

Otto-Eldred Junior-Senior High School Information for Students and Parents

EXTRA-CURRICULAR RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Individual coaches may establish additional rules for their respective teams.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON PENNSYLVANIA STATE GUIDELINES DUE TO THE COVID PANDEMIC.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE*: The student must be in school all day, including homeroom, and attend/participate in all classes and scheduled activities in order to participate in games, practice, concerts, etc., on that particular day. Students under disciplinary action any day (OSS, ISS, after-school detention, etc.) may not be eligible to participate on that day at the discretion of the building administrator. In case of a doctor or dentist appointment, the student must be in school at least half the school day and accompanied by a pink slip verified by a medical professional. It is expected that students will make a reasonable attempt to attend school prior to an appointment. The only other exception will be in the case of a death in the family. This rule applies to Friday for Saturday games and functions.

***Attendance policy applies to both synchronous and on campus students.**

GRADES/ELIGIBILITY: Any extra-curricular participants with a current average of less than 65% in a combination of classes totaling more than one credit will be deemed ineligible. Weekly academic eligibility will be established by using the CSIU Software following the eligibility check dates listed on the school calendar to determine any participant not passing a course that week.

Weekly Eligibility: The first week a student is found to be ineligible during a season; he/she must attend the scheduled academic tutorial periods scheduled for the next week (but can participate with the team/club). The second week a student is found to be ineligible within a season, he/she may not participate on the team/club and is required to attend the academic tutorial period for the week. Additionally, the student loses his/her letter or eligibility to receive awards related to that activity. After a third week, the student is dismissed from the team/club.

Marking Period Eligibility: In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the eligibility standards, said student shall be ineligible to participate in any capacity in any extra-curricular activities for a period of 15 school days for four grading periods per year or 10 school days for six grading periods per school year. In such cases, these students will be assigned to a mandatory academic tutorial period twice per week of the ineligibility period.

At the end of the school year, the student's final credits and overall grade point average in his/her subjects rather than his/her credits for the last grading period shall be used to determine his/her eligibility for the start of the next school year.

RIDING HOME AFTER EVENTS: The procedure followed by the Otto-Eldred JSHS is to uphold the safety of the student/athletes and participants. With a signed, waiver, students may ride home with their parent(s) or guardian(s) after any event. Other responsible adults may be permitted to provide transportation home for the student if his/her name was included on the signed waiver. Parent(s)/guardians(s) must attend a pre-season meeting to receive and discuss responsibilities with this waiver.

Participants may be permitted to ride home only with this responsible adult if a note has been given to and approved by the high school principal no later than before 9AM on the day of the event. For Saturday events, a note must be turned in and approved on the Friday prior to the event. Student must have parent/responsible adult sign-off in person in the presence of a coach prior to leaving the away event with said individual. If parent/guardian is present at an event, student shall only be released to the parent/guardian. At no time will the participant be permitted to drive to and from an event or ride with someone other than his or her parent(s), guardian(s) or pre-approved responsible adult. It is understood that a coach will have discretion to make a decision when a significant injury, sickness or medical issue occurred during the event. Students violating this policy are subject to suspension from activity, revocation of waiver and/or loss of letter.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXTRA CURRICULAR PARTICIPANT: Proper care of all equipment issued to him or her. Fulfill all obligations of their previous extracurricular activity before moving on to the next activity. This includes handing in all equipment and uniforms. Once all obligations for a season have been met, participation in that event has concluded. **Participants shall conduct themselves as ladies or gentlemen at all times.**

PARTICIPATION: Otto-Eldred JSHS offers extracurricular activities throughout the school year. Participation in any extra-curricular activity involves personal commitment on the part of any student. Fairness and responsibility to organization members is also an important part of participation in extracurricular activities. For these reasons, students will not be permitted to quit one extracurricular activity and join another in the same season. Students may participate in more than one extracurricular activity in one season with both coaches/advisors approval and as long as the student participates in each activity from the start of each season. Participants must designate a "primary" and "secondary" activity sport, in writing, prior to the season. Dual activity participants agree to participate in all, non-overlapping events for each competitive season, with the understanding that participation will occur in all primary sport events.

