

Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities

1. Athletic/Activity Conduct

Athletics and activities provide students with optional opportunities for personal achievement, enrichment and the development of desirable citizenship qualities. Participation is a privilege that carries additional responsibility as a representative of the school and community. Because of these factors, the following rules and procedures apply:

a. Rules

Any student who participates in school sports or activities and engages in any of the following, at any time, will be subject to the disciplinary procedures as follows:

- (1) Possession or use of tobacco;
- (2) Possession, use of, sale and/or distribution of alcohol or mood-altering substances not taken at the direction of a physician;
- (3) Stealing;
- (4) Maliciously destroying property belonging to others;
- (5) Exhibiting unbecoming, profane or disrespectful behavior (fighting, assault, etc.).

b. Disciplinary Procedures

- (1) When information comes to the attention of the principal or his/her designee that a rules violation may have occurred and, in the judgment of the principal or his/her designee, such information appears to have substance, every effort will be made to inform the parent/guardian by telephone that an investigation is underway. If contact cannot be made by telephone, the parent/guardian will be informed by letter.
- (2) When it has been determined by the principal, his/her designee or other responsible school official that a student has violated the rules, the student will be immediately suspended from participation in any sports or activities pending the action of a review board.
- (3) When it has been determined that a violation has occurred, the parent/guardian shall be informed by telephone if possible, but in any event, shall receive written notice of same. The written notice shall be sent within one (1) school day of confirmation of the violation and shall include the date and time of the review board hearing. The notice shall also inform the parent/guardian or other designated representative's rights to be present and participate in the hearing. Every effort shall be made to schedule the hearing within three (3) school days of the date of written notification.
- (4) A five-member review board will hear the charges and determine the disciplinary consequences of the rules violation. The review board shall consist of the principal or

his/her designee, the athletic director, the student counsel advisor and a head coach and club advisor appointed by the principal.

A majority vote of the review board shall be required for any decision.

Following a decision by the review board, the principal or his/her designee will inform the parent/guardian, in writing, within one (1) school day of the hearing.

- (5) Decisions of the review board may be appealed through the principal and superintendent to the Board.

c. Disciplinary Action

- (1) The review board shall determine the appropriate sanctions to be applied in each case, subject to any additional conditions specified below:

- (a) Every offense shall receive some disciplinary consequences and depending on the severity of the offense, may result in exclusion from all sports and activities for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) school days or two (2) sport seasons.

For acts involving malicious destruction of property, full restitution shall be made to the injured party prior to reinstatement.

Such restitution shall not be considered discipline, but merely making the injured party whole again. Discipline shall also be imposed, as appropriate, without regard for the requirement for restitution.

- (b) In violations involving the possession, use, sale and/or distribution of alcohol or mood-altering substances, not taken at the direction of a physician, the following procedures and consequences shall apply;

- (i) First Offense

- 1) Athletic Participants: A minimum penalty of suspensions from all team activities for five (5) school days, including any contests within the suspension period. Should no contests be scheduled during the five (5) day suspension period the student will be excluded from participation in the next scheduled contest.
- 2) Activity Participants: A minimum penalty of suspension from participation in activities until the completion of eight (8) hours of approved community service or six (6) hours of Saturday school or any combination of the two (2). The community service shall be unpaid and must be prearranged and authorized by the principal or his/her designee. All of the hours must be documented on forms provided by the school.
- 3) Prior to reinstatement: The student shall complete a screening interview with a professional drug/alcohol counselor to determine if

formal assessment is needed. The review board shall be supplied with a report of the counselor's recommendation and, if an assessment is recommended, such must be completed at the parent/guardian's expense and the results submitted to the review board. Failure or refusal to complete this process may result in a recommendation for exclusion from athletics/activities.

- 4) Referral to Building Core Team, where available.
- (ii) Additional Offense (within any school year or within ninety (90) school days of previous offense.)
- 1) Athletic Participants: Immediate suspension from athletic participation for the balance of the current sport season plus the full sport season immediately following.
 - 2) Activity Participants: Suspension from activity participation for ninety (90) days and forfeiture of any office or official position.
 - 3) Implementation of additional alternatives as deemed appropriate, prior to reinstatement.
- d. Along with the aforementioned procedures, any of the following alternatives may also be initiated:
- (1) Referral to a chemical abuse class;
 - (2) Referral to an intervention and/or treatment center;
 - (3) Assignment to community agency or alternative learning experience;
 - (4) Performance contract;
 - (5) Other appropriate alternatives.
- e. Voluntary Disclosure

Any student who voluntarily seeks assistance for a tobacco, alcohol or drug problem will be exempt from disciplinary action provided he/she has not been implicated in any incidence of possession or use of such substances under investigation at the time. In other words, a student cannot use voluntary disclosure as a means of avoiding disciplinary consequences when he/she anticipates being discovered through such investigation.