MSD of Pike Township

Pike High School

Athletic Manual for Students

2018-2019
Pike High School Student Athletic Manual

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Provisions contained in this handbook are subject to any updates to the District Parent/Student Handbook, school board policy, and applicable law.
HUMAN DIGNITY POLICY

The Metropolitan School District of Pike Township ("Pike Township") has a diverse, multicultural school community; a fact the Board of Education considers an asset and a source of pride and enrichment. This diversity, however, underscores the importance of sensitivity to the backgrounds, feelings, and concerns of students and community members and of meeting the moral imperative of an equal opportunity society free of prejudice and discrimination.

Pike Township believes it is part of our mission to provide a positive, orderly and harmonious environment in which respect for the dignity and worth of every member of the school community is recognized and promoted. The Board of Education believes that all employees, parents/guardians and students are entitled to be treated and are obligated to treat others with courtesy, fairness and decency. Only through the commitment and ongoing attention of each of us to a safe, caring and supportive atmosphere can we expect to achieve our objective of enabling all of our students to achieve their maximum potential as students, citizens and productive members of society.

Accordingly, in this school district, statements or behaviors by any member of the school community that insult, degrade, harass, or stereotype any other person on the basis of race/color, gender/sex, disability, socioeconomic background, ethnic or national origin, or religion, is unacceptable.

Dr. Flora J. Reichanadter
Superintendent of Schools

Note: Violation of this policy will be reported to district administrators.
PURPOSE OF ATHLETICS

You assume many responsibilities when you wear the red and white of Pike High School. We sincerely hope that you are strong enough to live up to them. There can be no place on our squads for the athlete who does not make an honest effort to live up to his/her responsibilities. Remember, you are building a life. The kind of athlete you are today foretells the kind of citizen you will be tomorrow. Remember, participation in athletics is a privilege and opportunity not available to everyone.

ATHLETICS AND THE TOTAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

MSD of Pike Township and specifically the staff and administration of Pike High School strongly support our athletic program. Athletics is considered an integral part of the total program; a compatible coaching staff, safe equipment, and outstanding facilities have been provided. A wide range of IHSAA-sanctioned sports have been provided for student participation and individual achievement. All students are encouraged to participate in the Pike Township athletic programs to receive the benefit from teamwork and sportsmanship.

Participation in athletics is a privilege
Participation provides meaningful and beneficial experiences that can continue after high school graduation. Student athletes develop positive skills such as: competition, loyalty, discipline, teamwork, and leadership through participation in sports. Practical application of life skills that are taught in the classroom enhances the learning partnership between academics and sport. Every student at Pike High School is encouraged to become actively involved in an extra-curricular activity. (See Administrative Sanctions)

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A RED DEVIL?

You have indicated your desire to become an athlete at Pike High School. Being an athlete does not merely imply wearing the uniform and being just a member of a squad. There are many responsibilities to consider if you desire to succeed. The following is a list of qualities necessary to being a good athlete.

1. ARE YOU ABLE TO BE COACHED?
   Are you willing to accept coaching strategies and criticism without taking them personally? Will you always do your level best to try to improve?

2. DO YOU POSSESS A SPIRIT OF COMPETITION THAT FUELS AN INTENSE DESIRE TO WIN?
   Do you want to win with a passion--never being satisfied with "no" for an answer when there is a job to be done? Does it bother you to lose? It should!

3. ARE YOU WILLING TO PRACTICE?
   Not just reporting and putting in the necessary time, but working hard every day with pep, speed, and determination. Do you have two speeds: a practice speed and a game speed?

4. ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES?
   Conditioning to play is not fun. It is not easy. Training is exacting; the responsibility is heavy. It is rough and includes personal denials in order to remain in tip-top condition, but it has its rewards. The only way for you to remain in good shape is to never get out of it.
5. **DO YOU HAVE AN ARDENT DESIRE TO IMPROVE?**
   Are you willing to practice the things you cannot do three times longer than the things you can do? Are you willing to perfect skills? We have seen too many young athletes spend their time doing what they already do well; they never improve.

6. **DO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO THINK UNDER PRESSURE?**
   Can you focus on the work to be accomplished at the moment? Can you shut out from your mind a previous failure, success, rule infraction, or personal insult in order to give undivided attention to the offensive and defensive maneuver in the here and now? Games and matches are not won by yesterday's scores, but by what is happening now.

7. **CAN YOU BE A GOOD SPORT? A GOOD CITIZEN?**

8. **CAN YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE GOOD ACADEMIC PROGRESS TOWARD GRADUATION AND COLLEGE ELIGIBILITY WHILE PARTICIPATING UNDER THE PRESSURE AND COMMITMENT TO SPORT?**

9. **DO YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR TEAM, AND YOUR COACH?**
   Your school is as good as you make it. Your coach is a genuine employee of your school, given the responsibility of coaching, not his/her team, but your team. Are you willing to work toward that spirit of oneness so that everyone possesses the feeling of belonging through their contributions?

   Will you keep uppermost in mind that when a coach blisters the team with criticism, his/her remarks are never meant to be personal affronts?

10. **ARE YOU WILLING TO STUDY JUST AS HARD AS BEFORE COMING OUT FOR ATHLETICS?**
    Athletics was never meant to take the place of studies. The athletic tail must never wag the academic dog.

    As an athlete, you will be given an opportunity to contribute greatly to your development as a young person and to the school spirit and pride of Pike High School. The younger boys and girls of the elementary and middle schools will copy you in many ways. Give them high ideals to follow and maintain.

11. **BIGGER, FASTER, STRONGER RULES FOR SUCCESS:**
    I am worth my highest goal. I deserve success, I will walk, talk, think, act like that successful person I want to be.

    I will surround myself with positive people and places. I refuse to associate with anyone or any place that creates negativity or mediocrity.
### SPORTS OFFERED AT PIKE HIGH SCHOOL

- **Fall:**
  - Boys: Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Tennis
  - Girls: Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Volleyball, Cheerleading

- **Winter:**
  - Boys: Basketball, Swimming & Diving, Wrestling
  - Girls: Basketball, Swimming & Diving, Cheerleading

- **Spring:**
  - Boys: Baseball, Golf, Track
  - Girls: Softball, Tennis, Track

### CALL OUT PROCEDURES

All sports have call outs on the daily announcements. Fall sports usually have call outs in the spring, winter sports in the fall, and spring sports in the winter. Information may be obtained by calling the coach in a particular sport or the athletic director's office at 387-2661.

### PAYING THE PRICE

You alone will have to decide if you want to be an athlete. A big part of paying the price to be a champion is following the responsibilities of a training schedule that your coaching staff believes will help you reach your goal. Medical research indicates the need of physical activity for health. Activity is essential to life and developing an athletic skill serves as a stimulus that helps propel the human body into action. Skill in athletic activities yields satisfaction. Those people who have acquired it will live a more active life, and, other things being equal will be healthier.

### BUILDING THE BETTER ATHLETE

A. **Regular sleep.** Eight to ten hours sleep is suggested to keep yourself in top shape. The following rules on sleep habits are recommended: Be home weeknights by 10:00 p.m. On a weekend night, such as Saturday when there is no contest, you should be home by 12:00 a.m. Sunday is considered the same as weeknight.

B. **Good Eating Habits.**
   - Home cooking is usually best. Eat plenty of meat, vegetables, bread, and fruit. Drink plenty of milk, except just prior to a contest. Avoid sweets, soft drinks, pastries, and too much fried food. Breakfast should become your most important meal while you’re in training.

C. **Championship Living.** This is just as important to an athlete as the skill of the game.
   - **i. Dating:** At the proper time and place, dating is part of your social growth and development. However, when social life and dating become the principle objectives of the athlete, he/she can no longer give the proper attention to athletics.
   - **ii. Parties:** We believe that you should attend parties and dances which are sponsored by your school, since you are part of the student body. Private weekend parties are a different matter. Athletes may attend if invited and if the party will not tarnish the reputation of the athlete.

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1 Some student-athletes may need to exercise different eating habits due to medical conditions, religious beliefs, and/or other reasons.
iii. Safety: Being athletically skilled and conditioned typically reduces the likelihood of student-athletes sustaining injury. However, even skilled and conditioned student-athletes may sustain injury. Any injury should be given immediate attention and reported to your coach and team trainer.

iv. Dress and Appearance: Take pride in your personal appearance. You should attempt to look as good off the field and court as on, whenever you are before the public. You reflect your school and community. Each coach has the privilege of making dress code rules for his/her particular sport if he/she so desires. However, sagging pants, sexually revealing clothing, and gang wear (including head wraps) are not acceptable and will not be allowed.

v. The Student Body: It is important that you be respected by your fellow students and teachers. You need their help in order to do your best.

vi. Good Citizens: A member of an athletic squad is encouraged and expected to be a gentleman or lady in class, around school, and away from school. "One shows up best who shows off least."

vii. Your attitude: Your appearance, your talk, and your actions will always influence people's opinion of you, your squad, and your school. Once you have volunteered to be a member of one of our teams, be big enough to live, as a team member should.

viii. Extra-Curricular Activities: To be a success in any sport takes a large measure of your time and devotion. The Pike Athletic Administration recommends that athletes limit or manage other extra-curricular activities wisely during their sports seasons.

ix. Out Of Season Participation: Today's athlete should not discontinue his/her improvement at the end of a sport season and then begin again at the onset of the season the next year. You should stay active during the off-season, preferably on another Pike High School athletic team. Behind each champion are endless hours of individual effort, which includes participation in a strength and conditioning program.
# 2018-2019 PIKE SPORTS - HEAD COACHES – SEASONS

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Consent to Participate in School-Sponsored Sports

No student may participate in MSD of Pike Township athletic programs without completing and placing on file with the school athletic director: 1) A student and parent athletic participation consent form, (2) consent for athletic training services, 3) IHSAA athletic physical form, and 4) an emergency medical card.

- After reviewing the Pike High School athletic handbook, athletes and parents must review, sign and return the Student and Parent Athletic Participation Consent Form and all above listed forms to the school athletic director before the athlete may be allowed to practice or compete.

- These forms must be signed by both the athlete and parent.

- An example of the Student and Parent Athletic Participation Consent Form, Consent for Athletic Training Services, and Emergency Medical Card can be found on the following pages.

- Athletes/Parents may receive the listed forms and the IHSAA physical form from the athletic director or their in-season coach.

Note: Parents of student-athletes are required to attend a mandatory meeting for your child’s sport. School and district policies for participation in sport will be explained along with team rules. The district and/or school athletic director(s) will be in attendance to ensure proper explanation of these policies.

*See Forms in Back of Book
PARENT/GUARDIAN AND COACH CONFERENCES

There are some situations where a conference between a coach and parents/guardians is warranted. These are encouraged as a means of good communication and as a way to clear understanding of the other’s position. When a parent/guardian feels that a conference is necessary, he or she should call to set up an appointment with the coach. Parents/guardians should not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a practice or contest. These can be highly emotional times for both the parent/guardian and the coach. Additionally, coaches are responsible for the proper supervision of all team members at these times and should not be distracted from these duties. Meetings are usually best held at another time. Please make an appointment! PLEASE do not call the coach at home.

Note:
The Superintendent or his or her designee, at his or her discretion, may intervene on behalf of any Pike Township student or assist in the resolution of an athletic issue; however, it is recommended that the following guidelines are the most efficient to resolve athletic issues.

What if a meeting with a coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution?

- Call the school-based athletic director to have a phone conference or to set up an appointment.

  The athletic director at each school should be the person most knowledgeable about all aspects of any athletic issue and is thus the person best situated to help bring about resolution in a timely manner.

- If a satisfactory resolution is not acceptable to all parties, the following steps may be taken.

  - Appeal to the school principal.
  
  - Appeal to the Superintendent or designated Director for final resolution.

