

SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE POLICY FOR PARTICIPANTS IN DESIGNATED EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS GRADES 7 – 12

The Board recognizes that the extracurricular activity and interscholastic athletic programs are integral parts of the entire educational program. Through participation in extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics (hereinafter entitled “extracurricular programs”), students in grades 7 – 12 (hereinafter entitled “participants”) have an opportunity for education and character-building experiences.

The participant assumes responsibility for regulating his/her personal life in ways that make him/her an efficient member of extracurricular programs and a worthy representative of his/her school. Alcohol/tobacco/drug abuse by participants is a major detriment to these goals. The Board is concerned about the problems of tobacco, alcohol, and drug abuse and recognizes that illegal or inappropriate use of tobacco, alcohol, narcotic drugs, depressants or other controlled substances is wrong and harmful and constitutes a hazard to the positive development of all participants.

Standard of Conduct

The following standard of conduct applies to all participants in designated extracurricular programs in grades 7 – 12 beginning with the date that the extracurricular program participant and parent/guardian sign the form acknowledging notice of and pledging compliance with this standard of conduct.

The Board does not permit any participant to possess, transmit, conceal, offer for sale, consume, show evidence of having consumed or used any tobacco product, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs unprescribed drugs, look-alike drugs or any mind-altering substance. Included in this prohibition are any substances represented as a controlled substance, nonalcoholic beers, steroids, tobacco and tobacco products and drug paraphernalia. Excluded from this prohibition is any alcoholic beverage administered by a clergy person as part of a religious ceremony or ritual.

This standard of conduct is in effect for the time period of 24 hours a day, 7 days per week for the next twelve (12) consecutive months from the date the participant and the parent/guardian sign the form acknowledging notice of and pledging compliance with this standard of conduct. Further, this standard of conduct is in effect for the above-noted time frame at all events and in all locations whether private or public grounds, facilities, or vehicles.

This standard of conduct is not applicable for any of the following reasons, whichever occurs first:

- beginning with the date recorded by the coach/sponsor/advisor as the participant’s effective resignation from the extracurricular program; or,
- one (1) year from the date that the standard of conduct was effective, unless the participant has pledge in effect for another extracurricular program; or,
- upon the participant’s graduation from high school, or termination of the designated extracurricular activity, whichever occurs later.

Consequences for Violation of the Standard of Conduct

A violation of this standard of conduct subjects the participant to these extracurricular program consequences. In addition, if the violation occurred while on school grounds or facilities, at school-sponsored events, in other situations under the authority of the District, or in school-owned or school-approved vehicles, the participant is additionally subject to Board of Education policy governing such violations. Further, the Board encourages the student and his/her parent/guardian to provide an opportunity for the student to give voluntarily of his/her time and efforts in behalf of a local nonprofit charity/agency.

Possession and/or Use of Alcohol or Drug Abuse

First Offense

- **Participation**: The participant is denied participation in the designated extracurricular program(s) for 30% of the total of calendared events.
- **Leadership Roles**: Positions of leadership (i.e. captain) are forfeited for the remainder of the calendar of events.
- **Awards Program**: If the first offense occurs after the conclusion of the participant's extracurricular program's calendar of events, but prior to any awards program(s) associated with the participant's extracurricular program(s), the participant is denied participation in such awards program(s). The participant will receive his/her awards for this extracurricular program(s) only upon successful reinstatement to extracurricular program.
- **Reinstatement**: Reinstatement is contingent upon participant compliance with the reinstatement procedures listed in the accompanying regulation.

Possession and/or Use of Alcohol or Drug Abuse (continued)

Second and Subsequent Offenses

- **Participation**: The participant is denied participation in the designated extracurricular program(s) for one calendar year from the date of the violation.
- **Leadership Roles**: Positions of leadership (i.e. captain) are forfeited for one calendar year from the date of the violation.
- **Awards Program**: If the second offense occurs after the conclusion of the participant's extracurricular program's calendar of events but prior to any awards program(s) associated with the participant's extracurricular program(s), the participant is denied participation in such awards program(s) and will not receive awards for this extracurricular program(s).
- **Reinstatement**: Reinstatement is contingent upon participant compliance with the reinstatement procedures listed in the accompanying regulation.

