

SECTION VI – ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading	Varsity, Jr. Varsity
Cross Country (boys)	Varsity
Cross Country (girls)	Varsity
Field Hockey (girls)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Football	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Soccer (boys)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Soccer (girls)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Tennis (girls)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity
Volleyball (girls)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Gymnastics	Varsity

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball (boys)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Basketball (girls)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Cheerleading	Varsity, Jr. Varsity
Ice Hockey	Varsity, Jr. Varsity
Indoor Track (boys)	Varsity
Indoor Track (girls)	Varsity
Swimming (boys)	Varsity
Swimming (girls)	Varsity
Wrestling	Varsity, Jr. Varsity

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Golf (boys)	Varsity
Golf (girls)	Varsity
Lacrosse (boys)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Lacrosse (girls)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Softball	Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshmen
Tennis (boys)	Varsity, Jr. Varsity
Track (boys)	Varsity
Track (girls)	Varsity

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A very important part of a complete high school experience is our athletic program. The Mount Olive Board of Education has made provisions to provide opportunities for students to participate in a multitude of athletic offerings. Our total sports program encompasses both girls' and boys' interscholastic activities; therefore, students have many opportunities to participate, realize their own potential, and gain many intangible rewards fostered by interscholastic competition. An important fact to keep in mind is that to be eligible for athletic participation we must conform to the guidelines and regulations

established by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. The administration, upon recommendation of a coach, has the right to suspend any student who fails to abide by the rules established in the Athletic Handbook. It is expected that all participants will demonstrate good citizenship both within the school and especially when they represent Mount Olive High School. The **NJSIAA** requires the following:

1. No student shall be eligible for high school athletics after the expiration of eight consecutive semesters following his/her entrance into 9th grade. Loss of a semester due to ineligibility does not entitle a student to an additional semester during a 5th year.
2. A student – athlete must not reach the age of 19 prior to September 1.
3. A student – athlete must meet all residency requirements.
4. To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester of the 10th grade or higher, or the second year of attendance in the secondary school or beyond, a pupil must have passed 30 of the 120 credits required by the State of New Jersey for graduation during the immediately preceding academic year.
5. To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (Feb. 1 to June 30) of the 9th grade or higher, a pupil must have passed the equivalent of 15 credits required by New Jersey for graduation (120) at the close of the preceding semester (Jan.31). Full-year courses shall be equated as one-half of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.
6. A student – athlete must maintain his/her amateur status.
7. A signed waiver form permitting random drug testing is required of all athletes.
8. All students who want to participate in an athletic sport must have a full physical on the state mandated form.
9. All physicals are reviewed by the school physician before any student is permitted to practice or play.
10. All students who participate in more than one season must fill out a history update form. All of these forms must be reviewed by the school physician before any student is permitted to practice or play.

To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester (September 1 to January 31) a pupil must have passed 25% of the credits (30) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (120), during the immediately preceding academic year.

To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (Feb. 1 to June 30), a pupil must have passed the equivalent of 12.5 % of the credits (15) required by New Jersey for graduation (120) at the close of the preceding semester (Jan. 31). Full-year courses shall be equated as one-half of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.

CL 1 The NJSIAA does not establish grading policies or standards for granting credits. The local school's Board of Education has the exclusive authority to address such matters within the parameters of the State Board of Education guidelines. Therefore, the NJSIAA will not waive, either the standards set by a member school or the minimum standards set forth in Article V, Section 4.E except as provided in Section 4.F (1).

CL 2 The credit status of a transferred student, determined by the previous school, may not be changed by the present school.

CL 3 There is no provision for make-up work for credits for second semester.

CL 4 Waivers will not be considered for a senior who does not attain 15 credits and who fails a subject in his/her first semester, unless that senior is passing all subjects in the subsequent marking period.

CL 5 An athlete who is ineligible under Article V, Section 4.E(2) may become eligible for the remainder of the spring sports season on May 1, if he/she meets the requirements of Article V, Section 4E(2) as of that date.

