

Regulation

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Student participation in all extracurricular and interscholastic activities and issuance of a parking permit are privileges rather than rights. The term "extracurricular activities" applies to any activity in which the student participates and for which he/she does not receive credit, including class officer, etc. The students that engage in extracurricular and interscholastic activities have the honor of representing the Bordentown Regional School District before the public, and the school has the obligation to see that these students exhibit responsible behavior befitting this privilege.

Therefore, all students who participate in any extracurricular and/or interscholastic activity, and/or are issued a parking permit and whose conduct violates school board policy related to drugs and alcohol abuse or possession during school shall be subject to the provisions set forth herein. The consequences described in these regulations shall be in addition to the consequences as established by the district code of student conduct.

Requirements for Participation

- A. Students who participate in extracurricular, interscholastic activities or have parking privileges shall not drink any alcoholic beverages or ingest any controlled dangerous substance, which shall include anabolic steroids, throughout the duration of this activity;
- B. Any student who is required to take a pre-activity physical examination and is determined by the attending physician to show symptoms of substance abuse, particularly steroid use, may be required to undergo urine analysis in keeping with Policy 5131.6;
- C. The Board strongly discourages all students from participating in out-of-school parties where substance abuse and alcohol abuse occur.

Consequences of Violation:

Any time a student in an extracurricular activity, interscholastic program or who has parking privilege is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol/drugs or is suspected of selling, transferring, or possessing same, the board policy and procedures 5131.6 Substance Abuse covering reporting procedures, medical and supervision protocols, parent notification, intervention, discipline, and readmission to school shall be followed.

Any student participating in interscholastic extracurricular activities or who has parking privileges, that is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol/drugs shall be required to receive a medical examination including an alcohol or drug screening test according to law and board policy 5131.6 Substance Abuse.

Students participating in interscholastic, extracurricular activities or who has parking privileges reported to be under the influence and test positive for substance use or found to be selling, transferring, or possessing illegal substances or drug paraphernalia, at any time--whether during a school-related or non-school-related activity--shall be subject to the following penalties:

- A. First Violation
 - 1. After confirmation (through a Memorandum of Agreement) of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for 20 school days for all interscholastic and extracurricular activities. This includes sports practices, scrimmages, and interscholastic competitions (this may run concurrently with suspension if invoked by regular school policy);
 - 2. If the violation occurs within 20 school days prior to the Prom or Senior Class Trip the student shall be ineligible to attend the Senior Class Trip and and/or Prom and forfeits all non-refundable monies.

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B. Second Violation

After confirmation (through the Memorandum of Agreement) of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next 12 months for all interscholastic and extracurricular activities.

C. Subsequent Violations

If there is a subsequent violation, the student will be permanently suspended from all extracurricular and interscholastic activity for student's high school career.

D. Parking Privileges: Parking privileges will be revoked for the duration of lost eligibility.

The decision to suspend a student from participation in extracurricular and interscholastic activity may be appealed to the school principal, then to the superintendent, and finally to the board of education, in accordance with due process standards within the district.

Procedures

- A. At the beginning of each sporting season, extra-curricular activity or prior to receiving parking privileges, students will receive a copy of the drug and alcohol guidelines and procedures, which will be reviewed with them and their parents by an assigned professional staff member. Students and parents will be required to sign a statement that they understand the guidelines prior to the student's participating;
- B. After the first violation, the student will be seen by the Substance Awareness Coordinator and will be placed in a mandatory five (5) sessions education/early intervention group that will address the effects of abuse of mind-altering chemicals and their personal use patterns. The student and parents will have at least one (1) mandatory meeting with the Substance Awareness Coordinator and an assigned professional staff member prior to the student's resuming any extracurricular or interscholastic activity;
- C. After the second violation, the student will be referred to a community agency for assessment of substance abuse. Furthermore, before the student is readmitted to activities, s/he shall show evidence in writing that s/he has gone for assessment, is receiving counseling, and is physically and mentally fit to return to participation as certified by a physician;
- D. The rules and regulations in this policy shall apply to any violators, on and off school premises, during the season of participation;
- E. The principal or assistant principal and the athletic director when applicable to interscholastic sports must approve additional rules or regulations from the head coach/advisor in writing. Any additional rules and regulations must be in writing and on file in the appropriate office.

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