COMMUNICATION

Research indicates that a student involved in extracurricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are those that promote a successful life after high school. The athletics program at Pike Township provides a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students. We hope that the information provided will enhance both your child’s and your experience in our athletics program.

Parent & Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are difficult. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefits to the student athlete. As a parent, when your child becomes involved in our athletic program, you have a right to understand the expectations that are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child’s team.

Communication Parents Should Expect from Coaches:

- High School Athlete Handbook
- Athlete and Parent Consent to Participate in Sports Form
- Philosophy of the coach
• Expectations of individual team members and team
• Locations and times of all practices and contests, including pick-up times
• Team requirements such as fees, required personal equipment, eligibility for awards
• Emergency/injury procedures and information
• Disciplinary actions taken regarding their child
• Principles of sportsmanship, ethics, good behavior, etc.
• A list of team expectations/rules

Communication Coaches Should Expect from Parents:
• Signed Athlete and Parent Consent to Participate in Sports Form
• Notification of schedule conflicts well in advance
• Signed, written requests for excused absences from practices and contests
• Explanations of reasons for late pick-ups
• Concerns first being expressed directly to the coach at an appropriate time and place
• Specific concerns regarding a coach’s philosophy or expectations
• Permission Requests from Parents and Legal Guardian to Transport Child from Athletic Contests on special occasions
• Support of the coach’s sportsmanship efforts

Student-athletes involved in Pike Township high school athletic programs may experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand, however, that there may also be times when things do not go the way that parents/guardians or student athletes wish. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches:
• The mental and physical treatment of a parent/guardian’s child
• Ways a student athlete can work on self-improvement
• Ways parents/guardians can help their children improve
• Parent/guardian concerns about their child’s behavior

As a parent, it is difficult to accept your child’s not playing as much as you wish. Coaches are professionals. They make judgments based on what they believe is best for all student athletes. As you can see from the above list, certain topics can and should be discussed with your child’s coach. Other issues must be left up to the discretion of our professional staff.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches:
• Playing time (unless between athlete and coach only)
• Parent/guardian concerns about team strategy
• Parent/guardian concerns about play-calling
• Other student-athletes

There are situations that arise that may require a conference between the coach, the student athlete and/or the parent. This dialogue is encouraged. It is important that all parties have a clear understanding of the other’s position. When a conference is necessary, the procedures set forth above in the Parent/Guardian and Coach Conference’s section of this handbook should be used to help promote a resolution of the concern.

Out of School Suspension (OSS) and In School Suspension (ISS)
Students that have been suspended from Pike High School cannot attend any Pike High School-
Sponsored or hosted functions or athletic contests or activities until the student has been re-admitted to school.

**IHSAA/PIKE RULES FOR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION**

A. The following rules are for all Pike High School athletes. These rules are approved by the principal and athletic director and are intended to apply to all athletes. The coach of a particular sport and/or School District Administrator may require rules in addition to these rules, or rules which are more strict than these rules. An athlete should at all times remember that participation in Pike High School athletics is a privilege, and not a right. Pike High School has the right to expect a higher standard of conduct from its athletes than from students who are non-athletes. If a student does not wish to follow this higher standard of conduct, then he or she should decide not to be a Pike High School athlete. During the time a student is a Pike High School athlete, he or she will be in the public eye and will be representing the school and community, not only while participating in a particular sport, but at all other times, both in and out of school and during non-school hours, including vacations.

B. Athletes are responsible for the care of athletic equipment which is issued to them and may be expected to pay for any lost equipment or equipment which is damaged by carelessness outside of the sporting event.

C. For the safety of all athletes, wearing jewelry is not allowed during participation in practices or sporting events. The wearing of jewelry is prohibited in accordance with the IHSAA By-Laws.

D. Athletes are not to be in the high school building unsupervised.

E. An athlete shall practice only one sport at a time. If a coach of another sport requests that an athlete practice for one sport while he or she is actively engaged in another, the athlete should bring this matter to the attention of the athletic director. Special situations can be worked out between the two coaches involved.

F. Pike High School is governed by the Indiana High School Athletic Association. While athletes may not know each and every rule of the IHSAA, they should contact their coach or athletic director if they have any questions concerning the rules and regulations of the IHSAA. If athletes know of any violation of these rules and regulations, it is their responsibility to bring this to the attention of their coach and/or athletic director.

G. Athletic awards remain the property of the school until graduation and can be taken away from an athlete for cause. Use of liquor, the stealing of equipment, failure to observe the rules of the school in regard to athletics or any other act of conduct unbecoming a "P" are adequate reasons for taking away the award.

H. No athlete of Pike High School may extend the privilege of letting another student wear their award.

I. Awards are not to be purchased without the written consent of the athletic director.

J. The privilege of wearing a jacket with an award "P" on it is extended to only those who have received the award from the athletic director. Students violating this rule face possible
disciplinary action.

K. Pride should be displayed when wearing this hard earned award. In addition, respect should be shown for the athletic director policies at all times.

L. In addition to these athletic rules, athletes are also bound by any other rules of the District Behavior Grid.

M. Athletes, managers, and trainers must have passed 5 classes for the previous 9 weeks and be presently enrolled in 5 classes. Semester grades take precedence over 9 week grades. Athletes must meet MSD of Pike Township 2.0 GPA requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities.

N. Athletes who are not academically eligible may participate only according to the District’s plan for academic monitoring.

**PIKE HIGH SCHOOL/IHSAA CERTIFICATION DATES**

**2018-2019**

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A student becomes eligible or ineligible at Noon of each certification date, based on grades reported by the end of the nine weeks.

A. Be enrolled before the 16th day of school.

B. Students must have received passing grades in at least five full credit subjects or the equivalent during your last grading period; semester grades shall take precedence at the end of a semester. Students must be currently enrolled in at least five full credit subjects or the equivalent. The five-5 credit courses provided must be completed within the semester of the athletic season. Students participating in Pike High School Athletic Programs must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher. This GPA demonstrates the student’s ability to manage both academic requirements and participation in sports successfully. A student’s academic success is MSD Pike Township’s first priority. Students may not try out for a sport or participate in a sport until he or she has completed one full grading period where grading standards were met. Students will be placed on academic probation if determined not to be meeting academic standards. Students will be required to attend study tables, help sessions, and tutorials, and other interventions to assist them in obtaining the grades that will return the athlete back to full eligibility status.

C. Have legal residence with your parent/guardian in your school district.

D. Have been enrolled in your present high school last semester or at a junior high school from which your high school receives its students.
• Unless you are entering the ninth grade for the first time.

• Unless you are transferring from a school district or territory with a corresponding bona fide move on the part of your present school.

• Unless your former school is non-accredited; was a correctional school; was discontinued or consolidated and you were required to transfer to your present school.

• Unless you are legally adopted, are a foreign exchange student under a full year program, are under the direction of an orphanage or State Department of Welfare, are required to change residence by court order, or are a ward of a guardian who resides in your new school district or territory; have not participated in a high school varsity contest; are married and established residence in a new district or territory; are over 18 years of age and the principal of former school approves.

NOTE: You must have been eligible in the school from which you transferred.

E. Not have been enrolled more than four fall semesters and four spring semesters beginning with Grade 9, nor have represented a high school in a sport more than four years.

F. Never play under an assumed name.

G. Never accept money or merchandise directly or indirectly for athletic participation.

H. Never participate as a member of any other similar team in the same season unless supervised and managed by your school.

I. Between April 1 and student's first practice in preparation for interschool athletic participation, the student shall have had (1) a physical examination or certification by a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine, and (2) written consent of parent or guardian for such participation unless emancipated.

Evidence of both, included on the Consent and Release Certificate, shall be on file in the athletic director's office prior to the student's first practice. Such certificate may suffice for the entire school year.

J. An athlete must have ten (10) separate days of practice before participating in any game or sporting event except girls golf which only needs two (2).

K. If an athlete transfers into this school system, he/she must have an athletic transfer from the school from which he/she came; this includes grades 10, 11, & 12. Forms are available from the athletic director. Transfer forms must be completed in the athletic office. Please make an appointment – 387-2613

RULES FOR AGE REQUIREMENT

A student who is or shall be twenty (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state
finals in a sport shall be ineligible for interschool athletic competition in that sport.

**RULES FOR PRACTICE/GAME ATTENDANCE**

**INTERPRETATION:**

A. When accepting the responsibility of participating as a varsity, reserve, or freshman player in any of our interscholastic sports, you are responsible for being present at all set meetings or practice sessions unless excused by the coach prior to the practice or meeting.

B. A medical statement does not necessarily excuse the athlete from attending practice.

C. Any athlete going out for any sport should not quit without permission of the coach.

D. If he/she does quit, he/she becomes ineligible for any other sport while that sport is in season. If an athlete does not participate in practice for five (5) or more days due to illness or injury, he or she may be required to present a written proof from a doctor that he or she is able to attend practice and participate again. Additional practices are required before participation.

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E. Students must be present in four full class periods in order to participate in competition or practice. Any student who goes home ill may not participate that day.

F. **Transportation** - All student-athletes are required to ride the team bus to and from all games and competitions. Exceptions to this rule can be approved when written notification is presented and approved by the athletic director at least 24 hours in advance.

Reasons for exceptions: 1. School to School function  
2. School to Church function  
3. School to Out-of-Town family function

Students may not drive themselves.

Family emergency situations may be approved by the coach in charge of the team.

**TEAM MEALS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Team meals and social activities are voluntary and cannot be made a mandatory activity of team members. (Students may provide meals for themselves only)

2. Student athletes are not to receive discipline from coaches if student athletes choose not to participate in a team meal plan or social activity.

3. Coaches must provide written explanation to student athletes and parents of planned meals or social activities. Parent must be provided an opportunity to agree or decline participation in meal plans and/or social activities.
4. All meal plans and social activities involving student athletes in MSD of Pike Township must be approved by the school athletic director or appropriate school administrator.

**PRACTICE PACKAGES**

Coaches will not distribute any practice packages or other equipment until full payment has been received from student athlete.

**Bus Transportation**

All rules that apply to students riding the bus to and from school also apply when students are riding the school district bus to and from an athletic practice or contest.

**Note: Fuel Crisis**

MSD of Pike Township strives to provide adequate bus transportation for its District-Wide Athletic Program in order to ensure equal opportunity for all students’ participation. However, as fuel costs fluctuate above budgeted amounts, adjustments in the transportation program for athletics may require modifications and change. The following bus transportation procedures may be affected by these necessary changes.

**Pick-Up after Practices and Contests**

Each team has a designated area for pick-ups. Team members should be nowhere else either inside or outside the building. All teams have designated pick-up times for practices and contests. Parents should understand that contest pick-up times are approximations – the exact length of a contest or travel time cannot be pre-determined. Team members are expected to communicate pick-up times to their rides AHEAD of time – phone calls after practices or contests should not be necessary. Team members are expected to be picked up on time or within 15 – 20 minutes of that time. Coaches must remain at school until all team members have been picked up. They are not, however, expected to wait time after time for a team member whose ride is repeatedly late. Pike Township coaches are not allowed to pick up, take home, or drive athletes to or from athletics practices/contests in their personal vehicles. Parents should also not assume that their child would somehow get a ride home with another parent or student. **Athletes with unresolved ride pick-up problems are subject to dismissal from their teams.**

**Travel to and from Athletic Contests**

Per school board policy, team members are required to travel to and from athletic activities on Pike Township provided transportation. In an emergency or in special circumstances, athletes may be granted permission to travel from an athletic contest with a parent or legal guardian. Requests for this permission must be written, signed by the parent/guardian, and given to the coach for athletic department approval at least 24 hours before the scheduled contest. Copies of Permission to Transport by Parent or Legal Guardian must be on file in the athletic director’s office.

