

STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS

Supervision of Student Activities Programs

The school principal shall be responsible for the assignment of staff members to supervise all curricular, co-curricular, and interscholastic activities. The school principal is also responsible to ensure that all non-curricular student activities groups have arranged for appropriate adult supervision prior to the approval for facility use.

Use of Facilities by Student Activities Groups

Recognized curricular, co-curricular, and interscholastic activities groups shall have use of school facilities and equipment under terms set forth by the school principal. Non-curricular activities groups may apply for use of school facilities under conditions set forth in Policy 6113: Community Use of School Facilities.

Student Activities Programs Code of Conduct

As defined in Policy 2150: Student Activities Programs, student conduct for curricular and non-curricular activities are governed by district Policy/Procedure 3240: Student conduct, and Policy/Procedure 3241: Classroom Management, Corrective Actions, and Sanctions. Student conduct standards for interscholastic activities are defined in district Policy/Procedure 2151: Interscholastic Activities Programs. Specific student conduct standards for co-curricular student activities are defined in the following Co-Curricular Student Activities Code.

CO-CURRICULAR STUDENT ACTIVITIES CODE

The opportunity to participate in the co-curricular student activities program is a privilege granted to all students of the district. Participants in this voluntary program are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by the principals and advisers, directors, or coaches. The Co-Curricular Student Activities Code applies to those students involved in any co-curricular student activity including but not limited to debate and forensics, dance team, marching band, orchestra, choir, solo/ensemble contests, honor festivals, concert tours, drama, knowledge bowl, mathematics team, honor society, class officers, student government, all ASB sponsored clubs, and all after-school enrichment activities. A student who is found by a staff member to be in violation of any rules is subject to removal from the program. Provision is made for a student who has allegedly violated one or more of the conduct rules to appeal a disciplinary action as specified in this code.

The following rules shall be applicable for all co-curricular participants throughout the calendar year both on and off school premises:

Use and/or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages. A participant who is found to have used or been in possession of alcohol products will be removed from the program for fifteen (15) school days (first offense). Note: The consequence for a first violation of this rule may be reduced to ten (10) school days if the student agrees to seek professional substance abuse assessment and agrees to

follow the recommendations of the substance abuse evaluation. A second violation of this rule will result in removal of the student from the activity for the remainder of the activity season. A third violation will result in removal of the student from the student activities program for the remainder of their high school career.

Use and/or Possession of Tobacco Products. A participant found to have used or been in possession of tobacco products will be removed from the program for fifteen (15) school days (first offense). Note: The consequence for a first violation of this rule may be reduced to ten (10) school days if the student agrees to seek professional substance abuse assessment and agrees to follow the recommendations of the substance abuse evaluation. A second violation of this rule will result in removal of the student from the activity for the remainder of the activity season. A third violation will result in removal of the student from the student activities program for the remainder of their high school career.

Use and/or Possession of Legend Drugs, Controlled Substances or Similar Controlled Substances Intended to Modify Mood or Behavior. Penalties for the possession, use or sale of legend drugs (drugs obtained through prescription, RCW 69.41.020-050), controlled substances (RCW 69.50) and similar controlled substances intended to modify mood or behavior shall be as follows:

1st Violation – A participant shall be immediately removed from the student activities program for the remainder of the activity season. Ineligibility shall continue until the next activity season in which the participant wishes to participate unless the student accesses the assistance program outlined in B (below).

- A. In order to be eligible to participate in the next activity season, the student shall meet with the school eligibility committee consisting of activity advisors and administrators selected by the principal, to request approval to participate. The school eligibility committee will recommend to the principal appropriate action to be taken in the student's case. The school principal shall have the final authority as to the student's participation in the student activities program.
- B. A participant who seeks and receives help for a problem with use of legend drugs or controlled substances and controlled substance analogs shall be given the opportunity for assistance through the school and/or community agencies. In no instance shall participation in a school and/or community approved assistance program excuse a student from subsequent compliance with this regulation. However, successful utilization of such an opportunity or compliance with the activities code by the student may allow him/her to have eligibility re-instated in the activities program after a minimum of fifteen (15) days, pending recommendation by the school eligibility committee.

2nd Violation – A student who again violates this provision of the activities code shall be ineligible for participation in the student activities program for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.

3rd Violation – A student who violates this provision for a third time shall be permanently ineligible for participation in the student activities program.

Physical Appearance. A participant shall maintain the dress and grooming standards of the program. First offense: verbal warning. Repeated offenses may result in short or longer term removal from the activity, not to exceed five (5) days per incident.

Uncivil Conduct. A participant shall exhibit appropriate conduct in practices, rehearsals, and/or contests or performances. First offense: verbal warning. Repeated offenses may result in short or longer term removal from the activity, not to exceed five (5) days per incident.

Absence from Practice or Rehearsal. A participant is expected to be in attendance at all practices/rehearsals unless excused for illness or by prior approval. Penalty: To be determined by activity supervisor, may include removal from the next contest or performance and, for repeat offenses, short or longer term removal from the activity, not to exceed five (5) days per incident.

Violation of Law on School Grounds. When a student is found guilty of an offense committed while on school grounds or at a school activity, the corrective action will depend upon the nature of the violation.

Other Undesirable Student Conduct. Any undesirable student behavior not covered in the above, including but not limited to those violations requiring administrative action as established under Policy 3241: Classroom Management, Corrective Actions and Sanctions, may be subject to suspension for at least the next scheduled competition or performance, or removal from the program. (Undesirable behavior examples include: plagiarism, attendance at “parties” where alcohol/drugs are being used, “skipping” class, etc.)

Scholastic/Academic Eligibility. To participate in co-curricular activities, the student cannot be failing more than one (1) class or course to remain eligible. The school will develop and implement a system for assessing student progress and determining an individual’s probationary status or ineligibility.

Notice of First Offense. For those offenses that require a verbal warning prior to suspension or removal from an activity, a reasonable and documented attempt will be made by the school to notify the parent(s) that a verbal warning or other formal disciplinary action has been taken.

Due Process Assurance. Prior to the implementation of discipline or corrective action the student will be provided due process consistent with Policy 3200: Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Appeal Process for Disciplinary Action

When infractions occur within the co-curricular student activities program, the following appeal process will apply:

- A. Upon the determination of penalty for infraction(s) of said rules or regulations, any aggrieved student(s) and parent(s) of said student shall have the right to an informal conference with the building principal and/or designee, an associate principal, and advisor, director, or coach (Building Hearing Committee) to request that they refrain from enforcing the decision, delay imposition of the discipline pending appeal, and/or ask for reconsideration of the decision. The aggrieved student(s) and parent(s) are encouraged to contact the program leader and/or building principal as soon as possible to indicate their desire to appeal the disciplinary action. If the student(s) and parent(s) do not make a written request for this informal conference within five (5) school days of the action grieved, they will have waived their right to the conference and appeal procedure. The informal conference is to be held within three (3) school days of the request. Within three (3) school days of the informal conference, the principal or designee (on behalf of the Building Hearing Committee) will render a written decision on the request.
- B. The aggrieved party may appeal the Building Hearing Committee's decision to the superintendent or designee within three (3) school days of the appeals decision. The superintendent and/or designee will hear the appeal within five (5) school days of receiving the appeal request and shall render a written decision within five (5) school days of that hearing.
- C. The aggrieved party may appeal the superintendent's decision to the school board within three (3) school days. The board, after hearing the case at the next regularly scheduled business meeting shall render a written decision on the case within ten (10) school days of that hearing. This decision shall be final.