



MAULDIN HIGH SCHOOL

Extra-Curricular Handbook

2018-2019

There is an excellent tradition of both academics and extra-curricular activities at Mauldin High School. The extra-curricular program is an integral part of the total educational experience. The intent of the program is to enrich a student's life while preparing him/her for future endeavors.

While it is an honor for a student to be a part of the extra-curricular program, it is also a privilege. The extra-curricular program will not be allowed to detract from Mauldin High School's primary mission, *to provide every student the opportunity, challenge, and support to realize his or her educational potential and the ability to assume a productive role in a democratic society.* **Extra-curricular activities are complementary and supplementary to the academic program of Mauldin High School.** Academic success is considered the principal goal for all students.

Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing

Official Seal

The Official Seal of Mauldin High School is enclosed by ribbons in the school colors of orange and white. The motto AGE QUOD ADIS means *finish what you attempt*. The original founding date is 1927; the new founding date is 1973. A Maverick head is the school mascot. The shield is divided into four parts: The American flag symbolizes freedom; the open book symbolizes knowledge and wisdom (SAPERE AUDE-dare to be wise); the magnolia symbolizes abundance and natural beauty; and the white clouds in a blue sky symbolize a serene community, free of pollution and congestion, while the spire with cross symbolize character.



Alma Mater

In the golden heart of gentle foothills
Stands Mauldin High School lighting our
way to life and learning....

Our Alma Mater leads each day!
Mauldin, Oh Mauldin High,
We lift our praises unto you.
Ours to build, to honor, love
Ours to pledge with faith anew.
In the golden days of Mauldin High
School
May love and peace bind heart to heart
And reap a spirit...

Ours to hold as we depart.
Mauldin, Oh Mauldin High,
We lift our praises unto you.
Ours to build, to honor, love
Ours to pledge with faith anew.

By Sarah Cooper

Eligibility Requirements for Try-outs

ACADEMICS

For a student to be eligible to try-out for a sport during the first semester eligibility cycle, he/she must meet South Carolina High School League requirements (see below) and have an overall 60% average from the previous school year and/or summer school where applicable.

Students who take a course in summer school will have that grade averaged with their final grades from the previous year.

For a student to be eligible to try-out for a sport during second semester eligibility cycle, he/she must meet South Carolina High School League.

South Carolina High School League Academic Requirements (Article VII, Section 3)

To be eligible in the first semester a student must pass a minimum of five Carnegie units applicable toward a high school diploma during the previous school year. To be eligible during second semester, a student must meet one of the following conditions:

1. If the student met first semester eligibility requirements then he/she must pass the equivalent of four, $\frac{1}{2}$ units during the first semester.
2. If the student did not meet first semester eligibility requirements then he/she must pass the equivalent of five, $\frac{1}{2}$ units during the first semester.

Students must satisfy eligibility requirements in the semester preceding participation. Credits earned in a summer school approved by the State Department of Education may apply for first semester eligibility. A maximum of two units per year may be used. Students eligible for a first semester sport will be permitted to complete that sport even if it extends into the second semester.

DISCIPLINE

Mauldin High School recognizes the benefit of extra-curricular activities in regards to student behavior and accountability. All students who meet the aforementioned academic requirements will be allowed to try-out for athletics regardless of any previous Saturday Detention or OSS incident unless such incident was of such significance that the discipline committee has revoked any extra-curricular privilege.

Coaches have the right to review and consider any student discipline records in the decision making process of try-outs. Coaches also have the right to set higher standards for try-out eligibility than what is addressed in this handbook.

In-season student-athlete expectations are considerably higher than those not involved in extra-curricular activities. Any student who is part of an extra-curricular program will be expected to maintain these standards, which are addressed in the next section. Violations will not be tolerated.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIOR

A student who participates in extra-curricular activities at Mauldin High School not only represents the team and the school during competition; he/she represents the team and school in the community. Any behavior deemed unbecoming will be reviewed by the principal, head coach, and athletic director. This committee will determine what measures will be taken.

If an extra-curricular participant is arrested and charged with a criminal violation, he/she must adhere to the following steps:

1. Report the violation to the coach immediately or 2 weeks prior to try-outs
2. Undergo a review by the head coach, principal, and athletic director
3. Adhere to the decision of the head coach, principal, and athletic director

In Season Requirements

DISCIPLINE

Students who are unable to display appropriate and mature behavior will not be allowed to participate in extra-curricular programs. The following procedures will be strictly enforced. Coaches will be held accountable for reviewing discipline logs for their perspective in-season athletes and following the listed consequences.

- A. Saturday School
 - a. First and second offense- Coach's discretion
 - b. Third offense- Dismissal from team
- B. Out of School Suspension (OSS)
 - a. First offense- Coach's discretion
 - b. Second offense- Minimum one game suspension
- C. Missed Practice
 - a. Up to the discretion of the head coach

Any serious violation or offense may result in the student being dismissed from the team. The significance of a violation or offense will be determined by the head coach, principal and athletic director.