**After School Athletic Bus**

MSD of Pike Township provides student-athletes with bus transportation to an area close to the athletes’ home. These buses are provided to assist and provide additional opportunities for students to participate in the athletic programs at the high school and middle schools. Good behavior is expected when taking advantage of this service. Athletes are to report to the designated pickup location on time and should not expect the bus to wait. Buses will arrive and depart as scheduled. Coaches will supervise athletes waiting
for the bus arrival. No horseplay will be allowed. All school rules apply. Violation of school rules may cause an athlete to lose the privilege to ride the after school athletic bus. Athletes must receive permission from their coach or school Athletic Director to ride the after school athletic bus.

**Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Cooperative Agreement**

This agreement is for students participating in both performing arts and athletic programs at Pike High School. The administrators of these programs understand that scheduling conflicts will occur. In order to deal with each participant fairly, a consistent policy is necessary. The participant must understand that the ultimate responsibility is for the student to communicate any scheduling conflicts to his/her coach and director.

1. Under this agreement, coaches, directors and sponsors must communicate between departments ASAP. The participant MUST COMMUNICATE the conflict at least (1) week in advance to both the coach and director.

2. This agreement upholds the Pike Township policy that competition or performance takes precedence over practice with no penalty to the participant.

3. **LEVELS OF PRIORITY FOR CONFLICTS**
   
   a. If two competitions occur simultaneously and one is for advancement to a higher level, the participant will attend the competition for advancement.

   b. If simultaneous competitions are of equal priority and the student has informed both director and coach with at least one week’s notice, a meeting of the coach, director, and athletic director will be set up. At that time the importance of the student’s participation to the success of the group’s performance will be considered, and any possibility for the participant to get to both competitions will be investigated.

4. If simultaneous competitions are of equal priority and the student has not informed both Director and coach with at least one week’s notice, the participant will accept the consequences.

5. If the student has met requirements of notifications:
   
   a. Graded activities will be assessed as non-applicable (no penalty will be assessed).

   b. If absent from performance, athletic event or non-athletic event due to simultaneous competitions, no penalty will be enforced (i.e.: no benching, no reduction of playing or performance time, or reduction of participation)

   c. If there is a simultaneous competition conflict and time allows the participant to do both, the participant may not sit and watch other levels of competition in which he/she is not personally participating. The participant is to go to his/her other competition. Students are responsible for getting their transportation from one event to another with a note from a parent explaining the mode of transportation.

6. If there is a practice and competition conflict:

   a. An effort to get to practice after or prior to competition is required.
b. If competition is a home event, the participant is to immediately report to practice as soon as his/her portion of the competition is over. The participant is to be excused from any portion of competition in which he/she is not personally participating as determined by IHSAA team and individual sports guidelines (Team Sports: football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball, softball). (Individual Sports: cross country, golf, tennis, swimming and diving, wrestling, track).

ADMISSION TO ATHLETIC EVENTS

Admission Charges
Admission is charged for all home baseball, football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, and track & field contests. Pike ticket prices are set at the agreed upon price by the Marion County Principals Association.

Student/Athlete Privileges
Athletes may be admitted free to a home non-tournament competition in the sport in which they compete only. Male and female athletes that compete in the same sport are not eligible for free admission to an event competition not in his or her gender.

Pike High School All Sport Passes
Pike High School All Sport Passes are available from the Athletic office. The pass is good for admission to all current school year HOME athletic events, excluding tournaments. Passes must be signed and presented with an ID at the admission gates.

COST = $75.00 Per Person – PASSES ARE NON TRANSFERABLE

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Patron Expectations

The Metropolitan School District of Pike Township believes it is part of our mission to provide a positive, orderly and harmonious environment in which respect for the dignity and worth of every member of the school community is recognized and promoted. The Board of Education believes that all employees, parents/guardians and students are entitled to be treated and are obligated to treat others with courtesy, fairness and decency.

Statements or behavior by any member of the school community which insult, degrade, harass, or stereotype any other person are unacceptable.
Behavioral Expectations
When in attendance at MSD of Pike Township Events and Activities

Metropolitan School District of Pike Township reserves the exclusive rights to act accordingly and take appropriate actions to insure the safe and secure presentation of events and activities for its students, staff, parents, and the community in general. The District will hold ALL participants and spectators to the following reasonable expectations:

- **REALIZE THAT A TICKET IS A PRIVILEGE TO OBSERVE SCHOOL CONTESTS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES. THE TICKET DOES NOT REPRESENT A LICENSE OR RIGHT TO ATTEND, AND MAY BE REVOLED AT ANY TIME AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT’S SOLE DISCRETION WHEN IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND PARENTS.**

- **REFRAIN FROM USE OF PROFANITY, RACIAL OR SEXUAL COMMENTS, INTIMIDATING LANGUAGE OR AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS, DISPLAYS OF ANGER, OR NEGATIVE ACTIONS DIRECTED TOWARD OTHERS.**

- **RESPECT THE PROPERTY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND RESPECT THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL/DISTRICT OFFICIALS.**

- **DO NOT INTERFERE WITH COACHES, CONTEST OFFICIALS, OR SCHOOL/DISTRICT OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH THE CONDUCT OF AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY. DO NOT APPROACH THE ATHLETIC FIELD/FLOOR, OR INTERACT WITH PARTICIPANTS OF AN EVENT OR ACTIVITY.**

- **MAINTAIN SELF-CONTROL, SELF-RESPECT, AND SHOW RESPECT FOR ALL OTHERS.**

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

“Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities, which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.”

A. **Fundamentals of Good Sportsmanship**

1. Show respect for self and others at all times
2. Show respect for the officials. Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decisions of the officials.
3. Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the contest. Good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.
4. Maintain self-control at all times. Prevent the desire to win from
overcoming rational behavior.

5. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of team affiliation.

B. Acceptable Behaviors

1. Applause during introduction of players, coaches, and contest officials.

2. Players shaking hands with opponents who foul out while both sets of fans recognize the player’s performance with applause.

3. Accept all decisions of contest officials.

4. Cheerleaders lead fans in a positive manner.

5. Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of the contest, regardless of outcome.

6. Treat competition as a game, not a war.

7. Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for their outstanding performance or coaching.

8. Applause at the end of the contest for performances of all participants.

9. Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.

10. Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

C. Unacceptable Behavior

1. Yelling or waving arms or objects during opponent’s free throw attempt.

2. Disrespectful or derogatory cheers, chants, songs, or gestures.

3. Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official’s call.

4. Cheers that antagonize opponents.

5. Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.

6. Blaming loss of contest on officials, coaches, or participants.

7. Laughing or name-calling to distract an opponent.

8. Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.

9. Doing own cheers instead of the lead of the cheerleaders.

10. Wearing extreme or unusual clothing or excessive face or body painting, which detracts from the action on the playing surface.
D. **Good Sportsmanship Responsibilities of the Coach**

The actions of the coach have a great deal to do with how sportsmanship is valued by members of the team. In order for good sportsmanship to become a reality, the coach should:

1. Respect the judgment of contest officials. The officials of any contest are impartial arbiters who are trained and who perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved in the contest are a part of the contest. We should not rationalize our own poor or unsuccessful performance or behavior by placing responsibility on an official. You should accept and abide by the decisions made.

2. Always set a good example for members of the team and fan to follow.

3. Instruct members of the team in proper sportsmanship.

4. Display no behavior that could incite fans.

5. Treat opposing coaches, participants, and fans with respect.

6. Shake hands with officials and opposing coaches in public.

7. Develop consequences for those who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.

**Sportsmanship – Student-Athlete**

The responsibility of the players for sportsmanship is second in importance only to the coach. Because players are admired and respected, they exert a great deal of influence over the actions and behavior of the spectators. The student-athlete should:

1. Treat opponents with the respect that is due as guests and fellow human beings.

2. Shake hands with opponents and wish them good luck before the contest and after.

3. Exercise self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them.

4. Respect the integrity and judgment of the officials. Never argue or make gestures indicating a dislike for a decision.

5. Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, being neither boastful nor bitter.

6. Congratulate the opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.

**Sportsmanship – Student Fans**

1. Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support the school.

2. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship.

3. Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to cheerleaders.

4. Respect the property of the school and the authority of school officials.
5. Stimulate desired crowd response using only positive cheers, signs, and praise without antagonizing or demeaning opponents.

6. Show respect for an injured player when he/she is removed from the contest.

7. Do not applaud errors by opponents or penalties inflicted upon them.

8. Do not heckle, jeer, or distract members of the opposing team.

9. Respect opposing spirit groups, fans, coaches, and participants.

10. Never criticize the players or coaches for the loss of the game.

11. Respect yourself, your team, officials, coaches, opponents, and fans.

12. Refrain from using profanity, racial or sexual comments, intimidating language, or actions directed to others.

G. Good Sportsmanship - Parents

1. Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support school activities. It is not a license to verbally assault anyone or act in an outrageous manner.

2. Realize that athletics are part of the educational experience, and that the benefits go beyond the final score of the contest.

3. Respect the decisions made by the officials and learn the rules of the game to better understand their decisions.

4. Participate in positive cheers and refrain from those that take away from the spirit of the contest.

5. Respect and support the task the coaches have in teaching the athletes.

6. Respect the opponents as students and acknowledge them for striving to do their best.

7. Be a parent your child would be proud of; be a fan, not a fanatic!

**ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES FOR MSD of PIKE STUDENT ATHLETES**

In order to insure athletes are able to make efficient, safe, and secure use of MSD, Pike athletic programs and facilities, there must be full and complete compliance with the following administrative requirements:

1. Athletes must attend and fully participate in practices and competitions as determined by the Pike coaching staff. Only the coach may excuse athletes from participation when necessary.

2. Pike athletes are leaders and must always wear appropriate clothing before, during, and after practices and competitions. Inappropriate, as defined by the District, dress is not allowed. The coaching staff and athletic administrators shall determine dress policy for athletes.
**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5511 – Dress & Grooming**

The School Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices interfere with the educational program of the schools.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall establish such grooming guidelines as are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes. Such guidelines shall prohibit student dress or grooming practices which:

A. present a hazard to the health or safety of the student himself/herself or to others in the school;
B. interfere with schoolwork, create disorder, or disrupt the educational program;
C. cause excessive wear or damage to school property;
D. prevent the student from achieving his/her own educational objectives because of blocked vision or restricted movement.

Such guidelines shall establish the dress requirements for members of the athletic teams, bands, and other school groups when representing the Corporation at a public event.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy which:

A. designate the principal as the arbiter of student dress and grooming in his/her building;
B. invite the participation of staff, parents and/or students in the preparation of a dress code which may specify prescribed dress and grooming practices
C. instruct staff members to demonstrate, by example and precept, personal neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance
D. ensure that all administrative guidelines impose only minimum and necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.

Students who violate the foregoing rules will not be admitted to class and may be suspended from school.

3. Inappropriate, as defined by the District, language is not allowed at any time.

4. Wireless Communication Devices (cell phones), Ipad, headphones, and other electronic devices not required to perform activities being conducted at an athletic facility, are not to be used during supervised activities. Distractions can lead to serious injuries. MSD, Pike is not responsible for athletes valuables not properly secured. (See Below, School Board Policy)

**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5136 on Wireless Communication Devices**

Students may possess wireless communication devices (WCDs) in school, on school property, during after school activities (e.g. extra-curricular activities) and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours and on school vehicles the WCDs are powered completely off (i.e., not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.
A "wireless communication device" is a device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. The following devices are examples of WCDs: cellular and wireless telephones, pagers/beepers, personal digital assistants (PDAs), Blackberrys/Smartphones, Wi-Fi-enabled or broadband access devices, two-way radios or video broadcasting devices, laptops, and other devices that allow a person to record and/or transmit, on either a real time or delayed basis, sound, video or still images, text, or other information. Students may not use WCDs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet websites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.

Also, during after school activities when directed by the administrator or sponsor, WCDs shall be powered completely off (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.