Note: In order for a 9th, 10th, or 11th grader to become eligible per CL 5, the student must be passing all courses taken during the 3rd marking period and accumulated 22.50 credits when grades are averaged for marking periods 1, 2, and 3. 22.50 credits after three (3) marking periods puts the student-athlete on track to obtain the required 30 credits at the end of the school year.

LOCAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Two-Failure Rule:

- Students failing two (2) or more subjects during a marking period will be on "Red-Shirt" status.
- "Red-Shirt" status entails a three-week period where the student would be permitted to practice, but not allowed to participate in games/matches. Students are expected to attend extra-help sessions while they are on "Red-Shirt" status.
- At the end of the three-week period, the student's progress is re-evaluated. If the student is passing ALL courses, the student will be reinstated to participate in games/matches.
- If the student is deficient in any subject area at the re-evaluation period, the student will be ineligible to play in any games/matches for the remainder of the marking period. However, the student will be permitted to stay a member of the team and continue to practice.
- The same will hold true for a student who has only one (1) failure, if he/she failed the first and second marking period in the same subject area or has a failing average of marking period grades any time during the school year.
- For purposes of athletic eligibility, loss of credit will be treated as a failure.
- Consequences will take effect immediately for a student involved in the season in which the check points and evaluations have taken place. If a student is not involved in a sports season at the time of the check, the consequence will be issued at the beginning of the season in which they participate.

Example: First marking period grades are normally reported in the first week of November. A fall athlete would be affected immediately. An athlete, who participates in the winter season and not the fall, would have the "Red-Shirt" status take effect on the first day of practice for the season. For a swimmer or ice hockey player it would be November 15th. For all other winter athletes, it would start on the Monday after the Thanksgiving weekend.

Progress Report Check Point

- Students who have two (2) or more failures on their progress report will be placed on probation.
- Students who are placed on probation will have ten (10) days before grades will be re-evaluated.
- During this ten-day period, student may play and practice while attending extra-help sessions.
- Students passing ALL courses at re-evaluation may continue to play/practice without interruption.
- Students failing any subject area will be ineligible for the remainder of the marking period.

Incompletes

- Incompletes will be considered failing grades until they are made up.
- Students are given three (3) weeks to make up all incompletes
- Any extenuating circumstances that would require additional time can be appealed to the Athletic Committee comprised of the Principal, Director of Guidance, Director of Athletics, and one coach.
- If incompletes are not made up within the time period allocated, the student will be ineligible for the remainder of the marking period.
- Two (2) incompletes or an incomplete and a failure will place a student on "Red-Shirt" status, at which time he/she has three (3) weeks to improve grades.

Attendance

In order to participate in a practice or game, a student must be in school no later than the end of the 2nd block. Athletes may not sign out during the day and return later to participate in a game or practice without prior approval from the Director of Athletics. A PARENT NOTE EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR SUCH ACTION MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

- A note from parent to the Director of Athletics stating the extenuating circumstances that prevented compliance with the athletic late sign-in policy.
- MCVT AM students must attend all assigned classes at Mount Olive the day of the contest.
- MCVT PM students must attend all assigned classes at Vo-Tech the day of the contest.
- Any other reason deemed satisfactory by the Director of Athletics.

SECTION VII: STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Clubs and other after school activities are a very important part of our extra-curricular program. Efforts will be made early in the school year to solicit student interest and form clubs on the basis of expressed student interest. The procedure for establishing individual clubs will be outlined by the administration and the Student Council and communicated to the students.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Amnesty International	Mock Trial
Concert Choir	National Art Honor Society
Debate Team	National Honor Society
DECA	Newspaper
Dramatics	Robotics
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Sound and Lighting
GSA	Stage Band
IDI Biology Club	Student Council

International Student Organization	Students Against Destructive Decisions
Key Club	Tri-M Music Honor Society
Jerseymen	Varsity Club
JSA – Junior Statesmen of America	Weight Training
Literary Magazine	World Language Honor Society
Marching Band	Yearbook

ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

A very important part of our total school program is our clubs and activities. The Mount Olive Board of Education has made provisions to provide opportunities for students to participate in a multitude of extracurricular programs.

