

Harney County School District 3

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Extracurricular Participation Policy**

Student participation in extracurricular activities is considered to be a privilege. Students who do participate in extracurricular activities must assume certain obligations and responsibilities beyond those of other students. High standards of conduct, performance, leadership and maintaining an alcohol and drug free person and environment will be expected of all students participating in the activities covered by this code.

The guidelines set forth in this code have been established as minimum requirements for students participating in extracurricular activities. This code does not supercede the district's student discipline policy, weapons policy or its extracurricular student drug policy.

Participants must agree to abide by the following conduct and training rules in order to be permitted to participate in any of the district's extracurricular programs. The district's extracurricular programs include rally, dance team, football, volleyball, cross country, soccer, basketball, wrestling, tennis, golf, track, baseball. Participants and parents must indicate their acceptance of this code by signing an appropriate notice form.

This Extracurricular Participation Code is in effect for all athletes in all sports seasons commencing on the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) first established practice date in the fall and it continues until the last day of school, play-off contests or awards ceremonies, whichever is later.

1. Provisions for Eligibility

a. Extracurricular Activities

Prior to participating in an athletic activity, the participant must have completed and placed on file in the office the following items:

- (1) Physician's statement; (A physical exam is required every two years and a medical history form must be signed by a parent/guardian in years the exam is not required.)
- (2) Verification of insurance statement (each year);
- (3) Participation agreement that includes this policy signed by parent and participant each year;
- (4) Emergency medical card signed by the parent.

b. Academic Eligibility Provisions

Students participating in extracurricular activities must comply with OSAA and school policies.

- (1) The OSAA requires that participants must pass four classes in the immediately preceding trimester to be eligible to participate in the next trimester in which they are enrolled.
- (2) Burns High School requires that to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities a participant must be enrolled full time and passing all courses. If a participant receives one or more F's (an average of 69 percent or less) on a six or twelve- week grade report the participant will be placed on academic probation. The probation will begin on the Monday following the issuance of the grade on the previous Friday. The probation will last three school weeks. During the period of probation the participant may attend practices, but may not participate in any event or activity. At the end of the three-week probation the student's grades will be checked. The participant must be passing in all classes. If not, the probation will be extended for another three school weeks at which time grades will be checked again. This procedure will continue until a grade check at the end of a three-week probationary period shows the student is passing in all classes. Should a participant become academically eligible midway through an activity season, such eligibility does not guarantee placement, playing time, or reinstatement to a position. The coach and/or appropriate advisor must approve reinstatement of a student midway through a season.
- (3) Hines Middle School requires that students be passing all their classes to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Grade checks will be at 3, 6, 9 and 12-week intervals. Students with one or more D/F's as an average grade in a class at any of the above grade checks will be placed on academic probation. The probation period (one week) takes place from the following Monday through the next Saturday/Sunday. This means they may practice/participate with the team, but they may not compete and/or travel to any competitions during that full week from Monday-Sunday. Those students will have their grades checked again at the end of the week's probation. A student's whose grades are up to a C or better will be allowed to continue with the activity as usual. If not, the student will be placed back on probation (may practice but not compete) until the next grade check at the regular three-week time. If the student's grades are up to a C level at the next regular grade check period, he/she may return to full participation as usual. If the grades are still below a C level, he/she will be removed from the extracurricular activity for the remainder of the season. No probation or suspension that a student might incur will carry over to the next school year.

c. Multi-Sport Participation

In the athletic program, a student may participate in more than one sport during each sport season, provided each head coach involved agrees, and a workable practice and game conflict solution is in place. The athlete will declare a primary and secondary sport in case of contest conflicts. The athlete will be required to attend all practices for each sport, unless excused by the coach. Coaches can provide alternative workouts or practices on a daily or weekly basis, as they deem appropriate.

d. Attendance

- (1) When students are excused from class for an activity, they are not excused from doing make up work. They must arrange before the absence to make up the work according to the district's incomplete work policy.
- (2) Students will not be permitted to participate in a contest/competition or practice if they have an unexcused absence on the day of the contest/competition or practice. If the unexcused absence occurs the last school day of the week, students are not eligible to participate in contests/competitions or practices until the next school day. Students are expected to be in attendance on a regular school day after a competition
- (3) Students placed on an out-of-school suspension will not be allowed to participate or practice during the term of that suspension. If at the time of the out-of-school suspension, the activity season has reached the point where interscholastic contests or competitions are being held; the suspended student will not be allowed to participate in such interscholastic contests or competitions during the period of suspension. However, if during the time of the out-of-school suspension, no interscholastic contests or competitions happen to be scheduled, then the student will not be allowed to participate in the first interscholastic contest or competition that occurs after the out-of-school suspension is completed.

e. Transportation

- (1) The district provides transportation to and from all extracurricular activities. Participants are to travel to and home from away events by school transportation, unless prior permission has been arranged with the activity director or administrator for unusual or specific circumstances. Participants can only be released to their parent, guardian or relative after the conclusion of an away contest for home transportation. The relative must be a minimum of 21 years of age. The granting of permission is at the coach's/advisor's discretion. The parent, guardian, or relative must make personal contact with the coach/advisor at the away event unless prior permission as discussed above has been arranged.
- (2) Participants who are not participating in the contest/event may travel with the team only with the approval of the activity director or administrator.

f. Dropping/Adding an Extracurricular Activity

- (1) A participant, who wishes to drop an extracurricular activity and turn out for another, may do so only by first obtaining the permission of the coach/advisor from whose activity the participant is dropping, and then getting permission from the coach/advisor of the other activity. This must be done with the activity director's concurrence.
- (2) A participant who is not allowed to participate in an extracurricular activity because of violation of this Extracurricular Participation Policy or other disciplinary rules of the district is not eligible to participate in any other extracurricular activity for the duration of the first extracurricular activity.