The requirement that WCDs must be powered completely off will not apply when the student is using the WCD for an educational or instructional purpose (e.g. taking notes, recording a class lecture, writing papers) with the teacher's permission and supervision and when the student obtains prior approval from the building principal.

Students are prohibited from using WCDs to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity, without express prior notice and explicit consent for the capture, recording or transmission of such words or images. Using a WCD to take or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without his/her consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted, unless authorized by the building principal. Students who violate this provision and/or use a WCD violate the privacy rights of another person.

WCDs, including but not limited to those with cameras, may not be possessed, activated or utilized at any time in any school situation where a reasonable expectation of personal privacy exists. These locations and circumstances include but are not limited to locker rooms, shower facilities, restrooms, classrooms, and any other areas where students or others may change clothes or be in any stage or degree of disrobing or changing clothes. The building principal has authority to make determinations as to other specific locations and situations where possession of a WCD is absolutely prohibited.

No expectation of confidentiality will exist in the use of WCDs on school premises/property. Students are prohibited from using a WCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. See Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior.

Students are also prohibited from using a WCD to capture and/or transmit test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty. Likewise, students are prohibited from using their WCDs to receive such information.

Possession of a WCD by a student is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the WCD. The building principal may also refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves an illegal activity (e.g. child pornography). Discipline will be imposed based on the number of previous violations and/or the nature of or circumstances surrounding a particular violation. If the WCD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the student's parent/guardian after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequences that are imposed. Any WCD confiscated by Corporation staff will be marked in a removable manner with the student's name and held in a secure location in the building's central office until it is retrieved by the parent/guardian. WCDs in Corporation custody will not be searched or otherwise tampered with unless school officials reasonably suspect that the search is required to discover evidence.
of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 – Search and Seizure. If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose his/her privilege to bring a WCD to school for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.

Parents/Guardians are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the school office.

Students may use school phones to contact parents/guardians during the school day. Revised 6/24/10

5. Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs or any other illegal substances are not allowed in Pike athletic facilities.

An athlete’s failure to comply with any of these Administrative Requirements upon first request will result in suspension from athletic team activities, practices, and competitions.

**TRANSPORTATION**

1. When using transportation provided by MSD Pike Township to transport student athletes for competitions or other pre-approved team activities, students must be supervised at all times including pre-boarding, boarding, transport, and post-transport. All District and school policies, guidelines, procedures, and rules must be followed by all coaches and students for Pike transportation.

2. Students are not to seek or accept rides for any reason from coaches or other school staff members unless the staff has received special permission from school or district administrators. Refer to Policy 3213 Item G – Student Supervision and Welfare

**SUPERVISION**

Student athletes will be supervised during activities at all times and must respect the authority of the person(s) in authority. Failure to behave in a manner that is required and expected may be cause for immediate suspension and/or dismissal from team activities. Students MUST respect and obey all school rules and regulations at all times.

**MSD Pike of Pike Township Policy 3213 – Student Supervision and Welfare**

Each professional staff member shall maintain a standard of care for the supervision, control, and protection of students commensurate with their assigned duties and responsibilities.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to prepare administrative guidelines for the maintenance of the following standards:

A. A professional staff member shall immediately report to a building administrator any accident, safety hazard, or other potentially harmful condition or situation s/he detects.

B. A professional staff member shall provide proper instruction in safety matters as presented in assigned course guides.

C. Each professional staff member shall immediately report to a building administrator
knowledge of threats of violence by students.

D. A professional staff member shall not send students on any personal errands.

E. A professional staff member shall not associate inappropriately with students at any time in a manner which may give the appearance of impropriety, including, but not limited to, the creation or participation in any situation or activity which could be considered abusive or sexually suggestive or involve drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Any sexual or other inappropriate conduct with a student by any staff member will subject the offender to potential criminal liability and discipline up to and including termination of employment.

F. If a student approaches a staff member to seek advice or to ask questions regarding a personal problem related to sexual behavior, substance abuse, mental or physical health, and/or family relationship, etc., the staff member may attempt to assist the student by facilitating contact with certified or licensed individuals in the Corporation who specialize in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of the student’s stated problem. Under no circumstances should a staff member attempt, unless properly licensed and authorized to do so, to counsel, assess, diagnose, or treat the student’s problem or behavior, nor should any such staff member inappropriately disclose personally identifiable information concerning the student to third persons not specifically authorized by law. Any staff member who determines that a student is in need of services shall report the matter to appropriate authorities.

G. A professional staff member shall not transport students in a private vehicle without the approval of the principal.

H. A student shall not be required to perform work or services that may be detrimental to his/her health.

Since most information concerning a child in school, other than directory information described in Policy 8330, is confidential under Federal and State laws, any staff member who shares confidential information with another person not authorized to receive the information may be subject to discipline and/or civil liability. This includes, but is not limited to, information concerning assessments, grades, behavior, family background, alleged child abuse, and any other record information.

Pursuant to the laws of the State and Board Policy 8462, each professional staff member shall report to the proper legal authorities immediately, any sign of suspected child abuse or neglect.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT**

Contestants’ conduct in and out of school shall be such as (1) not to reflect discredit upon their school or the association, or (2) not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral, or education environment in the school.

Inappropriate language, contact, and or behavior involving students or staff will be cause for immediate suspension and/or dismissal from all team activities for MSD of Pike Township. All students must follow all Board-approved rules, regulations, policies, requirements, and guidelines in the Pike High School Athletic Handbook for Students.

**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5500 – Student Conduct**

Respect for law and for those persons in authority shall be expected of all students. This includes conformity to school rules as well as general provisions of law regarding minors. Respect for the rights of others, consideration of their privileges, and cooperative citizenship shall also be expected of all members of the school community.
Respect for real and personal property; pride in one's work; achievement within the range of one's ability; and exemplary personal standards of courtesy, decency, and honesty shall be maintained in the schools of this Corporation.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures to carry out Board policy and philosophy, and shall hold all school personnel, students, and parents responsible for the conduct of students in schools, on Corporation premises, and on school vehicles.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish administrative guidelines on the risk of dangerous weapons which require students to report to the building principal the knowledge of dangerous weapons and threats of violence by students or staff. Failure to report such knowledge may subject the student to immediate suspension and potential expulsion from school.

Student conduct shall be governed by the rules and provisions of the Student Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct shall be reviewed periodically.

**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5520 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

It is the purpose of the School Board, acting within the intent and letter of the law of this State, to provide instruction for students at public expense. Any act of any person(s) to interfere with or to thwart that purpose is unlawful or is in violation of Board policy. Therefore, actions by a student(s) to interfere materially or substantially with the operations of the School Corporation by defacing or destroying school property, by rioting, breaking-in, sitting-in, lying-in, smashing-in, or picketing to force students not to cross picket lines are illegal. Students who engage in such activities may be punished to the full extent of the law and Board policies and Corporation administrative guidelines promulgated thereunder.

For the purposes of this policy, the term "disorderly conduct" shall mean any unlawful student assemblage; or group act of violence, disruption, vandalism, or building seizure; or interference with the functioning of school personnel or any student or group of students.

**LOCKERS**

MSD of Pike Township locker room facilities are provided for use by Pike Township students to temporarily store personal belongings while participating in authorized physical activities that require exercise clothing.

All team members are issued athletic lockers for use during their sport season. They must memorize their combinations, not tell others, and actually use their lockers in order for the lockers to serve their intended security purposes. Athletic lockers are generally large enough for all personal items to fit into them (with the exception of some musical instruments). Nothing should be left out and unlocked on the benches or elsewhere in the locker room during practices or contests (including all types of jewelry, which athletes are not allowed to wear at practices or contests). Team members should promptly report all broken or non-working lockers to their coaches.

**Procedures for Use of MSD of Pike Township Locker Rooms**

Students are to always respect locker facilities and all users by:

1. Using Pike Township-issued locks only – no outside personal locks may be used on Pike Township lockers.
2. Reporting damaged or vandalized lockers to a teacher or coach. Do not vandalize or damage locks, lockers, or school property. Graffiti, theft, harassment, or other improper behavior is prohibited in Pike Township locker rooms.

3. Making sure all clothing and other personal items are completely enclosed in the locker before you lock it. Make sure the locker is completely locked (spin the dial).

4. Reporting clothing or other personal belongings that have been left unsecured or unattended to a teacher or coach.

5. In the case of a medical emergency, contact the nearest teacher, coach, or athletic trainer immediately.

6. If you have difficulty with your locker, ask your teacher or coach for assistance.

7. Physical Education/Athletic clothing in lockers should be washed at least once a week.

8. Do not enter or leave the locker room area without permission from a teacher or coach.

9. All users will be expected to comply with locker room rules that are specific to your Physical Education teacher or coach.

10. Use of wireless communication devices are PROHIBITED in locker rooms at all times.

**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5513 – Care of School Property**

Basic to the philosophy of the School Board is a respect for the rights of others. Students are urged to exercise this respect in regard to the belongings of others, including school property. Each student should realize that vandalism to school property is costly to repair and is directly related to increased school taxes.

Attempts should be made to teach students respect for property which can be done in connection with the care of textbooks and the use of school materials and equipment.

Students who cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures and restitution for damages.

The Board authorizes the recovery of costs related to the loss, damage, or destruction of school equipment, apparatus, musical instruments, library materials, textbooks, and for damage to school buildings.

The Board reserves the right to file a civil action in a court of competent authority against parents of a student who willfully destroys Corporation property.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy, which include the requirement that all incidents involving the destruction of property be reported to the proper authority. The Superintendent may report to the juvenile authorities any student whose damage of school property has been serious or chronic in nature.
DISTRIBUTION ALCOHOL, DRUG, AND TOBACCO POLICY

Participation in the MSD of Pike Township athletic program requires self-discipline and sacrifice. A participant is an example for peers and the younger people in the community. The athlete must accept the responsibility.

As school representatives, we are concerned with conduct detrimental to good order, general health, and the welfare of our students. We believe that all students, especially those involved in athletic activities, can and must live by high standards in and out of school.

Part of the mission of the schools in the State of Indiana is to provide instruction and guidance regarding possessing, using, consuming, transmitting, or being under the influence of drugs/alcohol, and/or possession or using tobacco and/or tobacco products.

MSD of Pike Township athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with school policy. All athletes should be aware that any act that could generally result in a recommendation for suspension/expulsion from school shall constitute sufficient reason for the principal and/or athletic director to deny athletic participation. District wide behavior policy will take precedence over athletic department or team rules when student is involved in improper behavior. The athletic department and coaching staff may add additional penalties.

Use of Tobacco on School Premises

The School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore of concern to the Board. For purposes of this policy, “use of tobacco and vaporizers” shall mean all uses of tobacco, including a cigar, cigarette, E-cigarette, pipe, snuff, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco marijuana, propylene glycol, nicotine or any tobacco paraphernalia.

In order to protect the students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them and because the Board cannot, even by inaction, condone the use of tobacco, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco in school buildings at all times. Such prohibition also applies on school property, on school buses or school owned vehicles, and at any school-related event.

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Procedure for Suspension from Athletic Activities:

All information regarding improper use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco will be reported to the school principal or dean.

In addition to established school policies, all students participating in athletics who are found to be possessing, using, consuming, transmitting, or being under the influence of drugs/alcohol, and/or possessing or using tobacco and/or tobacco products off school premises may be excluded from participating in athletics.

A CONTEST is defined as any regular season or tournament contest. This includes any IHSAA tournament game(s). Pre-season jamborees or scrimmages are not part of the percentage, but the student would not be able to participate in such events.

Multiple sport athletes - penalties carry over to other sports.

Athletes may at the discretion of the athletic department, continue to practice daily to maintain proper training for the sport season.
IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT INDIVIDUALS SEEK COUNSELING FOR EACH OFFENSE. THIS COUNSELING COULD BE WITH PRIVATE PROFESSIONALS OR WITH PIKE TOWNSHIP STAFF/PERSOONNEL.

