

**NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES**

**TO:** Parents and Students Participating in Middle School Athletics  
**FROM:** Greg Gelineau, Assistant Principal  
**DATE:** 2011-2012 School Year  
**RE:** Athletic/Academic Form and Fees

In order for students to be allowed to participate in the Middle School Athletic/Academic Programs, the attached permission form along with the proper fee must be turned in together. No other forms (physicals, etc.) are necessary to be able to compete in the Middle School Athletic/Academic Programs. **A student will NOT be allowed to practice or participate until the registration form and fee is turned in.**

**PARENT PERMISSION FORM**

The parent permit form and fees must be completed, signed, and returned to the Middle School each sport/academic season in order for the student to be permitted to practice or play. Completed forms should be turned in to the attendance office no later than 4:00 p.m., the last school day of the first week of practice (September 9 for fall sports).

**FEES**

The following fee structure is in place at the Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year. **Checks payable to Northfield Public Schools.**

<b><u>Sport</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Fee</u></b>
Per Sport (except basketball)	7th/8th grade	\$90.00
Basketball	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	35.00 (per session)
Per Sport (except basketball)	6th grade	70.00
Academic Activities	All grades per activity	55.00
Drama (performers and tech crew)	All grades	50.00

\*Note: All middle school students participating in a high school sport will pay the high school fee. See the high school activities office for details.

**ATHLETIC WAIVER OF FEES**

Fees will be waived if your family has qualified for reduced or free lunch. In cases of undue hardship, waiver request forms are available in the Middle School Office.

**REFUNDS**

If you discontinue participation in the program you must notify the Athletic Coordinator in order to get a refund. The deadline for refunds is two weeks after the first practice session.

**TRAVEL RELEASE POLICY**

All students are expected to ride to and from all events with the team. The only exceptions to this will be in special situations where the student rides with their parents or another parent. This will only be allowed with the written permission of the parents. If possible this should be done in advance.

**ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Any middle school student missing a practice or contest because of an unexcused absence may be dismissed from the team/activity. The following attendance procedures must be followed:

\*If you are late to practice you must have a signed note from a teacher or parent/guardian **upon your arrival to the practice or contest.**

\*If you missed a practice or contest you must have a signed note from a teacher or parent/guardian **upon your return to the next practice or contest.**

\*If you are planning to be absent or tardy to a practice or contest you must have a signed note from a teacher or parent/guardian **prior to your absence or tardiness.**

\*All notes must be given directly to the coach – not the Middle School office.

**CANCELLATION OF A GAME OR PRACTICE**

To find out if a contest or practice has been cancelled please call the Athletic Hotline, 645-3559. If there is a cancellation, due to the large number of students enrolled in athletics/academic activities, the office cannot guarantee that all messages will get to students. Therefore, please be sure to discuss with your child what you would like them to do. Please remember that they have little time to make a phone call from school and still catch a bus home. Some suggestions: be sure they know their bus number, a work number if you are not home and/or a contact person who they can call or go to.

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## **CHEMICAL ELIGIBILITY RULES**

**Philosophy and Purpose:** Northfield schools care about the well-being of our students. We recognize that the use of alcohol, tobacco and other mood-altering chemicals has a negative impact on the health of the individual, their performance, and their team's or group's ability to function effectively. The chemical eligibility rules are designed to promote and encourage a chemically-free lifestyle and to provide a fair and meaningful consequence when the rules are broken, with the main intention being to help the student.

**Policy:** During the calendar year, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not use, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away: (1) a beverage containing alcohol; (2) tobacco; (3) any other controlled substance. It is not a violation to be in possession of a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the student's use by his/her doctor.

**Penalties:** 1st Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the 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 longer. Enforcement will begin when the first game/performance is missed. The student will be referred to a school counselor who will conduct an informal assessment.

2nd Violation: After the confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests or six (6) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is longer. Enforcement begins at the time the offense is documented if during the season or the beginning of the next season of participation, if out of season. The student will be referred to a school counselor, with an outside assessment or attendance at a chemical education class appropriate to the offense, highly encouraged.

3rd and Subsequent Violations: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests or twelve (12) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is longer. Enforcement begins at the time the offense is documented or the beginning of the next season of participation, whichever is later. An outside assessment is highly recommended and expected. A student who receives an outside, professional assessment and abides by the recommendations of that assessment, will have the penalty reduced to twelve (12) consecutive interscholastic contests or 4 weeks, whichever is greater.

