

GOOD CONDUCT RULE

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and abilities in the students during their school years and for their lifetimes.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from school or at school. Students who wish to have the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral or unhealthy. Students who participate in extracurricular activities shall commit themselves to meet the standards of this policy. Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures. This policy is in effect and applies to student conduct 365 days a year for all students beginning the summer after their 6th-grade year through the summer of their 12th grade year.

The Activities Director shall keep records of violations of the good conduct rule.

A. CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS- ALL ACTIVITIES

- 1) No student shall have in their possession or have used a controlled substance (tobacco in any form, any alcoholic beverages, or drugs).
- 2) No student shall steal, destroy, and/or deface any school property.
- 3) No student shall be convicted of a felony, aggravated misdemeanor, or serious misdemeanor.
No student shall engage in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor traffic offenses and misdemeanor hunting/fishing violations). Whether the student is cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act if following an investigation by administration it is determined a violation occurred, he/she will be declared ineligible as described in Part C.
- 4) If the student is observed violating one of the above by faculty, administrators, or law enforcement personnel, admits to violating any of the above, or upon thorough investigation by school personnel which determines the student committed the violation, he/she will be declared ineligible as described in Part C.
- 5) These are minimum requirements. Any further rules specified by an activity sponsor must be followed.

B. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Any student who wishes to participate in any extracurricular activity must report to school no later than 11:30 am and remain at school for the remainder of the day to be eligible for activities/practices the day of an absence. Also, students need to be at school on time the day after events. If students arrive late repeatedly, an after school detention will be issued. If there are unusual circumstances, such as a funeral, the Principal and/or Athletic Director may waive the half-day requirement. This approval must be granted before the student leaves school.

C. LENGTH OF INELIGIBILITY FOR NON-ACADEMIC VIOLATIONS

To determine the length of the ineligibility period(s) all extracurricular activities will be divided up into Athletics and Performing Arts & Leadership.

*Affiliation with state or national organizations may require stricter eligibility requirements.

Any stricter requirements will require communication between sponsors and participants prior to any violation. Communication will be verified through student and parent signatures. The length of the ineligibility periods will be assigned as described below.

Athletics

1. First Offense – 1/3 of the season's competitions
2. Second Offense – 2/3 of the season's competitions
3. Third Offense - One year, twelve (12) calendar months, of ineligibility shall be imposed from the date of the last offense.

Performing Arts & Leadership

1. First Offense – 60 calendar days
2. Second Offense – 180 calendar days
3. Third Offense – One year, twelve (12) calendar months

Anytime there are three or more offenses within a year, twelve (12) calendar months, the last offense shall be considered a third offense making the student ineligible for one year, twelve (12) calendar months from the date of that offense, whether or not the student is out for an activity.

Time of ineligibility will start for Performing Arts & Leadership on the day the Activities Director communicates with the student of their infraction. If a performance is part of the student's grade, an alternative assignment will be provided. Time of ineligibility will start for Athletics on the first competition (scrimmages are not considered competition). The ineligibility time for athletics will carry over from one sport to the next until all time of ineligibility has been served. The time that is carried over will be prorated for the new sport.

In order for an ineligibility period of time to be considered officially served, the ineligible student must start and complete the entire performing activity "season" in good faith as determined by the sponsor/coach of said activity.

D. VIOLATIONS HAVE OCCURRED WHEN:

For an offense to be considered a first offense it must have happened after initial involvement in any extracurricular activity. It will be counted as an offense even if the student is not currently out for an activity.

For an offense to be a second offense it must be the second offense to have happened within twelve (12) calendar months. It will be counted as a second offense even if the student is not currently out for an activity.

For an offense to be considered a third offense it must be the third offense to have happened within twelve (12) calendar months. It will be counted as a third offense even if the student is not currently out for an activity.

E. DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE

Due Process procedures shall be followed in the handling of each case. Essentially the procedure will be the following:

1. The principal shall handle the hearing. He/she may include the activity director, coach(es), teacher or other administrator as he/she chooses to hear the case.
2. Prior to the hearing to determine whether a violation has occurred, the student will be furnished with a written or oral statement from the high school principal of the alleged misconduct sufficient to prepare a defense to the charge, setting out the student's violations of the academic or conduct requirements set out herein.
3. If the student denies the charge, the principal shall explain the evidence and give the student an opportunity to tell his/her side of the story.
4. The high school principal shall then determine whether the student should be declared ineligible. If the student is declared ineligible, said ineligibility shall commence immediately.
5. If the student(s) is not satisfied with the decision arrived at above, he/she will, at his/her request, be granted an informal hearing before the Board of Education.
6. If the student is not satisfied with the school board's decision, he or she may appeal within thirty (30) days to the Department of Education.

However, the ineligibility period will begin with the school board's decision and will not be delayed pending the State Board's decision.