PROCEDURES UTILIZED WHEN A VIOLATION OF THE TOBACCO POLICY OCCURS:

1. **FIRST OFFENSE:** Suspension of 10% of contests regularly scheduled for that sport.
2. **SECOND OFFENSE:** Suspension of 25% of contests regularly scheduled for that sport.
3. **THIRD OFFENSE:** Suspension of 50% of contests regularly scheduled for that sport.

PROCEDURES UTILIZED WHEN A VIOLATION OF THE DRUG/ALCOHOL POLICY OCCURS:

1. **FIRST OFFENSE:** Suspension of 25% of contests.
2. **SECOND OFFENSE:** Suspension of 50% of contests.
3. **THIRD OFFENSE:** Suspension of 365 days from athletics from time of the offense.

YOU ARE AN ATHLETE YEAR-ROUND; THEREFORE, THE RULES APPLY TO YOU 365 DAYS A YEAR.

**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5512 – Use of Tobacco**

The School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore, of concern to the Board.

For purposes of this policy, use of tobacco shall mean all uses of tobacco, including cigar, cigarette, pipe, snuff, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco.

In order to protect students who choose to use tobacco from an environment that might be harmful to them, the School Board prohibits the use and/or possession of tobacco by students in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, or participating in any school-sponsored event.

**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5517.01 - Bullying**

The School Board is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. The Board encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between members of the school community. Bullying behavior toward a student whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. This prohibition includes physical, verbal, and psychological abuse as provided herein. The Board will not tolerate any gestures, comments, threats, or actions which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm or personal degradation. This policy applies when a student is on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or; using property or equipment provided by the school.

Bullying as defined in State law means overt, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications transmitted, physical acts committed, or any other behaviors committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm
the other student. This type of behavior is a form of harassment, although it need not be based on any of
the legally protected characteristics, such as sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, or disability.
It would include, but not be limited to, such behaviors as stalking, intimidating, menacing, coercion, name-
calling, taunting, making threats, and hazing.

Any student who believes s/he has been or is currently the victim of bullying should immediately report
the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, or the Superintendent. The student may also
report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate
administrator or Board official. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the
Superintendent. Complaints against the Superintendent should be filed with the Board President.

Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that they believe
to be bullying behavior directed toward a student. Reports may be made to those identified above.
All complaints about bullying behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated.
If the investigation finds an instance of bullying behavior has occurred, it will result in prompt and
appropriate disciplinary action. This may include up to expulsion for students, up to discharge for
employees, exclusion for parents, guests, volunteers, and contractors, and removal from any official
position and/or a request to resign for Board members. Individuals may also be referred to law
enforcement officials. The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation, and as
appropriate, that remedial action has been taken. Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought
to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning
allegations of bullying is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious
violation of Board policy and independent of whether a complaint is substantiated. Suspected retaliation
should be reported in the same manner as bullying. Making intentionally false reports about bullying for
the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and
making intentionally false reports may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

Confidentiality

To the extent appropriate and/or legally permitted, confidentiality will be maintained during the
investigation process. However, a proper investigation will, in some circumstances, require the disclosure
of names and allegations.

MSD of Pike Township Policy 5516 - Student Hazing

The School Board believes that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process
and prohibits all such activities at any time in school facilities, on school property, and at any Corporation-
sponsored event.

Hazing shall be defined for purposes of this policy as performing any act or coercing another, including
the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, group, or organization that causes or creates a
risk of causing mental, emotional, or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an
individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

Administrators, faculty members, and other employees of the Corporation shall be alert particularly to
possible situations, circumstances, or events, which might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is
discovered, the students involved shall be informed by the discoverer of the prohibitions contained in this
policy and shall be ordered to end all hazing activities or planned activities immediately. All hazing
incidents shall be reported immediately to the Superintendent. Students, administrators, faculty members,
and other employees who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be
held personally liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with law.
The Superintendent shall distribute this policy to all students and Corporation employees, and shall incorporate it into building, staff, and student handbooks. It shall also be the subject of discussion at employee staff meetings or in-service programs.

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**MSD of Pike Township Policy 5517 - Anti-Harassment**

It is the policy of the School Board to maintain an education and work environment which is free from all forms of unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment. This commitment applies to all School Corporation operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of unlawful harassment. This policy applies to unlawful conduct occurring on school property, or at another location if such conduct occurs during an activity sponsored by the Board.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against harassment based on transgender, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and United States Military Service Veterans or any other unlawful basis, and encourages those within the School Corporation community as well as third parties who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify the problems. The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and in those cases where unlawful harassment is substantiated; the Board will take immediate steps to end the harassment. Individuals who are found to have engaged in unlawful harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

For purposes of this policy, "School Corporation community" means students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel, including Board members, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other persons subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

For purposes of this policy, "third parties" include, but are not limited to, guests and/or visitors on School Corporation property (e.g., visiting speakers, participants on opposing athletic teams, parents), vendors doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the Board, and other individuals who come in contact with members of the School Corporation community at school-related events/activities (whether on or off School Corporation property).

**Other Violations of the Anti-Harassment Policy**

The Board will also take immediate steps to impose disciplinary action on individuals engaging in any of the following prohibited acts:

A. Retaliating against a person who has made a report or filed a complaint alleging harassment, or who has participated as a witness in a harassment investigation.

B. Filing a malicious or knowingly false report or complaint of harassment.

C. Disregarding, failing to investigate adequately, or delaying investigation of allegations of harassment, when responsibility for reporting and/or investigating harassment charges comprises part of one's supervisory duties.
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<td>The illegal use of written, printed, or electronic materials to gain an academic advantage. This includes, but is not limited to: plagiarism, cheating (the use of crib notes, cheat sheets, etc.) and the unauthorized reproduction and/or use of academic properties (tests, quizzes, answer sheets, etc.)</td>
<td>Parent conference, zero (0) credit for the assignment, additional assignments required, withdrawal/&quot;F&quot; grade for the course, assignment to study hall, PSA, suspension, GL</td>
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<td>Assault/Threat</td>
<td>Threatening to physically harm an individual, bringing any weapon to school or threatening to use any against a student or staff member. Using words that arouse alarm in others through the use of language that is discriminatory, abusive, threatening, or obscene.</td>
<td>Verbal reprimand, parent conference, PSA, suspension, expulsion, refer to Law Enforcement, GL</td>
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<td>Battery on an Individual</td>
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<td>Refer to Law Enforcement, suspension, PSA, expulsion, GL</td>
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<td>Disruptive Behavior</td>
<td>An action which creates turmoil or disorder. Any action that causes a disruption in or around the learning environment or one that constitutes an interference with school purposes.</td>
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<td>Drugs/Alcohol</td>
<td>Possessing, using, selling, consuming, transmitting, or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol or any substance represented to be drugs or alcohol or anything used or designed to be used primarily for the storage, processing, delivery or consumption of a controlled substance. *See Expanded Definition</td>
<td>This offense carries a minimum 5 days OSS, Refer to Law Enforcement, 5 – 10 day OSS, expulsion</td>
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<td>Failure to Follow Directions/Insubordination</td>
<td>The failure to comply with directions of teachers/administrators or other school personnel during any period of time when the student is properly under their supervision.</td>
<td>Parent conference, detention, Friday/Saturday School, parent shadowing, suspension, PSA, referral to Habitual Offender, GL</td>
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<td>Extreme Disrespect</td>
<td>Highly inappropriate gestures, language and/or actions that can be viewed as obscene or rude to a peer, staff member or adult in authority.</td>
<td>Parent conference, parent shadowing, suspension, PSA, expulsion, refer to Law Enforcement, GL</td>
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<td>False Alarm</td>
<td>Making a report, attempting to call or pull, or calling or pulling an alarm for fire or bomb when it does not exist.</td>
<td>Refer to Law Enforcement, suspension, PSA, expulsion, GL</td>
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<td>Fighting</td>
<td>Engaging in a physical contact or struggle with one or more students. A disagreement between two or more students in which physical contact occurs, punches are thrown, or any part of the body is used, either aggressively or in retaliation. (This could include but is not limited to throwing fists, kicking, or pulling hair.)</td>
<td>Parent conference, Friday/Saturday School, restitution (if applicable), suspension, PSA, expulsion, refer to Law Enforcement, GL</td>
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<td>Gang Activity</td>
<td>Wearing or displaying any gang symbol, insignia, emblems, shirts or clothing. Any act or speech showing gang affiliation and/or any conduct in the furtherance of gang activity.</td>
<td>Refer to Law Enforcement, suspension, PSA, expulsion, GL</td>
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<td>Habitual Offender</td>
<td>Repeatedly violating school rules or regulations. Previous interventions have not been successful in modifying student behavior.</td>
<td>PSA, OSS, expulsion, GL</td>
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<td>Highly Inappropriate Language</td>
<td>The use of offensive or inappropriate language through written word, gestures, or speaking. Engaging in speech or conduct including clothing, jewelry, or hair style which is profane, indecent, lewd, vulgar, or offensive to school purposes.</td>
<td>Parent conference, detention, Friday/Saturday School, suspension, PSA GL</td>
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<td>Improper Sexual Behavior/Sexual Harassment</td>
<td>The act of making improper, unacceptable sexual advances/contact/exposure or sexual harassment which includes verbal statements, gestures or physical contact; an act not in accord with propriety, modesty, or good manners. This would include possession or distribution of pornographic materials, or the accessing of pornographic materials through technology.</td>
<td>Parent conference, detention, suspension, PSA, referral to Law Enforcement, GL</td>
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<td>Inappropriate Use of Technology</td>
<td>a) An action that would violate copyright provisions. b) Accessing unauthorized school records or technology files. c) Accessing pornographic or inappropriate Internet sites. d) Posting or publishing derogatory or inappropriate information. e) Any action constituting an interference with school purposes or educational function. Any violation of the written technology policy.</td>
<td>Loss of computer privileges, parent conference, suspension, PSA, refer to Law Enforcement, GL</td>
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<td>Intimidation/Bullying</td>
<td>Any attempt to make an individual fearful. Acts or gestures, including but not exclusive to; verbal or written communication, physical acts or behaviors committed by a student or group of students against</td>
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<td>Stealing / Knowingly Possessing Stolen Goods</td>
<td>The act of taking or knowingly possessing an item (property) of the school or of another person. *See Expanded Definition</td>
<td>Parent conference, restitution, detention, Friday/Saturday School, suspension, PSA, refer to Law Enforcement, GL</td>
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<td>Student Misrepresentation</td>
<td>The willful act of using school materials to deceive school officials. This includes, but is not limited to: adding name(s) to hall passes, using another student’s ID, giving another student your ID, altering or defacing an ID, giving the wrong name or ID number.</td>
<td>Detention, Friday/Saturday School, PSA, suspension, GL</td>
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<td>Terrorism</td>
<td>The use of violent threats which cause others to be afraid for their lives and /or overwhelmed with extreme fear, panic or terror. Such threat may be used to intimidate and coerce individuals into submitting to demands of the terrorist. Such threatening acts violate the right of students, staff and community to a peaceful and safe environment and endanger the well-being and safety of all.</td>
<td>Expulsion, refer to Law Enforcement</td>
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<td>Trespassing</td>
<td>Unauthorized or illegal intrusion of a building or grounds before, during or after school.</td>
<td>Refer to Law Enforcement, suspension, PSA, expulsion, GL</td>
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<td>Truancy (from Class or School)</td>
<td>The willful non-attendance of a student from school without parent/guardian/custodial permission. Habitual tardiness may be considered truancy.</td>
<td>Parent conference, Friday/Saturday School, referral to Habitual Offender, PSA, refer to attendance officer, GL</td>
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<td>Use, Possession, Transmission or Sale of Tobacco Products, Matches, Lighters or Fireworks</td>
<td>Using any form of tobacco products. Having in one’s actual and physical control any form of tobacco. Possessing, transmitting, using or selling any tobacco product, lighter, firecracker, matches or item that is flammable or could cause fire. *See Expanded Definition</td>
<td>Refer to Law Enforcement, suspension, Friday/Saturday School, parent conference, PSA, expulsion, GL</td>
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<td>Vandalism / Arson</td>
<td>Willful or malicious destruction or defacement of property. Intentionally setting fire to any school building or property.</td>
<td>Refer to Law Enforcement, suspension, PSA, expulsion, GL</td>
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<td>Weapons / Instruments of offensive or defensive combat</td>
<td>Possession, handling, using, transmitting or selling any object that could be used to intimidate, inflict pain, or cause injury. Any weapon or form of firearm that could cause injury to another individual. *See Expanded Definition</td>
<td>Refer to Law Enforcement, suspension, expulsion, GL</td>
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- This guide is not all inclusive. Discretion is up to the building administrator (or designee) who will determine the consequence that is appropriate for each specific incident. Decisions will be made with the best interest of all parties involved. Every effort will be made to keep all students in a learning environment. Additional policies, rules and regulations may be found in the District Student/Parent Handbook.

