

Extra- and Co-Curricular Chemical Use Policy

This policy applies to grades 7-12 students who are involved in extra- and co-curricular activities. All MHSA co-curricular activities not tied to a classroom grade are included in this policy. These consequences will run consecutively or concurrently with other disciplinary actions taken by the District.

Policy Duration

This policy is in effect each school year from the date of the first practice of the activities until the last day of the season.

A. DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Any alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco use, possession or sale is prohibited. An athlete or participant guilty of using or possessing any of the above substances will be reprimanded as follows, based upon a school year.

1. **FIRST OFFENSE:** The participant will still attend practices and games but will not compete. The student must successfully complete a drug and alcohol awareness program at their own expense. Failure to comply with these stipulations will result in further suspension from activities. If the student misses a divisional tournament caused by being suspended, the student will not participate at the state level for that activity. The participant will attend all practices as well as home competitions, but they will not be allowed to participate.
 - a. If the parents or athlete voluntarily admit to an administrator or coach an infraction, the athlete will receive a fourteen (14) calendar day suspension from all activities from the day that the coach or administrator was apprised of the infraction or miss 25 percent of all events for that activity.
 - b. If the athlete is caught by a responsible authority or adult, the student will be suspended from all activities for thirty (30) calendar days from the day that the coach or administrator is apprised of the infraction.
2. **SECOND OFFENSE:** For the same school year, the participant will be terminated from participation in all activities for that school year.

B. CARE OF EQUIPMENT

Students are responsible for the reasonable and proper care of equipment and locker room facilities. All gear checked out to a participant should be cleaned and returned at the end of the season. Any damage or missing equipment will be the financial responsibility of the student that it was checked out to. All equipment must be turned in to the coach prior to participating in the next activity.

C. PHYSICAL EXAM

Athletes must have a physical examination. The athlete must bear the exam's cost and provide the school with a form verifying the results. **No athlete will be allowed to try out or practice until the complete physical exam form has been filed with the coach or athletic director.**

D. TEAM TRAVEL

Participants are prohibited from traveling to and from the contest on the team bus while on athletic suspension.

E. ATTENDANCE

In order for a student to practice or participate in a contest, he/she must be in attendance at school for a full day. The only exceptions are verified medical or dental appointments, family emergencies, and extenuating circumstances approved by the athletic director or the principal.

The coaching staff, advisors and the district administration recognize that each situation is unique and reserves the right to judge each situation based on its own merits.

Assumption of risk: There are inherent risks associated with participation in interscholastic activity, including the possibility of serious injury or death. Parents assume all risks for injury resulting from participation in interscholastic activities.

*I have read and understand all the rules and stipulations outlined above:

Student

Date

Parent

Date