Sale or Distribution of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs/Substances

First Offense

- **Participation**: The participant is denied participating in all designated extracurricular programs for one calendar year from the date of the violation.
- **Leadership Roles**: Positions of leadership (i.e. captain) are forfeited for the remainder of the participant's school career.

- Awards Program: The participant is denied participation in any awards program(s) associated with the participant's extracurricular program(s) and will not receive awards for this extracurricular program(s).
- Reinstatement: Reinstatement is contingent upon participant compliance with the reinstatement procedures listed in the accompanying regulation.

Sale or Distribution of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs/Substances (continued)

Second Offense

- Participation: Participation in all extracurricular programs is denied from the date of the violation through the remainder of the participant's school career.
- Leadership Roles: Positions of leadership (i.e. captain) are forfeited for the remainder of the participant's school career.
- Awards Program: The participant is denied participation in any awards program(s) associated with the participant's extracurricular program(s) and will not receive awards for this extracurricular program(s).
- Reinstatement
There are no means for reinstatement.

Possession and/or Use of Tobacco

First Offense

The participant must complete an intervention or educational program for tobacco use by an agency/provider which is accredited and acceptable to the school district. If the participant and/or the parent/guardian refuse to have the participant attend such a program, the participant will be denied participation in any extracurricular program for one calendar year from the date of refusal/failure to participate.

Second Offense

The participant is subject to the same consequences as "Possession and/or Use of Alcohol or Drug Abuse: First Offense" on page 2 of this policy.

Third Offense

The participant is subject to the same consequence as "Possession and/or Use of Alcohol or Drug Abuse: Second Offense and Subsequent Offenses" on page 2 of this policy.

Definitions

- Participation: Participants under denial of participation for violations of the standard of conduct may practice and travel with the extracurricular program but may not dress for or participate in any games/contests/events for the designated 30% time frame.
How the 30% penalty time frame is determined: The 30% penalty is applied to the number of all calendared events of the extracurricular program. Fractions of events will be rounded up if they are .5 or more of an event and rounded down if .4 or less of an event. For example, in a 16-event calendar, 30% of the events would be 4.8 events. In this instance, the participant would be denied participation for 5 events, whereas for an

extracurricular program which meets once a month for 9 months, 30% of 9 meetings would be 2.7 meetings. The participant would be denied participation in 3 meetings. It is acknowledged that the time frame of the team 30% consequence would be applicable over several weeks, whereas the time frame of the activity 30% consequence would be applicable over several months.

- **Combination of Offenses:** Second offenses can be any combination of alcohol or drug abuse violations. For example: one alcohol violation + one drug abuse violation = a second offense. The participant is subject to the consequences defined under “second offense.”
- **Cumulative Accountability:** Cumulative accountability will run from grade 7 to grade 8 throughout the participant’s designated extracurricular program participation history while enrolled in grades 7 and 8. A “second offense” penalty will be enforced regardless of the time interval between the first offense and the second offense while the participant is enrolled in grades 7 and 8. Any violations during the participant’s designated extracurricular program participation in grades 7 and 8 do not carry over into the participant’s designated extracurricular program participation beginning with the 9th grade.

Cumulative accountability also runs from grade 9 through grade 12 of the participant’s designated extracurricular program participation. A “second offense” penalty will be enforced regardless of the time interval between the first offense and the second offense while the participant is enrolled in grades 9-12. For example, a violation during the participant’s 9th grade year followed by a violation in the 11th grade will constitute a second offense violation.