- Make up work is expected to be completed, but credit will not be given by classroom teachers for out of school suspensions, truancy or expulsions.

Board Approved: June 14, 2018
Sports Medicine

Physical Examinations

Purpose for a Physical Examination

St. Vincent Sports Performance Center is the service provider for Pike Township pre-participation physical examinations. The goal for the exams is to promote the health and safety of the athlete in training and competition. This evaluation is a tool to screen athletes for injuries, illness or factors that may put them at risk.

The purpose of a physical examination is to facilitate and encourage safe participation in sport activities. If conditions are discovered through the history or physical exam that require further evaluation, it will be noted on the form and the athlete’s primary care doctor must provide written clearance prior to participation in organized sports.

The athletic physical is not intended to replace athletes’ regular health maintenance examinations by one’s primary care physician. The athletic physical is comprehensive and professional; it does not cover certain adolescent and teenage health issues that are better addressed in a primary care physician’s office. Pike Township and St. Vincent Sports Performance Center encourage parents and athletes to maintain a strong relationship with a physician on an annual basis.

Prior to the first athletic team practice or try-out, students must have had a physical examination by a physician holding an unlimited license to practice medicine. For a physical examination to be valid for the current school year, it must have been performed no earlier than April 1st of the previous school year. The IHSAA physical examination form MUST be on file with the athletic director before a student may practice or try out for a team. These forms are available in the main and athletic offices of each school. Parents/guardians who are unable to schedule an examination appointment with a regular family physician before a first practice or try-out date might take their child to an immediate care facility, where athletic physical examinations are often offered on a walk-in basis. The IHSAA physical examination form is not considered to be complete and on file until all 3 pages are complete, including dates and required adult signatures, and in the possession of the athletic director. Incomplete forms will be returned to students for completion, and these students may NOT participate in a practice or try-out and may not return to the next practice or try-out without first turning in the completed form to the Athletic Director.

INSURANCE

The parent/guardian is required to provide information concerning insurance coverage on the third page of the IHSAA form. The school/school district does NOT carry primary liability insurance for injuries. (See Pike High School Athletic Department Insurance Waiver form in the back of this handbook)
Concussions

Indiana Sports Concussion Law
Senate Bill 222
Passed March 24, 2014

Summary
Provides that a high school student athlete who has been removed from play because of a suspected concussion or head injury may not return to play until at least 24 hours have passed since the incident. Beginning July 1, 2014, requires football coaches and assistant football coaches who are coaching individuals less than 20 years of age to complete a course concerning player safety and concussions at least once during a two year period. Provides civil immunity for football coaches in certain circumstances.

SECTION 1. IC 20-34-7-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, “organizing entity" means any person that:

(1) Operates:
(A) a recreational;
(B) an intramural; or
(C) an extracurricular; athletic or sports program for individuals who are less than twenty (20) years of age; and
(2) uses a facility, field, park, or other property that is owned, leased, operated, or maintained by any of the following:
(A) The state.
(B) A political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).
(C) An agency or instrumentality of an entity described in clause (A) or (B).

SECTION 2. IC 20-34-7-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.144-2011, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. (a) A high school student athlete who has been removed from play under section 4 of this chapter may not return to play until:

SEA 222 — CC 1
(1) the student athlete:
(1) (A) is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries; and
(2) (B) receives a written clearance to return to play from the health care provider who evaluated the student athlete; and
(2) not less than twenty-four (24) hours have passed since the student athlete was removed from play,
(b) A licensed health care provider who evaluates a student athlete under subsection (a) may con duct the evaluation as a volunteer. A volunteer health care provider who in good faith and gratuitously authorizes a student athlete to return to play is not liable for civil damages resulting from an act or omission in the rendering of an evaluation, except for acts or omissions that constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
SECTION 3. IC 20-34-7-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 6. (a) **As used in this section, "football" does not include flag football.**
(b) Beginning July 1, 2014, prior to coaching football to individuals who are less than twenty (20) years of age, each head football coach and assistant football coach shall complete a certified coaching education course that:
(1) is sport specific;
(2) contains player safety content, including content on:
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   (B) equip
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   t fitting;
   (C) heat
   emergency preparedness; and
   (D) proper technique;
(3) requires a coach to complete a test demonstrating comprehension of the content of the course; and
(4) awards a certificate of completion to a coach who successfully completes the course.
(b) For a coach’s completion of a course to satisfy the requirement imposed by subsection (c) the course must have been approved by the department.
(d) A coach shall complete a course not less than once during a two (2) year period. However, if the coach receives notice from the organizing entity that new information has been added to the course before the end of the two (2) year period, the coach must:
(1) complete instruction; and
(2) successfully complete a test;
concerning the new information to satisfy the requirement imposed by subsection (b).
(e) An organizing entity shall maintain a file of certificates of completion awarded under subsection (b) to any of the organizing entity's head coaches and assistant coaches.
(f) A coach who complies with this section and provides coaching services in good faith is not personally liable for damages in a civil action as a result of a concussion or head injury incurred by an athlete participating in an athletic activity in which the coach provided coaching services, except for an act or omission by the coach that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

SECTION 4. IC 34-30-2-85.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 85.9. IC 20-34-7-6 (Concerning coaches).
Concussions/Head Injury Information and Acknowledgment

Definitions: MSD of Pike Township will use the following definitions in its compliance with State Concussion Laws:

- **Athlete** – any person under the age of 20 involved in athletic activity and receiving instructions on how to participate in athletic activities
- **Athletic Activity** – any organized athletic program or event involving physical exertion
- **Coach** – any individual providing instruction to athletes involved in athletic activity

Effective as of July 1, 2012

All students in High School and Middle Schools that plan to participate in sport or other physical activities must follow State Law Requirements – Indiana Code 20-34-7, which mandates the following:

Parents and students must receive and read the Heads up Concussion in High School Sports Fact Sheet. Students and parents/guardians must also sign the District Acknowledgment Form before any participation. This form MUST be on file at the school and signed annually. Please see the following pages regarding Concussion/Head Injuries.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All head injuries that have occurred at any time, “not limited to sport participation”, must be reported to the athletic trainer immediately. Student athlete, coaches, parents, and athletic trainers must report concussion symptoms, or confirmed concussions to the school nurse.
WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?
A concussion is a brain injury that affects how your brain works. It can happen when your brain gets bounced around in your skull after a fall or hit to the head.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK I HAVE A CONCUSSION?

GET CHECKED OUT. If you think you have a concussion, do not return to play on the day of the injury. Only a health care provider can tell if you have a concussion and when it is OK to return to school and play. The sooner you get checked out, the sooner you may be able to safely return to play.

REPORT IT. Tell your coach, parent, and athletic trainer if you think you or one of your teammates may have a concussion. It’s up to you to report your symptoms. Your coach and team are relying on you. Plus, you won’t play your best if you are not feeling well.

GIVE YOUR BRAIN TIME TO HEAL. A concussion can make everyday activities, such as going to school, harder. You may need extra help getting back to your normal activities. Be sure to update your parents and doctor about how you are feeling.

WHY SHOULD I TELL MY COACH AND PARENT ABOUT MY SYMPTOMS?

• Playing or practicing with a concussion is dangerous and can lead to a longer recovery.
• While your brain is still healing, you are much more likely to have another concussion. This can put you at risk for a more serious injury to your brain and can even be fatal.

GOOD TEAMMATES KNOW:
IT’S BETTER TO MISS ONE GAME THAN THE WHOLE SEASON.
A Fact Sheet for
HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

What Is a Concussion?
A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury—or TBI—caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. This fast movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging the brain cells.

How Can I Help Keep My Teens Safe?
Sports are a great way for teens to stay healthy and can help them do well in school. To help lower your teens’ chances of getting a concussion or other serious brain injury, you should:
• Help create a culture of safety for the team.
  ▶ Work with their coach to teach ways to lower the chances of getting a concussion.
  ▶ Emphasize the importance of reporting concussions and taking time to recover from one.
  ▶ Ensure that they follow their coach’s rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
  ▶ Tell your teens that you expect them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
• When appropriate for the sport or activity, teach your teens that they must wear a helmet to lower the chances of the most serious types of brain or head injury. There is no “concussion-proof” helmet. Even with a helmet, it is important for teens to avoid hits to the head.

How Can I Spot a Possible Concussion?
Teens who show or report one or more of the signs and symptoms listed below—or simply say they just “don’t feel right” after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body—may have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

Signs Observed by Parents
• Appears dazed or stunned.
• Forgets an instruction, is confused about an assignment or position, or is unsure of the game, score, or opponent.
• Moves clumsily.
• Answers questions slowly.
• Loses consciousness (even briefly).
• Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes.
• Can’t recall events prior to or after a hit or fall.

Symptoms Reported by Teens
• Headache or “pressure” in head.
• Nausea or vomiting.
• Balance problems or dizziness, or double or blurry vision.
• Bothered by light or noise.
• Feeling sluggish, lazy, foggy, or groggy.
• Confusion, or concentration or memory problems.
• Just not “feeling right,” or “feeling down.”

Talk with your teens about concussion. Tell them to report their concussion symptoms to you and their coach right away. Some teens think concussions aren’t serious or worry that if they report a concussion they will lose their position on the team or look weak. Remind them that it’s better to miss one game than the whole season.

GOOD TEAMMATES KNOW:
IT’S BETTER TO MISS ONE GAME THAN THE WHOLE SEASON.
IC 20-34-8
Chapter 8. Student Athletes: Sudden Cardiac Arrest

IC 20-34-8-1
"Association"
Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "association" means an organization that conducts, organizes, sanctions, or sponsors interscholastic athletic events as the organization's primary purpose. As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.

IC 20-34-8-2
"Athletic activity"
Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "athletic activity" includes the following:
(1) An athletic contest or competition conducted between or among schools.
(2) An intramural athletic contest or competition that is sponsored by or associated with a school.
(3) Competitive and noncompetitive cheerleading that is sponsored by or associated with a school. As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.

IC 20-34-8-3
"School"
Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school" refers to a public school and an accredited nonpublic school. As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.

IC 20-34-8-4
Application to parent of emancipated student athlete
Sec. 4. This chapter does not require information to be provided to or consent to be received from the parent or legal guardian of a student athlete if the student athlete is:
(1) at least eighteen (18) years of age; or
(2) an emancipated minor. As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.

IC 20-34-8-5
Distribution of information by department
Sec. 5. (a) Before July 1, 2015, the department shall disseminate guidelines, information sheets, and forms to each accredited nonpublic school, charter school, and each school corporation for distribution to schools to inform and educate coaches, student athletes, and parents and legal guardians of student athletes of the nature and risk of sudden cardiac arrest to student athletes.
(b) The department:
(1) may consult with an association, medical professionals, and others with expertise in diagnosing and treating sudden cardiac arrest; and
(2) may request the assistance of an association in disseminating
the guidelines, information sheets, and forms required under
subsection (a).
(c) The department may disseminate the guidelines, information
sheets, and forms required under this section in an electronic format.
As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.

