

STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR SETTINGS (DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO USE)

The Board recognizes that students involved in extracurricular activities are representatives of our school system. Students involved in extracurricular activities are scrutinized by the public, become role models for young children, as well as peers, and are ambassadors of our community. As members of a school organization which functions during non-instructional time, students take on a special responsibility to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner.

Consequently, it shall be a violation of district policy for any student involved in extracurricular activities to possess, use, sell, distribute or procure or to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other controlled substances. This policy is in effect both on and off school property. The time period of this policy is in effect from the first day of practice or the beginning of the season—whichever is earliest.

For purposes of this policy, controlled substances include but are not limited to narcotic drugs, hallucinogenic or mind altering drugs or substances, amphetamines, barbiturates, stimulants, depressants, marijuana, anabolic steroids, any another controlled substances as defined in law, or any prescription or nonprescription drug, medicine, vitamin or other chemical substances not taken in accordance with the Board policy and regulations on administering medicines to students.

This policy also includes substances that are represented by or to the student to be any such controlled substance or what the student believes to be any such substance.

Any student possessing, using, selling, distributing, or procuring alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other controlled substances on or off school property will be in violation of this policy.

Since students have a choice in whether or not to attend or participate in extracurricular activities, the school district has more flexibility in disciplining alcohol/drug/tobacco policy offenders and their nonparticipation/nonattendance in all extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities include all athletics, games, practices, dances, programs, tryouts, all class-sponsored activities, non-graded academic functions, and other activities sanctioned or sponsored by the school during or after school hours in or away from the school.

The following disciplinary procedures will apply to students who violate alcohol/drug/tobacco policies in terms of competing or practicing in all extracurricular activities.

- a. First time violators will be suspended from competing or practicing in all extracurricular activities for a period encompassing 36 school days from the date of the violation or the remainder of the season—whichever is greatest. In addition, students may not compete or practice in any weekend extracurricular activities during this 36-day activities suspension. Violators are not to attend practices—even as observers. Violators must leave school promptly following the dismissal bell unless prior arrangements have been made with the principal. The suspension may continue into the following school year. Students, under suspension, may still attend functions as a spectator.
 1. Administration may shorten suspension by half if first-time violator voluntary enrolls in a district approved intervention program, costs of which will be borne by student. Frequent reports from the intervention program must be

satisfactory. Unsatisfactory reports will be cause for full extra-curricular suspension.

- b. Should the participant become involved in a second violation, the student will be removed from *all* extracurricular competition and practice for 144 school days from the date of the infraction. The suspension may continue into the following school year. Counseling may be a requirement preceding readmission into extracurricular activities.
- c. Students and parents have the right to appeal the disciplinary action by notifying the administration of their intentions. A convenient time for both parties will be arranged by the school.
- d. Sponsors, advisors, and coaches must report any and all alcohol/drug/tobacco policy infractions to the principal no later than the first regular school day following the incident.

All reports of illegal alcohol/drug/tobacco use or violation of the extracurricular expectation shall be handled in the following manner:

- Any and all reports of the violation must be reported to and will be investigated by the building principal;
- The building principal shall inform the superintendent, or his designee;
- The report and the results of the investigation will be presented to the superintendent;
- The superintendent or designee will take appropriate action consistent with due process; and,
- No person shall be subjected to any adverse treatment for having made a complaint of a violation of the drug-free policy.

Any person who knowingly files false charges against a student in an attempt to demean, harass, abuse, or embarrass that individual shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Attendance or participation in an extracurricular activity, event, or organization sanctioned by the school is a privilege, not a right. This privilege will be taken away if this policy is violated.

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