

**Bath County School District
Bath County Middle School
School-Based Decision Making Policy**

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Policy Topic Description EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM

Policy Statement
<p><i>Boys and Girls Basketball, Track, Cheerleading, Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Baseball, and Softball</i></p> <p>Bath County Middle School students must participate in middle school sports programs that are in season at the middle school before being eligible for participation in high school sports. No student should be pulled from a middle school sports activity to participate in a high school sports activity going on at the same time. Students will be allowed to participate in high school sports as long as it does not interfere or conflict with the middle school programs. This decision will be at the discretion of the principal and both coaches involved. If a student is dismissed from the middle school team, or if a student quits the middle school team, he/she will not be eligible to participate with the high school team. At present BCMS does not have a track team. Any arrangements possible will be made for BCMS students to participate on the high school track team.</p> <p>Physical & Permission</p> <p>All athletes must have proof of a physical from a doctor, NP, or PA, before they can participate in tryouts, practice, or a game. Physical form must be the form used by KHSAA. Copies of the physical forms are to be in the possession of the coach during practices and games.</p>

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Permission Slips

All athletes must turn in a permission slip signed by their parent/guardian giving permission/release for medical treatment before they can participate in tryouts, practice, or a game.

Insurance

All athletes must have proof of insurance. Student insurance is available for purchase at the beginning of each school year

Eligibility

Teams will be chosen from eligible 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students through tryouts. 8th graders are only permitted to play on the 8th grade team. Bath County Middle School teams are primarily composed of 7th and 8th graders. A student may not participate in the middle school sports activities if he/she is failing any two (2) classes. Athletic Director shall notify coaches weekly of a player's eligibility. If a student is deemed ineligible for two (2) consecutive weeks, they are ineligible for the remainder of the nine (9) weeks grading period. Any student who was retained the previous year is ineligible in any middle school sport. If at any time a student quits or is academically ineligible during the season, that position shall not be filled by another student who is not a current member of the team. If a student moves into the school system during the season, he/she may participate in the appropriate grade level sport if he/she meets all the eligibility requirements.

Discipline

If a player drops to a level 3, he/she is eligible to practice but not participate in a game for a two week period. If a player drops to a level 1 or 2, he/she is not permitted to practice or play until they regain their privileges. If a student violates the expectations set forth by Bath County Middle School, the consequences listed in the Discipline Level Charts will apply. Please refer to the Discipline Level Charts

Attendance

If an athlete is absent from school, they cannot participate in a practice or a game that day unless it is an unavoidable absence that has been pre-approved by the coach (i.e. out of town, medical appointment, funeral).

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Students who are involved in more than one school activity

Coaches and/or sponsors will stay in communication. Students participating in two (2) or more middle school concurrent activities will consult with a parent/guardian to choose which activity they will participate in on a given night. No student will be told by coaches in which activity they will participate on teams with seasons existing at the same time (this includes academic teams). The choice to participate in co-existing activities may result in less playing time in one or both activities. Athletes will be held accountable for missing a game due to another game/activity. It is the coach's discretion to the degree to which this will affect the athlete's play. It is the athlete's responsibility to notify his/her coach in advance as to which activity they choose to attend. School activities have priority over non-school activities.

Coaches and sponsors

Each extracurricular activity will be led by an adult coach or sponsor who meets any applicable requirements set in law, or by sponsoring or governing organizations. The coach or sponsor will be responsible for personally supervising or ensuring that all students are supervised by an adult while they are participating in an activity, including practice time and travel time where applicable. The principal will assign coaches and sponsors from our school's current staff. If it is necessary to consider applicants who do not currently work at our school, the principal will consult with the council on the hiring.

Coaches' Responsibilities

Coaches will conduct formal tryouts with set criteria to be developed by the participating coaches (ex. boys/girls basketball, boys/girls soccer). The tryout period needs to be a minimum of four (4) days. Coaches are required to remain after events (practice and games – home and away) until all team members are picked up. An athlete shall not leave the supervised area without written permission or picked up by parent. If an athlete is leaving with another player, both parents should sign the note.

Practices

There shall be no practice on Sundays. There shall be no practice on snow days unless pre-approved by principal or athletic director. Players will not be penalized if they cannot attend. Practice during holiday breaks must be pre-approved by Principal or Athletic Director.

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Scheduling

There shall be no more than two (2) games scheduled per week. Tournaments shall count as one game. BCMS athletic schedules are subject to the approval of the principal or athletic director. Cancelled games may be rescheduled subject to the approval of the principal or athletic director.

Equipment

The coach is responsible for handing out all equipment. All lost or intentionally damaged equipment shall be paid for or replaced by the athlete to whom it is issued. An inventory of all equipment must be submitted to the athletic director at the end of each session.

Injuries

If an athlete is injured during practice or a game, the athlete is responsible for reporting the injury to the coach. It is the coach's responsibility to fill out the incident report and contact parent/guardian. It is the athletic director's responsibility to fill out the insurance report and maintain contact with parent/guardian.

Locker Room

Coach's discretion

Intramural Activities: Intramural sports programs are now a part of the Community Education Program and are not under Bath County Middle School guidelines.

Academic/Activity Clubs

There are a variety of clubs and groups that a student may be eligible to participate in while at BCMS. Students must remain in good standing with their behavior, and academic performance to be eligible to participate.

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