IC 20-34-8-6
Acknowledgement of receipt of information
Sec. 6. Each year, before beginning practice for an athletic
activity, a student athlete and the student athlete's parent or legal
guardian:
(1) must be given the information sheet and form described in
section 5 of this chapter; and
(2) shall sign and return the form acknowledging the receipt of
the information sheet to the student athlete's coach.
The coach shall maintain a file of the completed forms.
As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.

IC 20-34-8-7
Student athlete with symptom of sudden cardiac arrest; removal;
notification
Sec. 7. If a student athlete is suspected of experiencing a symptom
of sudden cardiac arrest in a practice for an athletic activity or in an
athletic activity:
(1) the student athlete shall be removed from practice or play at
the time that the symptom is identified; and
(2) the parent or legal guardian of the student athlete shall be
notified of the student athlete's symptoms.
As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.

IC 20-34-8-8
Student athlete with symptom of sudden cardiac arrest; return to
play or practice
Sec. 8. A student athlete who has been removed from practice or
play under section 7 of this chapter may not return to practice or play
until the coach has received verbal permission from a parent or legal
 guardian of the student athlete for the student athlete to return to
practice and play. Within twenty-four (24) hours after giving verbal
permission for the student athlete to return to practice and play, the
parent or legal guardian must provide the coach with a written
statement that the student athlete has permission to return to practice
and play.
As added by P.L.139-2014, SEC.3.
SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
A Fact Sheet for Student Athletes

FACTS
Sudden cardiac arrest can occur even in athletes who are in peak shape. Approximately 500 deaths are attributed to sudden cardiac arrest in athletes each year in the United States. Sudden cardiac arrest can affect all levels of athletes, in all sports, and in all age levels. The majority of cardiac arrests are due to congenital (inherited) heart defects. However, sudden cardiac arrest can also occur after a person experiences an illness which has caused an inflammation to the heart or after a direct blow to the chest. Once a cardiac arrest occurs, there is very little time to save the athlete, so identifying those at risk before the arrest occurs is a key factor in prevention.

WARNING SIGNS
There may not be any noticeable symptoms before a person experiences loss of consciousness and a full cardiac arrest (no pulse and no breathing).

Warning signs can include a complaint of:
- Chest Discomfort
- Unusual Shortness of Breath
- Racing or Irregular Heartbeat
- Fainting or Passing Out

EMERGENCY SIGNS – Call EMS (911)
If a person experiences any of the following signs, call EMS (911) immediately:
- If an athlete collapses suddenly during competition
- If a blow to the chest from a ball, puck or another player precedes an athlete’s complaints of any of the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest
- If an athlete does not look or feel right and you are just not sure

How can I help prevent a sudden cardiac arrest?
Daily physical activity, proper nutrition, and adequate sleep are all important aspects of lifelong health. Additionally, you can assist by:
- Knowing if you have a family history of sudden cardiac arrest (onset of heart disease in a family member before the age of 50 or a sudden, unexplained death at an early age)
- Telling your health care provider during your pre-season physical about any unusual symptoms of chest discomfort, shortness of breath, racing or irregular heartbeat, or feeling faint, especially if you feel these symptoms with physical activity
- Taking only prescription drugs that are prescribed to you by your health care provider
- Being aware that the inappropriate use of prescription medications or energy drinks can increase your risk
- Being honest and reporting symptoms of chest discomfort, unusual shortness of breath, racing or irregular heartbeat, or feeling faint

What should I do if I think I am developing warning signs that may lead to sudden cardiac arrest?
1. Tell an adult – your parent or guardian, your coach, your athletic trainer or your school nurse
2. Get checked out by your health care provider
3. Take care of your heart
4. Remember that the most dangerous thing you can do is to do nothing

Developed and Reviewed by the Indiana Department of Education’s Sudden Cardiac Arrest Advisory Board (1-7-15)
SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
A Fact Sheet for Parents

FACTS
Sudden cardiac arrest is a rare, but tragic event that claims the lives of approximately 500 athletes each year in the United States. Sudden cardiac arrest can affect all levels of athletes, in all sports, and in all age levels. The majority of cardiac arrests are due to congenital (inherited) heart defects. However, sudden cardiac arrest can also occur after a person experiences an illness which has caused an inflammation to the heart or after a direct blow to the chest.

WARNING SIGNS
There may not be any noticeable symptoms before a person experiences loss of consciousness and a full cardiac arrest (no pulse and no breathing).

Warning signs can include a complaint of:
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- Racing or Irregular Heartbeat
- Fainting or Passing Out

EMERGENCY SIGNS – Call EMS (911)
If a person experiences any of the following signs, call EMS (911) immediately:
- If an athlete collapses suddenly during competition
- If a blow to the chest from a ball, puck or another player precedes an athlete’s complaints of any of the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest
- If an athlete does not look or feel right and you are just not sure

How can I help my child prevent a sudden cardiac arrest?
Daily physical activity, proper nutrition, and adequate sleep are all important aspects of lifelong health. Additionally, parents can assist student athletes prevent a sudden cardiac arrest by:
- Ensuring your child knows about any family history of sudden cardiac arrest (onset of heart disease in a family member before the age of 50 or a sudden, unexplained death at an early age)
- Ensuring your child has a thorough pre-season screening exam prior to participation in an organized athletic activity
- Asking if your school and the site of competition has an automatic defibrillator (AED) that is close by and properly maintained
- Learning CPR yourself
- Ensuring your child is not using any non-prescribed stimulants or performance enhancing drugs
- Being aware that the inappropriate use of prescription medications or energy drinks can increase risk
- Encouraging your child to be honest and report symptoms of chest discomfort, unusual shortness of breath, racing or irregular heartbeat, or feeling faint

What should I do if I think my child has warning signs that may lead to sudden cardiac arrest?
1. Tell your child’s coach about any previous events or family history
2. Keep your child out of play
3. Seek medical attention right away

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CONCUSSION and SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE FORM
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENT ATHLETES

Student Athlete’s Name (Please Print): ____________________________

Sport Participating In (If Known): ____________________________ Date: __________

IC 20-34-7 and IC 20-34-8 require schools to distribute information sheets to inform and educate student athletes and their parents on the nature and risk of concussion, head injury and sudden cardiac arrest to student athletes, including the risks of continuing to play after concussion or head injury. These laws require that each year, before beginning practice for an interscholastic or intramural sport, a student athlete and the student athlete’s parents must be given an information sheet, and both must sign and return a form acknowledging receipt of the information to the student athlete’s coach.

IC 20-34-7 states that a high school athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game, shall be removed from play at the time of injury and may not return to play until the student athlete has received a written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries.

IC 20-34-8 states that a student athlete who is suspected of experiencing symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest shall be removed from play and may not return to play until the coach has received verbal permission from a parent or legal guardian of the student athlete to return to play. Within twenty-four hours, this verbal permission must be replaced by a written statement from the parent or guardian.

Parent/Guardian - please read the attached fact sheets regarding concussion and sudden cardiac arrest and ensure that your student athlete has also received and read these fact sheets. After reading these fact sheets, please ensure that you and your student athlete sign this form, and have your student athlete return this form to his/her coach.

As a student athlete, I have received and read both of the fact sheets regarding concussion and sudden cardiac arrest. I understand the nature and risk of concussion and head injury to student athletes, including the risks of continuing to play after concussion or head injury, and the symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest.

________________________________________  __________________________
(Signature of Student Athlete)  (Signature of Parent or Guardian)

I, as the parent or legal guardian of the above named student, have received and read both of the fact sheets regarding concussion and sudden cardiac arrest. I understand the nature and risk of concussion and head injury to student athletes, including the risks of continuing to play after concussion or head injury, and the symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest.

________________________________________  __________________________
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)  (Date)

January 2015
Staph Infections

Staph infections are caused by the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*, which many healthy people carry on their skin and in their noses without getting sick.

But when skin is punctured or broken, staph bacteria can enter the wound and cause infections, which can lead to other health problems.

As you know, staph infections in schools have gained a great amount of media attention. St. Vincent, The Districts Sports Medicine partner has issued the following guidelines for athletic directors, principals, students, and school custodians:

1. All coaches are to make sure that athlete practice and competition clothing is cleaned daily. Used clothing is not to be left in lockers for use the next day without being cleaned.
2. All surfaces or equipment that come in contact with the skin of students and staff must be cleaned daily. This includes special daily cleaning of wrestling mats, tumbling mats, and any mats where students may sweat during activity. Coaches and custodians are to work together to insure proper disinfectants and cleaning materials are available for immediate cleaning as necessary.
3. Custodians are to be sure that disinfectants are used in showers, toilet areas, locker room floors and other surfaces, and any other athletic surface or equipment.
4. Coaches are to report any suspicious skin abrasions, rashes, discolorations, or unusual skin differences on athletes to the athletic trainers immediately.
5. Student athletes are to wash and or shower after athletic participation

Please give the information in this notice priority attention.
What is MRSA?
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is a type of bacteria that is resistant to the antibiotic methicillin and other antibiotics related to penicillin. These bacteria, often referred to as staph, are commonly found on the skin and in the nose of many people and normally do not cause illness. However, when this bacteria enters the body through a break in the skin, they can cause small infections such as pimples and boils. Staph can cause serious infections such as bloodstream infections, pneumonia, or surgical wound infections.

How is MRSA spread?
MRSA is spread by close contact with an infected person, either by direct skin contact or indirect contact with shared objects or surfaces, such as shared towels, razors, soap, wound bandages, bedding, clothes, hot tub or sauna benches, and athletic equipment. Wound drainage or pus is very infectious.

What does MRSA look like?
MRSA should be diagnosed by a health care professional. He or she can then prescribe an antibiotic that is right for the treatment of MRSA. Symptoms of a MRSA infection may include:
- Red, swollen, warm, and painful pimple, boil, or blistered areas
- Pus or other drainage
- Fever and chills
- A wound that looks like a spider bite

How can MRSA be treated?
A health care professional should always be contacted for treatment of MRSA. Almost all MRSA skin infections can be effectively treated by drainage of pus with or without antibiotics. If your health care provider prescribes an antibiotic, take it exactly as directed and be sure to finish all doses. More serious infections, such as pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or bone infections, are very rare in healthy people who get MRSA skin infections.

How is MRSA prevented?
- Wash your hands properly and often.
- Keep infected areas covered with a clean, dry bandage.
- Avoid direct contact with another person’s wound, drainage, or bandages.
- Avoid contact with surfaces contaminated with wound drainage.
- Do not share personal hygiene items, such as washcloths, towels, razors, toothbrushes, soap, nail clippers, clothing, or uniforms.
- Clean shared athletic equipment and surfaces before use.

**MSD, Pike Township strongly encourages all student athletes and staff to shower after athletic activities.**
MSD OF PIKE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL
BUILDING CLOSING POLICY

MSD of Pike Township athletic departments will adhere to the following procedures in the event schools are closed or classes cancelled due to weather, criminal activity, terrorism, or other emergencies. Schools can only be closed by order of the Superintendent.

I. CANCELLATION BEFORE THE END OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
   If school is cancelled by order of the Superintendent before the end of the normal school day, all evening programs, club meetings, sport activities (practices and contests), after school activities, or other events shall be cancelled. Students will be sent home.

II. CANCELLATION AFTER THE END OF THE NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
   As determined by the principal, all evening programs, club meetings, sport activities (practices and contests), after school activities or other events will be cancelled.