A written plan for dual participation must be submitted to the high school principal for approval prior to the season. To receive a letter, dual sport participants must meet lettering criteria to receive a letter in any sport participated in. Junior high students (7th & 8th) are not permitted to participate in more than one sport within one season. **"No late sign-ups will be accepted after the 3rd day of practice. The administration may make an exception in cases where additional numbers are needed to sustain a program."**

AWARDS, LETTERS & RECOGNITION: If suspended or removed from an extra-curricular activity for violation of any part of this procedure, a student forfeits his or her right to a letter, award or any recognition related to that season of participation.

SUNDAY: The Otto-Eldred School District recognizes that family time is important. Therefore, there will be no practices, formal or informal, or scheduled events on Sundays.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Otto-Eldred School District is highly supportive of students donating blood. Due to safety concerns, students that donate blood on any given day are not permitted to participate in any physical activity related to a school sponsored sport or extra-curricular activity.

SMOKING OR OTHER TOBACCO USE, DRINKING, DRUGS DURING THE SEASON:

Students involved in any school activity are expected to represent our school in a respectable manner. Participants in these activities will be held to a higher standard due to their visibility and influence upon our school and community. Student actions on or off school property are subject to this procedure. Students caught in possession (actual or *constructive) of alcohol or illegal drugs on or off school property are subject to this punishment while participating in a listed activity or for the duration of that activity. Students caught in actual possession of tobacco products (per SB Policy 222) are also subject to this penalty. Punishments for tobacco/drug/alcohol use will be levied upon students depending on the type of activity they are involved in:

(*Constructive – means knowingly being present where illegal actions are taking place related drugs or alcohol. For example, being present, but not consuming alcohol at an under-age drinking party.)

Seasonal Extra –Curricular Activities:

(Extra-Curricular Activity is defined as an activity that meets on a regular basis for the purpose of rehearsal or practice for a performance or game.)

First Offense: Student will be suspended for the remainder of that season(s). Students involved in more than one seasonal extra-curricular activity will be suspended from all activities.

Second Offense: Student will be suspended from all seasonal extra-curricular activities for one calendar year from the date of the second offense in the same school year.

Other School Sponsored Activities/ Clubs / Officers/ Etc:

First Offense: Student will be suspended from the activity for 60 calendar days.

Second Offense: Student will be suspended from all activities for 1 calendar year from the date of the second offense in the same school year.

All Activities:

Drug & Alcohol Evaluation: For any violation of this agreement related to Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco, the student must undergo a Drug & Alcohol Evaluation and agree to successfully complete the recommended treatment program to participate in future activities. Participants failing to complete the recommended treatment plan will be removed from all activities.

Representative of Otto-Eldred: Student violating the Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco section of this procedure forfeit any opportunity to represent Otto-Eldred as a nominee for any ceremonial recognition (e.g. Homecoming Court, Prom Court, Miss O-E, etc.) during the current school year.

School Attendance: In the event a student has missed more than 10% of the academic at any time during the season, a Student Attendance Improvement Plan will be put into place and will be used to determine eligibility for that season and any subsequent season in that academic year.

These guidelines serve as a minimum guideline for punishment. Coaches/Advisors may further the consequences as they see fit.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LETTERING AND AWARDS PROCEDURE

In order to be eligible to receive a Varsity letter or award:

1. Participants will abide by the Otto-Eldred High School Extra-Curricular Rules and Responsibilities.
2. Participants must finish the complete varsity season of their activity. An exception to this rule will be made according to the head coach, advisor, athletic director, and principal, in extenuating circumstances. Factors considered include effort, attitude, and points/quarters accumulated.
3. Senior participants will be awarded a letter if they have participated in his or her chosen activity for no less than two years. An exception would be an exchange student.
4. Participants must attend scheduled practices, scrimmages, dress rehearsals or other events and contests as the activity may require. **Please note that letters are not issued for all activities.*
5. Students will accumulate at least the required number of quarters or points as described for the following individual activity:
 - a. Band – 3 years in Marching Band and 3 summer’s work in the concession stand.
 - b. Baseball – one half of the total varsity innings.
 - c. Basketball – one half of the total varsity quarters.
 - d. Cross-Country – finish in the top five team runners in one-half of the meets.
 - e. Cheerleading – criterion based on #4 above plus attendance and participation in homecoming activities (fall) or the holiday basketball tournament (winter).
 - f. Football – one-half of the total varsity quarters.
 - g. Golf – Co-op with Oswayo Valley, follow their lettering standards.
 - h. Softball – one-half of the total varsity innings.
 - i. Track & Field– fifteen team points
 - j. Volleyball – one-half of the total varsity sets
 - k. Wrestling – Co-op with Oswayo Valley, follow their lettering standards.
 - l. Swimming & Diving – Co-op with Bradford, follow their lettering standards.
 - m. Trap Team – 18 Bird Average
 - n. Managers (any sport): must manage for two (2) full (practices and games), consecutive seasons of the same sport to be eligible to letter. Letters are only awarded to managers of varsity level sports.