An important fact to keep in mind is that to be eligible to participate in clubs and activities, we must conform to state guidelines and rules established and enforced by our own Student Eligibility committee. The following are the requirements:

1. Pass 25% of the total credits required by the State for graduation during the previous school year (presently 27.5 credits).
2. At mid-year you must have 13.75 credits (passing grades for courses worth 27.5 credits).

All Participants will demonstrate good citizenship both within the school and especially when they represent Mount Olive High School. All students are encouraged to participate in one form or another in our total activity program. Any student signing in late to school or signing out early must follow regulations listed under the Attendance section of Athletic Eligibility found on the previous page.

DISCIPLINE – STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Administration reserves the right to prohibit any student who reaches Level One of Zero Tolerance, has excessive absences or lates to school, discipline issues or excessive discipline referrals from participating in all extra-curricular activities, including but not exclusive to Field Trips, Sports Events, Dances/Proms and Graduations.

Any student with a history of on-going discipline referrals may be excluded from participating in extra-curricular events. Furthermore, any student participating in an extra-curricular activity who does not follow or abide by the expectations of the event, will be removed from participating in the event.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Over the past few years, the Student Council at Mount Olive High School has developed into an effective forum for student government. The Student Council is the voice of the student body, and all the students are encouraged to participate in making both their ideas and criticisms known to their officers and representatives.

The Administration meets with the Student Council to discuss both problems and achievements of mutual concern. Although a student should feel free to approach a teacher, counselor or administrator at any time when they have a pressing problem, most general problems pertaining to the operation of the school, rules and regulations can be aired by utilizing the Student Council as the voice of the student body. Elections for all officers, except freshmen class officers, are held in May. Freshmen class officers and class representatives are elected in September.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL AND CLASS OFFICERS

Student Council and class officers will be elected in the spring of the previous school year. To run for an office one must:

- Carry at least a "C" Average.
- Have a personal record free of serious and/or frequent suspensions.
- Follow the established election rules.

Student Council Officers for 2018-2019

President	Thomas Barish
Vice President	Ashley Hull
Recording Secretary	Amanda Berrios
Corresponding Secretary	Lindsey McLaughlin
Treasurer	Alexandra Bartell
Advisor	Mrs. Melissa Pawlyk
BOE Liaisons	Caitlin McNally Panagiotis Tsekouras

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The recognition of a student as a member of The National Honor Society is an honor accorded by the faculty of a school to junior and senior students. Students are selected to membership by a faculty committee in accordance with national regulations, which consist of demonstrated excellence in Academics, Character, Service and Leadership. The requirements necessary to become a member of the National Honor Society are as follows:

- Academically, a student who has a weighted grade point average of 3.5 or higher is deemed eligible for consideration. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.
- In the area of character, a student should consistently follow all rules, set an exemplary standard of behavior and be above reproach in honesty and integrity.
- The standard of service necessitates involvement in school and/or community activities voluntarily and consistently without

remuneration. The National Honor Society member is expected to become involved in the chapter's annual service projects. Students who do not actively participate in service projects may be removed from the National Honor Society.

- The leadership standard is not restricted to holders of formal leadership titles nor does holding a title guarantee membership in the National Honor society. Students must identify group activities in which their verifiable participation and involvement serve to demonstrate their leadership capabilities.

See school website for details regarding National Honor Society.

**Mount Olive High School
Alma Mater**

**The rising sun behind the hills
The voices in the morning air
Dreams we left and hope secured
Experiences all must share
Moments at Mount Olive High
Of every smile or tear you cried
Each new day a pattern weaves
Red and golden memories**