

510 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to impart to students, employees and the community the school district's policy related to the student activity program.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

School activities provide additional opportunities for students to pursue special interests that contribute to their physical, mental and emotional well-being. They are of secondary importance in relationship to the formal instructional program; however, they complement the instructional program in providing students with additional opportunities for growth and development.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The school board expects all students who participate in school sponsored activities to represent the school and community in a responsible manner. All rules pertaining to student conduct and student discipline extend to school activities.
- B. The school board expects all spectators at school sponsored activities, including parents, employees, and other members of the public, to behave in an appropriate manner at those activities. Students and employees may be subject to discipline and parents and other spectators may be subject to sanctions for engaging in misbehavior or inappropriate, illegal or unsportsmanlike behavior at these activities or events.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to disseminate information needed to inform students, parents, staff and the community of the opportunities available within the school activity program and the rules of participation.
- D. Those students who participate in Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) activities must also abide by the league rules. It shall be the responsibility of those employees who conduct MSHSL activities to familiarize students and parents with all applicable rules, penalties, and opportunities.
- E. The superintendent shall be responsible for conducting an annual evaluation of school activity programs and presenting the results and any recommendations to the school board.

IV: INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES - ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- A. Student who receive:
 - 1. An F grade, more than one incomplete and a GPA lower than 1.75;

2. Two grades of F; or
3. Fail to meet the standard set by the MSHSL.

Become ineligible for MSHSL sanctioned activities and trips outside School District boundaries.

- B. Grades used to determine eligibility are the grades from the most recently completed quarter.
- C. If a student becomes ineligible, he/she may gain clearance by:
 1. Demonstrating between the end of the third week of the quarter and its mid-term date, that he/she has no grades of F or incomplete; or
 2. Demonstrating no grades of F or incomplete after the end of the second week to the mid-term date if a student is ineligible at the beginning of the first quarter of school.
- D. If an ineligible student does not make clearance by the mid-term date, the ineligibility remains in effect until the end of the quarter.
- E. Ineligible students must meet all other criteria, complete incomplete classes and have grades and completion verified to have eligibility restored.
- F. Special education student eligibility will be determined cooperatively among the student, case manager, and the teacher(s) involved in issuing grades.
- G. Accommodations may be made for students who do not have the ability to perform to the minimum standards of the course.
- H. A board composed of the Activities Director, an Administrator, and a Counselor will have jurisdiction to review eligibility determinations.

V. STUDENT SUSPENSION

Any student who, following an administrative fact-finding conference with the student and the student's parents, is found to have been:

- A. Smoking or possession of tobacco in any form;
- B. Drinking any alcoholic beverage, possession of any alcoholic beverage or showing evidence of consuming an alcoholic beverage;
- C. Using drugs, stimulants or other controlled substances, possessing such drugs, stimulants or controlled substances, or showing evidence of using such drugs, stimulants or controlled substances, in any form, any or all without a medical prescription, during school hours, in any school building, on any school property, at any school-sponsored function or activity or at any time while representing the school;

All offenses:

- Police notification; parent notification
- Three (3) day out of school suspension
- Suspended from participation in the following listed school activities:
 1. All activities governed by the Minnesota State High School League.
 2. All approved clubs, school sponsored activities and groups, including but not limited to, parties, dances, games, field trips and any function in which school property or school employees are involved (while serving as school employees).
 3. Class officers, club officers and officers of other school-sponsored organizations.

For a period of nine (9) school weeks (45 in-session school days) for violation of the rule relating to alcohol, drugs, stimulants and controlled substances or a period of three (3) weeks (15 in-session school days) for violation of the rule relating to tobacco. The suspension in the case of class officers, club officers and officers of other school-sponsored organizations shall be for the remainder of the school year.

A student who is enrolled for credit in a course involving one of the above listed school activities will be permitted to continue to pursue their course work. They will not be permitted to attend or participate in any part of the course held outside regular school hours, for the duration of the suspension. Individual educational programs may be set up rather than having such a student participate in regular practice sessions, at the instructor's discretion.

VI. CATEGORY II ~ ACTIVITIES AND VIOLATIONS

Penalties and Recommendations for Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Violations in MSHSL Category II Music Activities (Band & Choir):

First Violation Penalty: After confirmation of a first violation, student shall lose eligibility through the next "Major Public Performance".

Second Violation Penalty: After confirmation of a second violation, student shall lose eligibility through the next TWO "Major Public Performances".

Third Violation Penalty: After confirmation of a third violation, student shall lose eligibility through the next THREE "Major Public Performances."

These penalties shall be cumulative during grades 9-12.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities)

Cross References: Policy 503 (Student Attendance)
Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 5, Various Educational Programs