

STUDENT USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL: Extra-Curricular Participation

NEPN/NSBA Code JICH-R1

In order to promote a safe and healthy environment for students choosing to participate in the school's extra-curricular programs and/or to uphold the principles of Sports Done Right, the Regional School Unit 78 board establishes the following:

1. Prohibited Conduct

No student participating in extra-curricular activities shall possess, sell, furnish, distribute, provide or consume drugs, alcohol, tobacco or any "look-alike" products.

No student participating in extra-curricular activities shall be in attendance at any event or place where under age use of alcohol, drugs or "look-alike" substance is occurring.

- It shall not be a violation of the rule if the Principal, in consultation with the Athletic Director determines that the student's presence was completely innocent and to impose the rule would be unjust.

2. Time Period Covered

The standards contained in the policy shall be in place from the first day of fall practice until the last day of school regardless of when a student joins an activity.

- In cases where a playoff game could occur after the end of the school year, standards will end when the last contest is completed.

3. Consequences for Violations

First Offense

- a. Verify incident
- b. Notify administration of incident
- c. Administration to follow normal administrative procedures
- d. Discuss concerns with student
- e. Inform parent(s), require student to meet with school's substance abuse counselor or social worker.
- f. Suspend student for the season or 9 weeks, whichever is greater
- g. Require student to attend awareness education group and/or other recommended services in order to participate in another school activity
- h. Encourage parents to attend an educational program on alcohol or other drug abuse
- i. Notify superintendent and police

Second Offense

- a. Follow above procedures
- b. Suspend from extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

4. Drug Testing

Student athletes who violate this policy shall be subject to random drug testing until graduation.

5. Self-referral

A participant's request for acceptance of assistance in addressing chemical use, abuse or dependency will not adversely affect that student's attendance at school or participation in school activities. School personnel will work cooperatively with parents and others entrusted with the care of the student to ensure the health and safety of the student population. The student may not use the voluntary referral procedure merely to circumvent the consequences that would otherwise be implemented due to an on going investigation. The voluntary referral procedure is as follows:

- A. Talk with student
- B. Refer to qualified helping personnel for nonclinical assessment
- C. Assess to determine if student is successfully participating in recommended programs
- D. Invite parents to attend a parent education program
- E. Follow-up to determine if resources are effective and/or helpful

6. Students who fail to maintain participation eligibility will not be permitted to receive awards, letters, or other recognition as part of the sports recognition program, this includes being selected for an all-star award by the conference or state associations.

Cross References: JICH: Drugs and Alcohol Use by Students
JIH: Questioning and Searching of Students
JFCA: Health and Safety Searches of Student Locker by School Officials
JJIBC: Sportsmanship
JK: Student Discipline
JKD: Suspension of Students
JKE: Expulsion of Students
Student Athletic Handbook

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