as a participant, spectator, or student.

When it becomes necessary to prohibit participation of a student from an activity, school personnel will follow the procedures outlined below.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES

The superintendent, a principal, assistant principal, athletic director, and other administrative personnel may prohibit participation of a student from any particular extracurricular activity, or from all extracurricular activities, of the district (or one school of the district), due to the student's violation of: the Student Code of Conduct; the Extracurricular Standards set forth above; training rules; and/or the guidelines and rules of the particular activity involved. Before imposing such a suspension, the student shall be given:

1. Written notice of the reasons to prohibit participation; An opportunity for an informal hearing to challenge the reason(s) or otherwise explain his/her actions.

If prohibited from participating, the student shall also be given written notice of the reasons and the duration of the nonparticipation. A copy of the notice of suspension should be sent to the parent (or guardian) within one school day after the decision.

To be prohibited from participation of from an extracurricular activity means that the student will not be permitted to attend and/or participate in specific school extracurricular activities.

The period of nonparticipation may be for a specific period of time and/or for the duration of the activity.

The coach/advisor for the extracurricular activity should be present for the hearing in step 1, although such person's presence is not required.

The student shall be prohibited from participating while any review and/or appeal is pending.

2. The student, parent, or guardian may appeal the decision in step 1 to a review board within ten (10) school days after receiving the notice of the decision.

The review board shall consist of six (6) members: one student; one administrator (not involved in step 1 above), who shall serve as chairperson; two permanent faculty members; and two rotating faculty members selected by the principal who will serve for one period of review and then be changed continuously. The review board shall make its written findings in the form of a recommendation to the principal within five (5) school days after the hearing.

3. The principal shall review and render a decision within five (5) school days after receiving the recommendation of the review board. A copy of the principal's decision shall be sent to the student, parent, and/or guardian.

4. The student, parent, or guardian may appeal the decision in step 3 to the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, and be represented within five (5) school days after receiving notice of the decision in step 3. The superintendent, or his

designee, shall render a decision within five (5) days of the appeal. A copy of the decision shall be sent to the student, parent, and/or guardian.

5. The student, parent, or guardian may appeal the decision in step 4 to the Board of Education within five (5) school days after receiving notice of the decision in step 4. The Board of Education shall provide the student, parent, and/or guardian written notice of its decision.

Training Rules-Interscholastic Athletics If at any time, a participant violates one or more of the following rules during the period of athletic participation, the athlete shall be prohibited from further athletic participation:

NARCOTICS, MARIJUANA, DRUGS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES, AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: A student shall not possess, use, transmit, sell, conceal, or be under the influence of narcotics, Marijuana, drugs (including prescription and non-prescription drugs), alcoholic beverages, and/or mood altering substances of any kind, nor shall a student have the odor of alcohol on or about their person. A student shall not possess, use, transmit, sell, and/or conceal drug paraphernalia.

SMOKING, USE, POSSESSION OF TOBACCO OR NON-TOBACCO MATERIALS: **A student shall not smoke, use, or possess tobacco, clove cigarettes or other non-tobacco materials that may be used for smoking.**

If a participant violates one or more of the following rules, the athlete may be prohibited from participating in athletics:

1. Unexcused absence from team activities.
2. Verbal and/or physical abuse to members of the athletic staff or members of the team.
3. Theft and/or willful destruction of school or personal property.
4. Violation of established and posted curfew.
5. Behavior detrimental to the image of interscholastic athletics in the Mad River Local Schools.

The above rules are in effect twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week during the official beginning and ending date of that activity. The prohibition from athletic participation will be for a period not to exceed the ending date of that activity.

2. Users shall not copy or load (without authorization), damage or alter any software or hardware. Users shall not delete a file (without authorization) or knowingly introduce a computer virus to any school program.
3. Users shall not use or alter another person's password, files, or directories. Students aiding teachers are restricted to using only the program selected by the teacher.
4. All non-school software and input devices must be checked for viruses and approved for use and are subject to inspection and approval by school personnel at any time.
5. Use of all network/on-line resources is restricted to school related projects and must be supervised by the teacher or network administrator.
6. School district personnel shall monitor the online activities of all users.

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

It is the policy of Mad River Local Schools that technology resources be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner in accordance with the mission of the district. Users must acknowledge their understanding of the policy and guidelines as a condition of receiving on-line access.

Use of technology is encouraged and made available to students and staff at Mad River Local Schools for educational purposes. The district retains the ownership of all hardware and software. The school reserves the right to inspect, copy, and/or delete all files and records created or stored on school owned equipment.

Failure to adhere to the policy and its guidelines may result in temporary removal or revoking the offender's privileges.

Guidelines to Implement the Policy

A. Users must observe the following guidelines when utilizing computer technology.

1. Files stored on school equipment are restricted to school related materials only. Personal files may not be stored.

B. Acceptable uses of the network are activities which support reference and research. Network users are encouraged to develop uses which meet their individual needs and which take advantage of the network's functions: electronic mail (e-mail), conferences, bulletin boards, databases and internet access. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification is prohibited.

C. Unacceptable uses of the network include:

1. Violation of laws or district policy relating to privacy.
2. Using profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to another user.
3. Reposting personal communications without the author's prior consent.

4. Copying or downloading commercial software in violation of copyright laws.
5. Using the network for financial gain or for any commercial or illegal activity.
6. Using resources to access pornographic material, inappropriate text files, or files dangerous to the integrity of the network.
7. Using the network in such a manner as to create a security breach through the introduction of computer viruses or through the provision of information which might permit unauthorized access to the system. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance will be viewed as criminal activity under applicable state and federal law.
8. Attempting to/or bypassing the internet filtering software.

D. Users are responsible for learning proper techniques and standards for participation and for understanding that if they misuse the network and on-line resources, they will lose privileges and may receive penalties as determined by the teaching staff, school administrators or local authorities.

E. Any deviation from these guidelines requires prior administrative approval.