Timing of Violations and Application of Consequences

- **Application of Consequence to Concurrent Participation in Designated Extracurricular Programs:** If a participant is participating concurrently in multiple designated extracurricular programs at the time of the violation, the penalty will be applicable to all designated extracurricular programs.
- **First violation occurs when less than 30% of calendar of events remain:** If a participant participates consecutively in multiple designated extracurricular programs, and the first violation occurs with less than 30% of the current designated extracurricular program’s regular calendar of events remaining, the outstanding percentage of the consequence is carried over to the next designated extracurricular program’s calendar of events.
- **Violation occurring after calendar of events is completed:** If a standard of conduct policy violation occurs after, but not during, the designated extracurricular program’s calendar of events is completed, the participant must fulfill all facets of the reinstatement process before his/her participation in another or a subsequent designated extracurricular program. For example, if it is a first offense violation, the participant is denied participation for 30% of another or a subsequent designated extracurricular program.
- **Trying out for a subsequent designated extracurricular program while under a consequence:** A participant under the denial of participation consequence for an “out of calendar of events” standard of conduct policy violation is permitted to try out for any designated extracurricular program which holds tryouts. Participation in tryouts must be done in good faith and in recognition that the coach/sponsor/advisor will hold the

participant under penalty to the same standards of tryouts required of all other students who try out. No coach/advisor/sponsor is to select a participant with a penalty to serve simply because he/she wishes to provide the participant with a venue for serving that penalty. If the participant wins placement on a designated extracurricular team/group, the 30% denial of participation consequence will be enforced once the regular calendar of events for the “new” designated extracurricular program begins. In addition, as with all violations, the participant must complete all facets of the reinstatement procedures to be considered for reinstatement.

- Application of Consequences to a New Designated Extracurricular Program: If the participant chooses to join another designated extracurricular program in an attempt to satisfy the denial of participation percentage rather than have the consequence applied to the next calendar of events for his/her preferred designated extracurricular program, the following “team to team” and “activity to activity” guideline applies: if the violation occurs while the participant is participating on a team, the participant must join another designated extracurricular team and have the penalty applied to participation on that team in order to satisfy the requirements of the penalty. The participant may not join an activity in order to satisfy the consequence. For example, a participant incurring a consequence while participating in basketball cannot join a club and expect to have the consequence applied; rather, the participant must join another team (wrestling, for example) or have the consequence applied to next year’s basketball participation. Further, the participant must demonstrate sustained quality effort given in good faith as judged by the coach/sponsor/advisor in order to satisfactorily complete the requirements of the second designated extracurricular program and satisfy the requirements of the original penalty.

Investigation of Alleged Standard of Conduct Policy Violations

If an extracurricular program participant is implicated in a standard of conduct policy violation, the principal or designee will investigate the situation to substantiate or refute the alleged violation. If substantiated, the consequences detailed herein apply.

Self/Parent Referrals for Standard of Conduct Policy Violations

1. Any extracurricular participant who believes that he/she has a substance abuse problem may personally report this circumstance to the Athletic Director, coach, advisor, principal, or member of the school teaching staff. All self-referral information will remain confidential. Parents/guardians may make referrals on their own student. Such referrals will be treated as a self-referral under this section.
2. The participant must submit to a professional assessment by an accredited agency/provider and undergo three substance abuse counseling sessions by an accredited agency/provider acceptable to the school district but may continue to participate in the extracurricular program. If the assessment indicates treatment, the participant must follow through with the program or face the consequences as outlined in “Possession and/or Use of Alcohol or Drug Abuse: First Offense” on page 2 of this policy.

3. A second subsequent violation of the standard of conduct policy will result in a denial of participation for one calendar year.
4. A self-referral or parent/guardian referral cannot be made in an attempt to circumvent an active investigation into a substance abuse policy violation.
5. A self-referral may be used only if the participant has not previously incurred any violations of the standard of conduct policy, and counts as a first offense as outlined in “Possession and/or Use of Alcohol or Drug Abuse: First Offense” on page 2 of this policy
6. One self-referral is permitted during a participant’s extracurricular program participation in grades 7 – 12.

Reinstatement

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and implement a procedure to allow for reinstatement to an extracurricular program. Any participant who refuses to undertake the reinstatement process is not permitted to participate further in any designated extracurricular program(s) until such time that he/she complies with the requirements of the reinstatement process.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.664

CROSS REFS: IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
IGDJ, Interscholastic Athletics
JFC, Student Code of Conduct
JFCG/JFCH/JFCI, Tobacco/Alcohol Use/Drug Abuse