SPORTSMANSHIP: The lessons of our youngsters do not end with the final bell of the day if they are involved in extra-curricular activities. In fact, the learning experience that comes from participation in extra-curricular activities promotes lifetime values that cannot always be learned in the classroom. Values like integrity, fairness, and respect are some of the values that are taught through extra-curricular activities and are the cornerstone of good sportsmanship.

The score of any athletic event is usually forgotten over time, but the actions of players and spectators are remembered. Please be a positive role model. Refrain from intimidation and ridicule of other teams and fans, respecting the integrity and judgment of contest officials, and trusting the judgment and decisions of the coach/advisor no matter how exciting or emotional the contest may be.

Remember that your admission/ticket to an athletic event is a privilege and not a license to be obnoxious and/or verbally or physically abusive to anyone there. In cases where an individual or group interferes with the conducting of practices/events they will be asked to leave immediately. Should the individual or group refuse to leave, they will be arrested. Coaches/Advisors, officials, game managers, and school administrators have the authority to dismiss and/or deny entrance to any individual or group they feel is not upholding good sportsmanship.

PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT: Participation in athletic and extra-curricular activities can be emotional for participants, families, and fans. It is the expectation that any conflict that arises due to participation in a school sponsored activity will be handled appropriately through the Coach, Activities Director, and High School Principal. Additionally, any action by a participant that violates the Student Conduct Code, as outlined in the Student Handbook or resulting in legal action, may result in disciplinary action. Participation in extra-curricular activities and on athletic teams is a privilege at the Otto-Eldred Jr. Sr. High School. Any actions by participants considered to be “unbecoming of a Terror” may result in discipline including, but not limited to, suspension or removal from the activity, group, leadership position or team.

Parent / Participant Acknowledgement

I have read and understand that the above procedures and good sportsmanship conduct must be followed for participation in extra-curricular activities at the Otto-Eldred Junior/Senior High School. By signing this policy, I agree to follow all guidelines related to participation and sportsmanship. I understand that participation in an extra-curricular activity is permitted after the acknowledgement page and medical sheet is returned.

ACTIVITY: _____

COACH/ADVISOR: _____ **DATE:** _____

STUDENT (PRINT): _____ **DATE:** _____

STUDENT (SIGNATURE): _____ **DATE:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **DATE:** _____
(SIGNATURE)

Sign and Return to the Activities Director

OTTO-ELDRED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Medical Information
Activity Participant

Name of Student _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Grade _____

Name of Father or Guardian _____ Phone # _____

Name of Mother or Guardian _____ Phone # _____

With whom does the student live? _____ Phone # _____

Parents Place of Employment:

Father or Guardian _____ Phone # _____

Mother or Guardian _____ Phone # _____

If your child becomes ill or injured at an athletic event, we will attempt to contact you. In the event we cannot locate you, we will contact one of the following emergency contacts:

A. Name _____ Phone # _____

B. Name _____ Phone # _____

Name of Student's Doctor _____ Phone # _____

Hospital of Doctor _____ Phone # _____

In the event of an emergency, if the parents cannot be contacted immediately, I give my permission to have my child taken to the named hospital. I will assume any expense.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

1. List your child's medical history _____

2. List any allergies your child has _____

Is this allergy a medical emergency? Please explain _____

3. List any medication/s your child is currently taking _____.

Please return to the Coach / Advisor