

# MHS/MMS Substance Abuse Policy for Students Involved in KSHSAA Activities Grades 7-12

Certain standards of social behavior are expected of all students in USD 418. However, since students participating in interschool activities sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association voluntarily make a commitment to become team members and because they are more visible representatives of our school and community, they are expected to meet higher standards of conduct and discipline. McPherson High School and McPherson Middle School endorses a substance abuse prevention policy, which includes random drug testing as outlined in USD 418 BOE Policy, that will aid students in abstaining from the possession and/or use of unauthorized drugs, steroids, alcoholic beverages, or any form of tobacco, intervene early when student use is detected, and take corrective action.

A violation of the policy is defined as possession and/or use of unauthorized drugs, steroids, alcoholic beverages, or any form of tobacco. A USD #418 staff member, police report, positive result from random drug test as defined by USD 418 BOE Policy and/or parent or student self-referral will verify violations. A violation shall result in the participant being suspended from the respective team/group as outlined below. A hearing with the participant, their parents, the coach, and Activities Director or Principal is required. When applicable, the person witnessing the violation would also be present.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Violation Consequences:**

The student participant will be ineligible for next 20% of scheduled competitions/performances, or remainder of season (which ever is shorter), in each KSHSAA activity they are currently involved in, or in the next activity in which they plan to participate. The specific coach or sponsors individual team/group policy may supersede the requirements of this policy based on prior behavior, but cannot be less than the provisions of this paragraph.

Additionally, student participants who have a first violation will be required to submit to five follow-up drug tests, as outlined in USD 418 BOE Policy, during the next twelve (12) month period and will be required to participate in a chemical assessment program to determine the extent of their drug/alcohol use and follow any recommendations made during the assessment. The cost of the follow up drug tests and chemical assessment will be the responsibility of the student or student's parents or guardian if under age 18.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Violation Consequences:**

The student participant being declared ineligible from all KSHSAA sponsored extracurricular activities in which he/she is currently participating and denied participation in future KSHSAA sponsored extracurricular activities for a period of 18 weeks, when school is in session (weeks during summer would not apply, so these 18 weeks can carry over into the next school year).

In addition, the student must complete a comprehensive substance abuse program recommended by a certified substance abuse professional and follow any recommendations made. The student will continue or repeat the five necessary follow-up drug screens, as outlined in USD 418 BOE Policy. The cost of the substance abuse program and follow up drug tests will be the responsibility of the student or student's parent or guardian if under age 18.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Violation Consequences:**

The student participant will be being barred from participation in any KSHSAA sponsored extracurricular activities for a minimum of one calendar year.

In addition, the student must participate in a chemical assessment program and successfully complete a substance abuse program recommended by a certified substance abuse professional, and follow any recommendations, at the expense of the student or student's parents or guardian (The substance abuse program can not be the same program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation). At the end of the one calendar year and successful completion of the substance abuse program, the student must complete another drug screen at the student's expense, with negative results. Upon return to participation in KSHSAA sponsored extracurricular activities, the student will continue or repeat the five necessary follow-up drug screens, as outlined in USD 418 BOE Policy, at their own expense. The period of exclusion from extracurricular activities may continue into the following school year.

## **Additional Violations after 3<sup>rd</sup> Consequence:**

The student participant would be barred from participation in KSHSSA sponsored extracurricular activities for an additional one calendar year for each positive result.