

A copy of this policy will remain on the website all year. Your signed copy will remain with me all year.

Forensics: Not a bunch of dead bodies!

First of all, 4N6 is not studying a crime scene but instead studying speaking, reading, and acting. Forensics is also EXTRACURRICULAR, which means participation outside the school day and on several Saturdays. If you cannot make the commitment to do this, I will understand, but make your decision now.

Policies are listed below; please read carefully.

1) Absences/Good standing: GRADES AND ATTENDANCE ARE IMPORTANT; IF EITHER ARE IN JEOPARDY, I WILL NOT ACCEPT YOU. **SCHOOL IS FIRST PRIORITY.** This means if you have failed any course for the 1st semester, I will not take you this year into the forensics program.

I. You must be in good standing with the school and community.

A. This means no OSS suspensions (at all), arrests, etc. beginning Jan, 1, 2012 ending May 1, 2012.

B. ISS will be noted and will be grounds to withhold you from competition.

II. The same eligibility requirements apply as sports, so check the policy in the handbook.

III. A teacher evaluation will be given to the teachers to check your track record with other events, in the class rooms, etc.

IV. I reserve the right to hold out any student that I feel is not ready to compete with this team at any given time. This decision is based on maturity, ability to get along with others (including teachers), and academic purpose, among other factors.

2) Missed Meets: Entry fees are required at every tournament and are paid by the school.

A. Meets are entered up to 3 weeks in advance, so you need to know your schedule.

B. If you miss a meet without enough notice to find a sub, you will pay back the entry fee for your events. This includes if you are ineligible and the grade is not fixed by Thursday before the meet.

C. If you are gone from school on Friday, you are still expected at the meet on Saturday unless you/your parent have notified the school AND me by 3:10 on Friday.

D. Special circumstances do occur, and these will be approached on a case-by-case basis.

3) Dress Code: I RETAIN THE RIGHT TO DISMISS YOU FROM ANY COMPETITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE NOT DRESSED AS REQUIRED! . **The dress code is not optional.**

- **Applicable to EVERYONE**

- NO JEANS, SHORTS OR T-SHIRTS!**

- Any bangs must be cut or pulled back out of the eyes (I must see your eyes/face!)**

- Long Hair must be pulled back on the sides, at least, away from the face.**

- Any piercing in the lip, eyebrow, or cheek must be removed.**

- All nose piercings must be small studs if you wish to keep them, no hoops, crosses, etc.**

- All tattoos must be covered.**

- **Applicable to Gentlemen**

- Dress slacks and ties**

- No logo shirts**

- **Applicable to Ladies**

- Dress slacks; skirts; dresses; nice shirts.**

- All midsections and undergarments, etc. must be covered at all times, including while acting in duets or IDAs.**

- No pants that ride up or down from the waist—actions may cause movement and embarrassment in front of judges.**

****The penalty for inappropriate dress is paying the entry fee back OR being held out of competition.****

4) Lettering: This is an event in which the student may letter if s/he meets **all requirements** in a season.

Attend minimum 4 meets

Medal in 3 meets

Achieve 400 total speaker points

Help with our tournament all evening

Participate in **2 events** during the season

5) Conduct issues: You will be responsible for policing and controlling yourselves at meets. I do, as the coach, reserve the right to discipline in regards to any problems occurring at contests. Be a positive reflection on yourself and your school. Keep any complaints about judges, other school participants, the competition, etc. to yourself or risk removal by the host school. If you have a legitimate complaint, bring it directly to me and I will handle it; that's my job.

6) Important issues you need to understand: You will be required to be up at 4:30 a.m. on some mornings and be on a bus by 5:00 a.m. It requires a great deal

of dedication and it is considered a "team event" as much as an individual event. If this is not something you will have time to work with, get out now.

Practice times are set by Ms. Deal and you will be responsible for finding the ones that suit your schedule best. 6:45 a.m. is a possibility, as is 6:45 p.m. Missing a practice will result in a consequence determined by the coach.

In order for you to be a participant, **I must have the attached permission slip signed and dated by your guardian and brought back by December 9, 2011.**

The slip states that you have permission to compete, follow the requirements, come to practices, etc. It also shows that your guardian understands the rules set forth by the coaches and backed by the administration.

Lisa Deal
MHS 4n6 Coach

I do understand the policy and give consent that _____ can participate in the upcoming Forensics season. This signed copy will remain on file all season.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date Signed _____