2. Suspensions and dismissals

- a. If a student is on academic suspension and incurs a discipline suspension, the two suspensions will be implemented consecutively.
- b. If a participant is dismissed from an extracurricular activity, the participant forfeits the right to receive any awards for participation in that activity.

3. Student rights

- a. The parent/guardian and participant will be notified personally of any charges, confirmation, suspension and or dismissal by the administrator.
- b. Any participant accused of committing a Group I, II or III offense is entitled to due process. The student shall be afforded prior knowledge of behaviors that will result in disciplinary consequences and what the consequences will be. (This policy serves that purpose.) The participant shall be informed of charges alleging his/her violation of any provision of this policy. The complaint procedure shall serve as the appeal process as outlined in Board policy KL - Public Complaints.

4. Group I offenses and penalties

a. Substance Abuse

- (1) No participant involved in an extracurricular activity shall knowingly possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs, tobacco products, performance enhancing drugs, inhalants or controlled substances of any kind (except as prescribed by a medical professional), from the first established OSAA practice date in the fall until the last day of school, play-off contests or awards ceremony, whichever is later.
- (2) No participant shall attend or remain at parties or other functions where alcohol or drugs are being consumed or used contrary to the provisions of Oregon law. If a participant knows that the dangerous use of alcohol or drugs is occurring he/she must promptly remove him/herself from the scene upon the discovery of the dangerous usage.

b. Misdemeanors and Felonies

The committing of a misdemeanor or felony by a student shall be considered to be a violation of this policy. If a participant is arrested by a police agency for an action that might be in violation of this code, the district may defer its own investigation to the criminal justice process, or it may undertake its own independent investigation, irrespective of the criminal justice process. The district's student discipline process is totally separate from the criminal justice system. The determination of whether to investigate or to defer investigation will be at the total discretion of the district.

c. Charges of a Group I Offense violation will be investigated and may be confirmed by any of the following:

- (1) Statements of the student;

- (2) Witness interviews;
 - (3) Records from law enforcement or juvenile agencies;
 - (4) A positive result on the district wide random drug test.
- d. The first violation of a Group I offense will result in the participant being suspended for three school weeks commencing with the next scheduled contest. If a participant is not participating in an activity at the time of the offense, the suspension from contests will occur in the next activity in which the student participates. The participant shall also be required to complete an appropriate assessment and enroll in and complete any recommended treatment. The evaluation and treatment will be at student expense. The participant must show evidence of beginning the process of enrollment to be eligible to participate after serving his/her suspension. To remain eligible, the student must show evidence of completion of the program. The time it takes to complete the program must be established upon enrollment. The participant must be able to show that he/she is following a timeline for completion of the program as determined upon enrollment. Failure to enroll in and/or complete the program within the timeline will result in the student being ineligible until the program is completed.
- e. The second violation of a Group I offense will result in an immediate dismissal for one extracurricular season. If a violation occurs after one or more of the season's contests are completed, the penalty will be extended into the next extracurricular season in which the student participates. For example: if a participant has completed 25 percent of the football contests he would be dismissed from the remaining 75 percent and would also miss 25 percent of the contests in the next season of completion. Resulting contest suspensions could extend into the next academic year. If a student is not participating in an activity at the time of the offense, the suspension from contests will occur in the next extracurricular season (fall, winter, spring) in which the student has a history of participation. History is defined as successful completion of a season. Being dismissed for grades or other disciplinary issues does not constitute a successful completion. A participant will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular at any time until he/she completes an appropriate evaluation and enrolls in and completes any recommended treatment. The evaluation and treatment will be at participant expense.
- f. If a participant commits a third violation of a Group I offense in grades six through eight, he/she will no longer be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at the Middle School. Offenses accrued during grades six through eight will not carry over to the High School. If a participant commits a third violation of a Group I Offense, in grades nine through twelve, he/she will no longer be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at Burns High School.

5. Group II offenses and penalties.

- a. Students participating in an extracurricular activity are required to attend practices and competitions.
- (1) The first unexcused absence from practice will result in a suspension from the next competition date.
 - (2) The second unexcused absence from practice will result in dismissal from the team/activity.
 - (3) Unexcused absence from a competition will result in dismissal from the team/activity.

- b. Only the coach or advisor can excuse a participant from a practice or competition. The coach or advisor must follow guidelines described in the *Coach/Advisor Handbook*.
6. Group III offenses and penalties
- a. Students participating in an extracurricular activity may incur a disciplinary penalty or consequence for misconduct, disobedience or lack of cooperation.
 - (1) The penalty may be any of the following and/or a combination of them.
 - (a) The assignment of extra workouts or practice time.
 - (b) Curtailing playing/competition time.
 - (c) Imposing a full or partial suspension from a competition.
 - (d) Dismissing the student from the team/activity, depending on the severity and/or reoccurrence of violations.
 - (2) Penalties will be determined by the coach or advisor and activity director or administrator following the guidelines in the *Coach/Advisor Handbook*. In cases involving suspension or dismissal, the parent or guardian will be contacted by the coach or advisor.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.051](#)

[ORS 332.075\(1\)\(e\)](#)

[ORS 339.430](#)

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[OAR 581-022-1680](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2006); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2006).

OR. SCH. ACTIVITIES ASS'N, OSAA HANDBOOK (2005).

Montgomery v. Bd. of Educ., 188 Or. App. 63 (2003).