

GOOD CONDUCT PROVISION AND RULES

Students who participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities serve as ambassadors of the Panorama Community School District throughout the calendar year, whether away from school or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participating in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board rule and must refrain from activities that are illegal, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate. Participating in these extra-curricular or co-curricular activities is a privilege, conditioned not only upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the Board, administration and individual activity coaches and sponsors, but also by demonstrating lawful and reasonable conduct. This provision shall be in effect for the entire calendar year (365 days), both during the regular school year, as well as, all vacation periods.

Participation in the following extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are subject to the Good Conduct Provision and these rules: Athletics, Instrumental and Vocal Music Contests, Drama Productions, Speech and Debate Contests, State Contests, and Performances for Cheerleading and Dance Team, and any other activities where the student represents the school district outside the classroom.

A. It is a violation of this Good Conduct Provision to knowingly engage in the following kinds of conduct:

Item 1. Illegally possess, consume, use, sell, purchase or distribute any alcoholic beverages;

Item 2. Illegally possess, consume, use, sell, purchase or distribute controlled substances, as they are defined by the Code of Iowa or possess, sell, purchase or distribute "look-a-like" controlled substances;

Item 3. Possess, consume, use, sell, purchase or distribute tobacco, in any form;

Item 4. Commit theft, vandalism, assault or any act that would be a violation of the law and grounds for arrest or citations in the criminal or juvenile court system, excluding minor offenses such as traffic offenses, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated of the act(s);

Item 5. Violate any provision of the District's Student Conduct – Discipline Provision, the District's Weapons Provision, or the District's Hazing Provision, where such violation results in a suspension out of school.

Item 6. Being in attendance where the student knows or has reason to know that Items 1-5 from above have been violated and failing to leave promptly despite having a reasonable opportunity to do so.

B. A student will be found to be in violation of the District's Good Conduct Provision if (1) the student admits the violation or (2) the violation is supported by substantial evidence presented to school officials or presented in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

C. A student who has been found to have violated the Good Conduct Provision shall be

penalized as follows:

Consequence: Students who violate the good conduct provision will normally be subject to the following consequences: It should be noted that all terms and conditions of the consequences must be met before a student is eligible to participate in a representational capacity in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity in which he/she was or will be participating. An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals and remain in "good standing" with the coach or sponsor through the conclusion of the season or activity. The ineligible student will not "suit up" or perform/participate until the period of ineligibility has been completed. School officials have the discretion to deviate from the following "standard" consequences when doing so is deemed appropriate.

First Offense

Student may be required to undergo an assessment by an evaluation agency approved by the Panorama School District when such assessment is deemed relevant to the violation, e.g. alcohol or controlled substances violations. Assessment arrangements are to be made, and fees and expenses are to be paid, by the student and/or parent(s). The student shall be responsible for providing the building administration with written verification that the required assessment has been completed. Students charged with traffic violations or misdemeanors are NOT required to undergo the assessment.

The student will be suspended from competition for 25% of the current extra-curricular or co-curricular activity season (including any post season competition). If less than 25% of the activities remain, the period of ineligibility not served during that activity would be carried forward, on a pro-rated basis, to the next activity in which the individual regularly participates. If the student is not competing in an activity at the time of the violation, the penalty will be enforced during the next activity the student is involved in. The before-mentioned activity's season must be completed in good standing with the coach for the suspension to be served.

If a student voluntarily, in a good faith and honest manner, notifies the school of a violation of this policy, prior to being confronted by a school official, this period of ineligibility may be reduced by 50% of the scheduled performances

A student involved in two or more activities at the time of the suspension will be suspended for 25% of each activity season.

Second Offense

Student may be required to undergo an assessment by an evaluation agency approved by the Panorama School District when such assessment is deemed relevant to the violation, e.g. alcohol or controlled substances violations. Assessment arrangements are to be made, and fees and expenses are to be paid, by the student and/or parent(s). The student shall be responsible for providing the building administration with written verification that the required assessment has been completed. Students charged with traffic violations or misdemeanors are NOT required to undergo the assessment.

