

January 1, 2006

Dear Parent(s):

Your child has indicated an interest in participating in one or more of the sport activities. The administrators and coaches of Madeira City Schools are very proud of our education experience. We are pleased that your child wishes to participate in our athletic program.

As another athletic season begins, I would like to take the opportunity to make you aware of the scholastic eligibility standards that are set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and Madeira High School.

The OHSAA has adopted the standard that a high school student athlete must be passing at least five (5) courses that count toward graduation at the end of each grading period in order to be eligible to participate the following nine (9) week grading period. Madeira student athletes are also required to have a 1.0 grade point average for the preceding grading period to be eligible. Grades earned during the 4th quarter determine eligibility for the 1st quarter of the next school year. A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled. Seventh and eighth grade student athletes are required to pass 75% of their classes at the end of each grade period to be eligible for athletics. All 7th graders are eligible for the first nine (9) week grading period of the school year regardless of their previous academic achievement.

Madeira has adopted the standard that a student athlete must have a cumulative passing average in each class at the end of each week in order to be eligible for participation the following week. Each student is allowed one (1) warning per grading period for the first "F" they receive. They will be declared ineligible for a one-week period for any "F" they receive after that. Your son's/daughter's coach, as well as I, have talked with your son/daughter concerning this matter.

Under the law, it is incumbent upon a school district to warn students and their parents who wish to participate in athletics that one who does participate in athletics exposes himself to the risk of injury, perhaps serious injury. This risk is noted on the OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statement, which requires the signature of you and your child. Under OHSAA rules, your child cannot participate unless this form is signed.

Your child is required to have a physical performed prior to the start date of the activity. Please fill out all the attached forms in this packet and return the packet to the Athletic Office before the start date of the activity. Students will not be allowed to participate in tryouts or any other activities until all required forms have been properly signed and returned to the Athletic Office. This is a ruling set by the OHSAA.

Please include insurance and training fees with the forms. In the event your child does not make the team, your checks will then be returned to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 587-0010 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Joe Kimling,
Athletic Director

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