Exception: If the violation occurs before the start of a season and if the start of the season is delayed due to cancellation or postponement of games, the maximum penalty is six (6) games or contests and/or two (2) weeks from the scheduled start of the season, whichever is greater.

Accumulative Penalties: Penalties shall be accumulative beginning with and continuing throughout the student's participation on a high school team or activity.

### In Addition:

1. A student who is guilty of an offense after being named or elected as a team captain can no longer be a captain and will not receive any awards associated with being a captain.
2. A student who denies an offense and is allowed to participate but subsequently is found guilty; will be disqualified from all interscholastic contests for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility.
3. A student may go out for a sport/activity in order to "work off a penalty" and thus make them eligible for future participation. However in order to qualify, they must meet all expectations of that program and must satisfactorily complete the entire season in "good standing."
4. A student who voluntarily refers themselves to a counselor, coach, advisor, teacher, etc. will not be charged with more than one offense, even if there had been multiple violations of the rules. Voluntary referral on a first offense will not reduce the penalty. Voluntary referral on a second or third offense will lessen the penalty by one offense.

Note: Students may not serve penalties for Academic and Chemical Ineligibility concurrently. Each penalty must be served separately.

**Athletic Hotline 645-3559 \***  
**Athletic Main Office 663-0680**  
**Greg Gelineau – Assistant Principal – 663-0680**  
**Web Site: [www.nfld.k12.mn.us](http://www.nfld.k12.mn.us)**

\* The Athletic Hotline is updated only in the event that a practice or competitive event is cancelled. It is not updated on a day-to-day basis for general announcements. Please do not leave messages for coaches on this line. Coaches should be contacted directly via telephone, e-mail or written note. Not all coaches are employees of the School District.

**WEB**

**NORTHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC & ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES PERMISSION FORM**

**ELIGIBILITY/PERMISSION FORM**

OFFICE USE ONLY  
Check No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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Sport/Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Boys \_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_  
(Indicate One) (Check one)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type)

**Middle School Athletic & Academic Activities Offered**

**Fall Sports**

Football  
Volleyball  
Girls Tennis  
Boys Soccer  
Girls Soccer

**Winter Sports**

Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball  
Wrestling

**Spring Sports**

Boys Track  
Girls Track  
Boys Tennis

**Enrichment Activities**

Knowledge Masters (no fee)  
Math League/Team  
Play/Musical  
Environmental Club  
Speech Club  
Spelling Bee (no fee)  
Yearbook (no fee)  
Chess Club  
Geography Bee (no fee)

Qualify for Athletic Waiver of Fees \_\_\_\_\_.

Would like to apply for an Athletic Waiver of Fees \_\_\_\_\_. (Available in the Middle School Office.)

Our family has reached the \$580.00 District Family Fee Maximum \_\_\_\_\_. Please list activities paid this year: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know of any health concern that the coaching staff should be aware of or would give reason why this student should have limited participation in practices or games (i.e. asthma, etc.) NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Mother/Father or Guardians \_\_\_\_\_; Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_; Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in providing assistance with this sport, if needed. Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, herewith

- A. Grants the above-named student permission to participate in the sport/academic activity indicated above.
- B. Has discussed a plan of action for cancellation of practices or games.
- C. Certifies that the answers to the questions above are correct and true.
- D. Has read and understands the Travel Release Policy.
- E. Has read and understands the Attendance Policy.
- F. Has read and understands the Chemical Eligibility Rules.
- G. Agrees to abide by all NMS policies and procedures as outlined in the Northfield School District Citizenship Handbook, a copy of which is on file in the Northfield Middle School office.
- H. Agrees to assume responsibility for any accidents, or injuries, and/or death that may occur in connection with participation in the program. **I fully understand** that the Northfield Public Schools does not provide any accident or health insurance coverage for my son/daughter while participating in interscholastic athletics/activities. **I fully understand** that it is my responsibility to provide insurance coverage for my son/daughter. **I further agree** not to hold the school or anyone acting in its behalf responsible for any injury occurring to the student named on this page in the proper course of such athletics/activities or travel. These statements apply to all athletic/activities programs (including cheerleading and dance team) offered by the Northfield Public Schools in which I give my son/daughter permission to participate.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, Day, Year)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Student)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month, Day, Year)