ATTENDANCE

A student shall not participate in a contest or practice on the day he/she has been absent from school without just reason. Just reason shall be anything beyond the control of the student (ex: school field trip, doctor/dental appointments, bereavement, religious holiday, etc.). However, confirmation notes will be required by the sponsor or coach of that activity. It is expected that students attend at least half a day of school on performance nights to be allowed to participate.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIOR

A student who participates in extra-curricular activities at Mauldin High School not only represents the team and the school during competition; he/she represents the team and school in the community. Any behavior deemed unbecoming will be reviewed by the head coach, principal, and athletic director. This committee will determine what measures will be taken.

INJURY

All injuries of any nature must be reported to the coach and athletic trainer at the time that they occur so that further injury can be avoided.

A certified athletic trainer, provided by the Greenville Hospital System, supervises all athletic injuries that occur at Mauldin High School. This includes:

1. Working directly with coaches in planning conditioning programs to prevent injury.
2. Coordinating coverage of games and practices
3. Administering emergency care and first aid when injuries occur.
4. Evaluating injuries and making appropriate medical referrals.
5. Providing daily treatment, rehabilitation and reconditioning to the injured athlete.
6. Maintaining records pertaining to all injuries.
7. Communicating with the athlete's parents, coaches and physicians regarding injury status and progress.

In order for a student athlete to be allowed to return to practice/competition from an injury he/she must have a written release from his/her treating physician. If the physician has communicated to the athletic trainer, the athletic trainer must notify the coach. If the athletic trainer is treating the injury, he/she must notify the coach.

PARENTS

COMMUNICATION

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult endeavors. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of others and provide greater benefit to the student. As parents when your child becomes involved in an extra-curricular program, you have the right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication.

In order to assure the best communication possible, the following steps must be taken:

1. Call the school to set up an appointment with the coach. Requests to speak to a coach during class time will not be granted. However, parents are encouraged to leave a message for the coaches. Every effort will be made by the coach to contact the parent in a timely manner.
2. If the concern is not satisfactorily resolved after speaking to the coach, contact the athletic director in an attempt to resolve the situation.

3. Please do not attempt to contact a coach before or after a contest or practice. Often this is an emotional time for both parents and coaches. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote positive resolution.

SPORTSMANSHIP

In order to ensure that the educational experience your son/daughter has while participating in extra-curricular activities at Mauldin High School is positive, it is important to follow the guidelines below:

1. Practice good sportsmanship.
2. Respect the officials and their authority during games/competitions.
3. Do not question or confront the coach at the athletic venue. Use the procedure outlined in the previous section.
4. Remember the game is for the athletes to have fun. These programs are for our students, not the adults.
5. Reinforce with your child that competing as hard as one can is more important than winning or losing.
6. Demand that your child treat opposing players, officials, coaches, spectators with respect and dignity.
7. Promote the physical and emotional well-being of all students.
8. Do not encourage any behaviors, which could endanger the health and well-being of the students.
9. Playing time is not open for discussion.

Please understand that it is a privilege, not a right, for your child to be a participant in extra-curricular activities. Therefore, it is a privilege for you to be a spectator. Failure to abide by the aforementioned guidelines may be cause for your removal from that event and future events.

TRAVEL

All athletes will travel both ways on the school-provided transportation to a contest, unless written notification by the parent or legal guardian is given to the coach. Approval by the coach must be given before the student will be allowed to leave the contest. **Should an emergency occur and a student misses the school's transportation to an away contest, their parent or guardian may transport him. Upon arrival, the parent or guardian must discuss the emergency with the coach before participation will be allowed.**

While on trips to other schools or a competition, all students are under the rules and codes set forth by Mauldin High School and Greenville County Schools.

AWARDS

VARSITY LETTERS

Only one letter is given during a student's years of eligibility. Further accomplishments are designated by awarding service bars and/or a pin to designate another activity. The requirements for earning a varsity letter differ for each activity. The criterion is set up by the coach. Letters signify an accomplishment at the varsity level. They are earned, not merely "given."

TEAM AWARDS

All team awards are decided upon and presented by the coaches in that particular activity at the end of the season banquet.

SIGNING DAY

Signing Day is usually twice in a school year and used to recognize student-athletes who are moving on to play at the next level. The coach must give notice to the athletic director as to which athletes will be signing and

where they plan to play collegiate athletics. In order for an athlete to be recognized at signing day they must have finished their playing career at Mauldin High School. Students who play sports that are not offered at MHS, will also be allowed to sign at Mauldin (example: rugby, equestrian, etc.).

JERSEY RETIREMENT

The retirement of a jersey is a distinguished honor only bestowed to those students who excel in their particular activity. When a jersey is retired, only the jersey is retired, not the number. The number will continue to be used. For a person to have a jersey retired, the following criteria must be met:

1. Nomination made in the form of a letter with a complete list of accomplishments and submitted to the athletic director.
2. Be a graduate of Mauldin High School
3. Earn All-State honors at least 2 years (All-State, All Star, Player of the Year)
4. Must retain an unblemished record of citizenship after they leave Mauldin High School

Mauldin High School reserves the right to retract any retired jersey.