

Student Activity Eligibility Code of Conduct

The purpose of extracurricular activities is to support the academic mission of the school district by providing students with social endeavors that help build self-discipline, teamwork and other character education qualities. In accordance with district policy IGDJA-District Activities Eligibility, all students must meet and maintain eligibility standards for all district activities. District activities include, but are not limited to, any organization/group/club/team that has been officially sanctioned by the Board or has been granted a charter by student council. The following information is provided to clarify specific student behavior, attendance, positive character expectations, academic expectations and establish a contract between the district, student and guardian(s) with regards to eligibility. Specific rules established by a coach/advisor may not conflict with this rule, but may be used to support positive behaviors within the team environment.

“Cocurricular” activities are those which take place during the school day or outside of the school day and are associated with a curricular program (i.e., band, choir, agriculture science, art, etc.).

“Extracurricular” activities are those which take place outside the school day and are not associated with a curricular program (i.e., sports, dances, clubs, etc.).

The following eligibility requirements apply to all students who participate in organization/group/club/team activity. Participating students are required to demonstrate desirable behavior, satisfactory attendance and desirable academic progress as determined by the following district criteria:

1. **Behavior:** Participants are expected to model exemplary behavior; any person found guilty of an unlawful action or any action that brings discredit upon the individual, the organization/group/club/team, or the school will be immediately suspended, until the coach/advisor, athletic director, and principal can meet and decide the appropriate disciplinary action. A first offense that significantly violates a student handbook or classroom rule will generally result in suspension of at least 15 percent of scheduled activities or removal from the team as determined by the coach/advisor, assistant athletic director, and principal/athletic director. A second offense during a calendar year will result in loss of participation for the remainder of the activity season or three school year months from the date of the offense, whichever is greater. The decision could result in dismissal from the organization/group/club/team and affect eligibility in a subsequent activity. Eligibility loss could include not traveling with team or sitting on the team bench as well as could result in student not lettering in their sport or activity.

Advisors/Coaches may develop team rules that have disciplinary consequences. Team rules must be in writing and approved by the athletic director/principal and may not contradict this policy. Participants and their Parents must receive and sign a copy of team rules.

2. **Tobacco, Alcohol, Illegal/Controlled Substances and Illegal Activities:** The district maintains zero tolerance for the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal controlled substances or taking part

in illegal activities. The following consequences will be strictly adhered to. However, the Board may consider extenuating circumstances when law enforcement officials have not been involved and if student athlete has self-reported to the principal or athletic director. Self-reporting is defined as coming forward to the principal or athletic director within 48 hours of the offense occurring, and being completely honest regarding the offense.

First Offense: At any time during an activity season, use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal controlled substances in any form, or taking part in any illegal activities will result in loss of contest eligibility for the remainder of the current season or up to three months. Participants may be required to verify the completion or attempt to complete an ADAPT assessment and recommended treatment at their expense prior to participating in future activities.

Second Offense: If, at any time during any activity season, use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal controlled substances in any form or taking part in any illegal activities occurs a second time while enrolled in high school, the student will lose extracurricular and cocurricular eligibility for one calendar year from the date of the offense.

Third Offense: If, at any time during any activity season, use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal controlled substances in any form or taking part in any illegal activities occurs a third time while enrolled in high school, the student will lose extracurricular and cocurricular eligibility for the remainder of their high school career.

3. Attendance: Any partial or full day unexcused absence the day of an activity will result in ineligibility for that day's activity. Unless previously arranged for a medical appointment, driver's examination, or funeral, an athlete must be in school the entire day to be eligible for that day's practice or game.

A pattern of irregular attendance may be reviewed by the administration at any time and may result in short-term or long term activity ineligibility as determined by the administrative review.