III. SCHOOL CLOSINGS WHEN SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED BY ORDER OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
    Athletes are not to come to school unless notified by their coach

IV. DELAY START WHEN SCHOOLS HAVE DELAYED START BY ORDER OF SUPERINTENDENT
    Practices are to be held after school as usual, weather permitting. The athletic directors, school principal, or his or her designee, reserve the right to cancel practices or games as weather conditions or other emergencies dictate.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS

1. When notified of imminent danger of an approaching storm, athletes are to follow the specific instructions of their coach and leave open field area immediately.

2. Athletes are to go the nearest indoor shelter building and remain until given an all clear instruction.

3. Students are not to attempt to go to cars or leave the supervision of the coach. Teams are to gather together with the coach for accountability.

4. Students may not leave the supervision of the coach unless given specific permission to leave with a parent/guardian once it has been determined it is safe.

5. Students will be released to parents/guardians or to travel home only when it has been determined safe. Phone contacts will be attempted to reach parents to inform them of the students’ safety and location.

6. The District recommends athletes and teams not participate in outdoor activities when temperatures are below 40°. Alternative arrangements should be made. The IHSAA will determine for safe play for their tournaments.
In the School Year 2012-2013 The Metropolitan School District of Pike Township and Pike High School transferred its athletic conference membership from Conference Indiana to The Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference, commonly known as MIC. Pike High School is a member of the conference with the following high schools: Ben Davis, Carmel, Center Grove, Lawrence Central (new member 2013), Lawrence North, North Central, Pike, Warren Central.

Pike High School has accepted the MIC Constitution which reflects the same vision, mission, and goals the Pike School District has for its student-athletes. The first five articles of the MIC Constitution are presented as follows:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**
This Conference is known as the **METROPOLITAN INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (MIC)**, formed to begin in school year 1996-97.

**ARTICLE II - VISION**
The Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference provides a model for interscholastic excellence. Within a framework of appreciation and support for the unique characteristics of member schools, the Conference enhances student opportunities and achievement in all areas of each school’s programs.

**ARTICLE III - MISSION**
The Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference strives to improve the high school experience for the students, staff, and community of each member school. The Conference:
- Provides an environment in which sportsmanship is valued and displayed.
- Recognizes student achievement in a variety of endeavors.
- Raises the level of expectations and competition.
- Provides opportunities for the exchange of ideas, programs and people.

**ARTICLE IV - GOALS**
The goals of the Conference are:
1. To maintain a stable conference membership of a maximum of eight (8) schools.
2. To determine a Conference champion in each Conference sponsored inter school athletic activity.
3. To determine a yearly Conference “All Sports” champion for both boys’ and girls’ sports.
4. To provide a method for the administrators of the member schools to share information regarding all educational and extra-curricular concerns.
5. To provide avenues for extracurricular activities in addition to athletics.
6. To provide for the academic recognition of student athletes.
These goals are to be accomplished within a framework of support for the principles of the IHSAA and the National Federation.
ATHLETIC AWARD POLICIES

The Pike High School Athletic Department has adopted the following rules and regulations for the awarding and wearing of athletic awards at Pike High School. All letter winners must be nominated by head coach and approved by the Athletic Department.

A. Varsity Award Descriptions:

1. Varsity "P" - 6" inch (Red on White) block monogram (first letter only) and certificate.

2. Chevron - One for each Varsity letter earned

3. Captain(s) Stars - Selected captain(s) of a varsity sport.

4. Varsity Awards: Members of varsity teams shall be presented varsity awards on recommendations of the coach. (The athletic department encourages every varsity winner to defend their letter award.) After the initial varsity award, awards will be:
   a. 2nd through 7th – Chevron & Certificate
   b. 8th Varsity Award - Chevron, Blanket and Certificate

B. Reserve Awards: Members of reserve teams shall be awarded reserve certificates upon recommendation of the coach.

C. Freshman Awards: Freshman shall be awarded numerals & certificates upon recommendation of the coach.

D. Special Awards:

1. A jacket may be ordered after the athlete has received one varsity letter. A fee of $140.00 is due when jacket is ordered.

2. Patches: Patches may be ordered through the Athletic Office - $20.00 per patch. The Athletic Department will purchase a patch honoring team championships for those varsity letter earning athletes/managers who participated during championship competition.

   Rings: Championship and State runner-up rings may be purchased by participants, coaches, and manager. Purchasing of rings will be limited, according to IHSAA regulations. All must be paid in full at time of order.

3. A Distinguished Athlete Award may be awarded an individual for multiple All-Conference, All-Marion County, All-Sectional, All-Regional, All-Semi-State and All-State recognition. Also, consideration for multiple and individual championships in Conference, County, Sectional, Regional, Semi-State, or State meets. Numerous major awards or for setting an outstanding record can also be considered. The athlete must be nominated by their head coach, athletic director, or principal.
4. **Fran A. Baur Sportsmanship Award:** Awarded to a senior girl and boy varsity athlete for mental attitude and sportsmanship. Members of the Athletic Council may nominate a boy and girl varsity athlete. Majority vote of the Athletic Council will determine which boy and girl will be awarded the Fran A. Baur Sportsmanship Award.

5. **Albert Hardin Academic Award:** (Boy and Girl) -- Highest Scholastic Average - Presented to a senior girl and boy who have won at least two (2) varsity awards and are the highest ranking academic student-athlete in their class.

6. **Scholar Athlete:** Only junior and senior varsity letter winning athletes/manager are eligible.
   - Athletes who are currently working on a minimum of five semesters of course work will be eligible. (Those completing four semesters are eligible in the fall.)
   - Athletes achieving a 3.5 Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale are eligible and will receive a certificate.
   - An athlete achieving the highest GPA in his/her respective sport, and also meeting the minimum requirement, will be considered for the Outstanding Scholar Athlete and will be awarded a plaque.

F. **Transfer Students:**

An athlete will receive credit for varsity awards earned in a sport at another school after he/she earns his/her first varsity award at Pike High School in the same sport. Transferable awards must be certified by the Athletic Director of sending school.

G. **General Athletic Award Requirements:**

1. The athlete must complete the season in good standing and must conform to IHSAA eligibility rules and Pike High School rules. The season ends when the varsity team is eliminated from the State Tournament series.

2. All varsity participants shall be academically eligible at the end of their season or they shall not receive their varsity award.

3. The athlete should attend the awards program to receive any recognition.

4. All candidates for awards must have returned all equipment loaned to them to the satisfaction of the coach and athletic director.

5. Players who are injured in relation to their sport will receive special consideration.

6. An honor award may be approved by the athletic director in unusual cases, injury, or senior provisions, even though the minimum requirements have not been met. The varsity coach must recommend the award to the athletic director.
## MAJOR AWARDS

The following major awards are awarded by the Athletic Department. Other individual awards may be given at the discretion of the respective head coaches.

### Baseball:
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Max Metzler – Valuable Player Award
- b. Most Improved
- c. James Wheat – Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Cross Country (Boys and Girls):
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Basketball (Boys):
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Mark Siegel Memorial – MVP
- b. Most Improved
- c. John Leavitt Memorial – Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Football:
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Basketball (Girls):
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Golf (Boys and Girls):
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved Player
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Soccer (Boys and Girls):
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved Player
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Track (Boys and Girls):
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Softball:
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved Player
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Volleyball:
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Swimming (Boys and Girls):
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Swimmer
- b. Most Improved Swimmer
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Wrestling:
**Individual Awards:**
- a. B.A Metzler Memorial – Most Valuable Wrestler
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Tennis:
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable Player
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar

### Cheerleader:
**Individual Awards:**
- a. Most Valuable
- b. Most Improved
- c. Mental Attitude
- d. Outstanding Scholar
Any changes in major awards/trophies must be presented to the athletic director, in writing, for consideration.

**Athletic/Medical Emergency Information Form**
All team members must turn in a completed/signed Athletic Emergency Information form to their coach. No student may participate in a practice or contest without this on file with the coach and athletic director. These forms are available at call-out meetings, from coaches and the athletic director, and in the Main Office.

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Do you object to the MSD of Pike Township getting medical help for the above-named student? (Circle one) Yes No

May the MSD of Pike Township take him/her to the hospital? (Circle one) Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature

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St. Vincent Sports Performance Center
Consent for Athletic Training Services

Student Name: (full legal name) ____________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________________

Telephone: ___________________ Cell: ___________________ Email: ________________

Birth Date: _______________ Age: ______________

Legal guardian/parent names(s): _____________________________________________

Emergency Contact Name: _______________________________________________

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _______________ Cell: __________ Other: _______

I, ________________________________________, the parent or legal guardian for the Student
listed above, do hereby consent to the Student receiving athletic training services from St. Vincent Sports
Performance. I understand that during the course of these services certain health information related to
the Student’s athletic training services may be used and/or disclosed for treatment, payment or healthcare
operations purposes, or as otherwise required by law.

I further consent to certain health information being disclosed to school personnel, including but not
limited to, the school nurse immediately, and as needed to coaches, school administration, and/or other
specific school staff. I acknowledge the school nurse may make a follow up contact to determine what
if any accommodations are required for school attendance and continued academic achievement. The
school shall treat any records or documentation created for disclosure to school personnel as student
records subject to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”).

I understand that this consent is subject to my revocation at any time, except to the extent that action has
been taken in reliance on this consent. Otherwise, this consent shall expire at the end of the school year or
the Student’s current athletic season, whichever is later.

____________________________________
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

____________________________________
Date

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PIKE HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
Insurance Waiver

PHS administrators, coaches, and trainers are safety conscious and are trained to instruct athletes in the safe and proper techniques of their individual sports. Due to the nature of athletic activity, however, injury may occur. While the school provides the opportunity for such participation, the parent retains the right of denial of participation. If the student does participate, the parent must carry the responsibility of providing medical care and/or insurance coverage for their son or daughter. Parents are strongly encouraged to have an insurance policy to cover athletic injuries and the cost of treatment. In recent years, the IHSAA has also carried catastrophic insurance to cover major injuries incurred during participation in approved IHSAA sports programs.

**IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NEITHER THE IHSAA, NOR PIKE HIGH SCHOOL, CARRIES ANY KIND OF FIRST DOLLAR MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR ATHLETIC INJURIES.**

If you choose not to carry insurance, the waiver must be signed before the student athlete may begin practice.

I, the Parent/Guardian elect to not carry medical insurance on my son/daughter and accept full financial responsibility for all injuries and medical care.

____________________________  ______________________________
STUDENT NAME  PARENT or GUARDIAN Signature

____________________________
Date
MSD of Pike Township
Student and Parent Athletic Participation
Consent Form

Print this form as confirmation of complete review of the Parent & Student Athletic Handbook online. This must be signed and turned in to the school athletic director’s office before athlete’s first official practice.

I, _____________________________, responsible parent and/or legal guardian of
_______________________________, have reviewed the MSD of Pike Township High
School Student-Athlete Handbook, with my child. I understand the requirements for my child’s
participation. I also understand that participation in athletics is a privilege and not a right and agree to
allow my child’s participation according to the MSD of Pike Township High School Student-Athlete
Handbook and applicable law.

Note to Parents:
I understand when signing this form that I release all parties of this sport, all MSD of Pike Township
employees and facilities, and all other individuals and entities associated with the provisions of this particular
sport program from liability as a result of injury or illness while participating in sports with the MSD of Pike
Township or on MSD of Pike Township facilities. My signature is also a declaration of that my child is in
good health and/or is otherwise medically fit to participate in the MSD of Pike Township’s athletic program. I
grant permission in the case of any emergency for my child to receive medical treatment and, if necessary, be
transported to a local hospital. I also agree to accept responsibility for all expenses for injuries/illnesses that
may occur during sport activities.

Note:
I also understand as parent/guardian, I must attend the mandatory parents meeting for the sport in which I am giving
consent for my child’s participation.

________________________________________  __________________________
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian          Date

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Signature of Student-Athlete                  Date