The student will be suspended from competition for 75% of the current extra-curricular or co-curricular activity season (including any post season competition). If less than 75% of the activities remain, the period of ineligibility not served during that activity

would be carried forward, on a pro-rated basis, to the next activity in which the individual regularly participates. If the student is not competing in an activity at the time of the violation, the penalty will be enforced during the next activity the student is involved in. The before- mentioned activity's season must be completed in good standing with the coach for the suspension to be served.

If a student voluntarily, in a good faith and honest manner, notifies the school of a violation of this policy, prior to being confronted by a school official, this period of ineligibility may be reduced by 50% of the scheduled performances.

A student involved in two or more activities at the time of the suspension will be suspended for 75% of each activity season.

Third Offense

Student may be required to undergo an assessment by an evaluation agency approved by the Panorama School District when such assessment is deemed relevant to the violation, e.g. alcohol or controlled substances violations. Assessment arrangements are to be made and fees and expenses are to be paid, by the student and/or parent(s). The student shall be responsible for providing the building administration with written verification that the required assessment has been completed. Students charged with traffic violations or misdemeanors are NOT required to undergo the assessment.

The student will be suspended from competition in all extra-curricular or co-curricular activities for a period of one calendar year (including any post season competition), effective immediately. If the student is not competing in an activity at the time of the violation, the penalty will be enforced at the beginning of the next activity the student is involved in.

There is no self-reporting clause for the third offense.

Fourth Offense

The student will be suspended for the remainder of the student's high school career.

There is no self-reporting clause for the fourth offense.

Leadership positions

Students who have received more than one Good Conduct violation will be ineligible for activity/club/organizational leadership positions for the remainder of their high school career. This includes but is not limited to representing the school district on student council and national honor society.

Felony Charges

Students charged with a felony as described in the Iowa Code will be subject to the following consequences:

First Offense: Student will forfeit participation in all extracurricular activities for one calendar year. There is no self-reporting clause for felony charges.

Second Offense: Student will forfeit participation in all extracurricular activities for the remainder of his/her high school career. There is no self-reporting clause for felony charges.

Determination and Appeal Process

A student who has allegedly violated the Good Conduct Provision will be notified of the alleged violation of the Good Conduct Provision, the information which supports the allegations and will be given an opportunity to respond. Upon a review of all the evidence and circumstances, the building administration will make a decision regarding the alleged violation of the Good Conduct Provision. If the building administration determines that the student has violated the Good Conduct Provision, the building administration will then determine a period of ineligibility.

Whenever a student is declared ineligible under the Good Conduct Provision, the following procedures shall apply:

1. A conference will be held with the building administration and the student. At that time, the length of the period of ineligibility and a specific explanation of the reasons for ineligibility will be discussed. The offense and the consequences will thereafter be put in writing and sent to the student and parent(s). If the student or parents(s) do not wish to appeal the ineligibility decision, the building administration's decision will be in effect and considered final.
2. If the student or parent(s) wish to appeal the building administration's decision, they must do so in writing to the Superintendent within three (3) business days of the receipt of the building administration's decision. The superintendent shall consider the circumstances and evidence of the case and shall make a decision, which will be communicated in writing to the student, parent(s), Activities Director and building administration. The decision of the Superintendent shall be made within fourteen business days following the date on which the appeal was received.
3. If the student or parent(s) wish to appeal the Superintendent's decision, they must do so in writing to the Board of Education within three (3) business days of the receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The appeal shall be heard by the Board at the earliest feasible opportunity.
4. The Board shall schedule a special meeting for the purpose of reviewing the matter with all individuals involved. At the Board meeting, both the student and his/her parent(s) and the administration will have an opportunity present evidence and information in support of their position. The meeting will be conducted in closed session, unless the student or parent(s) request that it be conducted in open session. However, any formal action by the Board of Directors must be taken at an open meeting.
5. During the appeal procedure the student will be ineligible from participating in any extra-curricular or co-curricular activities (games and/or performances).

No suspension sanctions will be applied to co-curricular activities that are graded.

I am aware of the Panorama Community School District's Good Conduct Provision.

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____