4. Academics: In addition to the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), minimum eligibility requirements, participating students are required to maintain a GPA of 2.0 and be passing all classes for each grading period. Upon mid-term review, a participant who fails to achieve a 2.0 GPA will be placed on academic probation and required to attend a before or after school Help Class. The student must attend the Help Class until the end of the following grade period (4-1/2 weeks) at which time the participant's academic improvement will be reviewed. If the student fails to attend Help Class, he/she becomes ineligible immediately. Upon the 4-1/2 week review, the participant will be declared academically ineligible if the identified deficiency has not been corrected. The participant shall remain ineligible for 4-1/2 weeks while continuing to attend Help Class. If academic improvement is not achieved, ineligibility will continue for the remainder of the semester. NOTE: Exemptions may be made by the administration for student athletes on individualized education programs (IEP's) or physician initiated 504 plans.
5. Proximity to Illegal Actions: Students choosing to participate in extracurricular, cocurricular and district-sponsored activities are prohibited from knowingly attending or remaining at events where individuals are engaged in breaking the law by possessing, using, delivering and/or selling alcohol, marijuana and/or other illegal substances.

These events include, but are not limited to parties and group gatherings. It is the student's responsibility to immediately remove himself/herself from the party or group gathering as soon as the student becomes aware alcohol, marijuana, and/or illegal substances are being possessed, used, delivered or sold in violation of the laws of the state of Oregon. The Oakland School District recognizes a student cannot be responsible for the misbehavior of other individuals; however, it is the student's responsibility to avoid associating with individuals engaging in illegal activities. Students found guilty of being in violation of this policy by knowingly attending or remaining at such an event will be treated as a first, second or third offense depending on them having any previous violations of the athletic policy.

A student will not be held accountable for attending a gathering or party in the actual presence of their parent or other legal guardian under the following circumstances:

1. If the complaint is the minor used alcohol, the student can show that their parent or guardian consented to the consumption, consistent with the provisions of ORS 471.430(1).
2. If the complaint is that the minor was around other individuals that broke the law by consuming alcohol, the student can show that their parent or guardian consented to the student's attendance at the gathering and was physically present at the event.

General Information

The administration will: (a) provide appropriate communications for school staff to facilitate effective and equitable implementation of the policy; (b) develop and distribute initially during the annual registration process and as necessary thereafter, information regarding staff, Guardian(s) and student responsibilities for carrying out the policy; (c) reinforce consistent and uniform grading practices; (d) monitor and enforce policies and regulations that have been adopted and designed to improve academic achievement; and (e) ensure that students are provided due process in all disciplinary matters.

This code of conduct is in force during the school year. In addition, the contract is in effect 24 hours a day, from the first summer date of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) calendar following completion of eighth grade, to the final day of his or her senior year.

As a participant:

1. **I will undergo and pass physical examination each school year.**
2. I will maintain acceptable medical/accident insurance during the time of my participation
3. If my participation causes me to miss class time, I will make an extra effort to complete academic assignments prior, or immediately after, every contest.
4. I agree to ride to and from all activity events on district approved transportation unless otherwise arranged by the coach, athletic director, or principal in accordance with district policy. (Coaches will release student athletes to their parents after contest with written consent only.)
5. I will be personally responsible for all school district property issued to me and will return said property in good condition and in timely manner. I fully understand that I will not be eligible for subsequent participation in other activities should I fail to turn in equipment issued to me in good condition or pay for its replacement.
6. I agree not to wear school equipment for personal use.
7. I understand that should I quit an activity or be disqualified due to misbehavior I will not be allowed to participate in any other activities until approved by the athletic director/principal.
8. As a member, I agree to abide by all behavioral expectations established by the coach/advisor that are specific to the organization/group/club/team. I will accept the consequences if I violate a team rule.
9. I realize fully that while I am involved in any organization/group/club/team sponsored by the district, I am representing my school community and therefore I agree to behave in a manner that will reflect favorably upon Oakland School District.
10. I fully realize that my activity season is for the entire school year and in the summer months.

Summary of Agreement

I realize that it is a privilege to participate in any organization/group/club/team activities for the Oakland School District. I am committed to make a positive contribution to the activities I participate in. I understand that my failure to meet any of the expectations above could result in a loss of further participation in all extracurricular activities at Oakland High School.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

