

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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**Suspension from Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities Policy #3580**

Participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. As representatives of their school and District, students participating in such activities are expected to meet high standards of behavior.

The Board believes that the safety and welfare of other students may be adversely affected when students who are involved in school activities commit major infractions or repeated minor infractions at school or during school activities, and/or are involved in drug use or other criminal conduct in any location.

Co-curricular students who are suspended as a result of this policy will have the co-curricular course grade affected only if the reason for the suspension was related to course work or course expectations. Students who miss a co-curricular activity because of the suspension may ask to do or be required to do alternative assignments or special projects to make up the missed activity (in accordance with the Make-Up Policy Work #2621). At the beginning of the semester, teachers of co-curricular courses will identify for students how participation in the co-curricular activity impacts the course grade.

If no event is scheduled during the period of the suspension, the student will be withheld from the next scheduled event.

I. *Activity Suspension as a Result of a School Suspension*

A student will be immediately suspended from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities when he/she receives a suspension (not including an in-school detention) from school for any reason.

**Consequences:**

1. The activity suspension is automatic, is for the duration of the school suspension, and runs concurrent with the school suspension.
2. This type of activity suspension cannot be appealed.

II. *Activity Suspension for Repeated Minor Activity Infractions or a Major Activity Infraction (Minor and major activity infractions are defined on page 7.)*

A student may be suspended from an extracurricular or co-curricular activity when he/she commits a third minor activity infraction, or a major activity infraction, while engaged in an extra-curricular or co-curricular activity on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location. The coach or advisor will recommend an activity suspension to the Principal or designee.

**Consequences:**

1. The student may be given an activity suspension for a period of time up to, and including the remainder of the season or duration of the activity in that scholastic year, for that activity only.
2. If the activity suspension exceeds nine (9) school/event days, the parent/guardian may request an appeal as outlined in the “Appeal Process”, Section VI of this policy.

III. Activity Suspension for Drug Use or Other Criminal Conduct, in Any Location, During the Scholastic Year

A student may be suspended from extracurricular and co-curricular activities when it reasonably appears to the principal or designee that he/she has been involved with drug use or other criminal conduct **in any location, either on or off campus, during the scholastic year**. This does not include infractions as defined in Idaho Code 18-111, such as minor traffic violations.

**Consequences:**

1. Students may be barred from any form of extracurricular or co-curricular activity for a period of time up to and including the remainder of their attendance in the District.
2. All students will be reported to the Superintendent or designee and, if applicable, to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
3. The parent/guardian may request an appeal as outlined in the “Appeal Process”, Section VI of this policy and procedure #3580BP if the activity suspension exceeds nine (9) school/event days.
4. Extracurricular and co-curricular activity students involved with drug use are subject to the provisions of the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy #3233 and procedure #3233BP.

IV. Infractions Which Occur on Out-of School Trips

During an out-of-school trip, if the authorized person in charge of the activity determines that a student should be sent home early because of criminal conduct, drug use or a major infraction, the Superintendent’s designee will notify the parent/guardian, and ask him/her to take charge of the return of the student. The parent/guardian will assume any expenses incurred for the return of the student.

V. Informal Hearing Process

The following applies except for activity suspensions which are the result of a school suspension as noted in Section I. The principal or designee shall grant the student an informal hearing on the reasons for the activity suspension and the opportunity to challenge those reasons prior to giving an activity suspension to a student, unless an emergency activity suspension is necessary. If an emergency activity suspension is necessary, an informal hearing will be held as soon as possible after the emergency ceases to exist.

## VI. Appeal Process

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an appeal process for activity suspensions. The Board requires the appeal process to include the following:

1. The appeal process may be used by a student and his/her parent/guardian only in those instances where an activity suspension exceeds nine (9) school/event days.
2. The decision of an appeal panel is final. The decision cannot be appealed to the Superintendent or Board of Trustees.

## VII. False Accusation

If an investigation discloses that the reporting individual knowingly or in a malicious manner falsely accused another of being in violation of this policy, that individual may be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- for an employee, may involve actions up to and including dismissal; or
- for a student, may be barred from any form of extracurricular or co-curricular activity for a period of time up to and including the remainder of their attendance in the District.

## **Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy #3233**

### Philosophy

To the extent possible, the Board is committed to:

1. preventing or intervening in student use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco;
2. providing a safe and secure learning environment;
3. enhancing academic achievement; and,
4. involving the parent/guardian with his/her student's academic and personal success.

### Policy Violation

A student is in violation of District policy if he/she is involved in school related or non-school related drug use as defined herein.

For the purposes of this policy, drug use is defined as the involvement with drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, or drugs, including alcohol or tobacco in any of the following ways:

- A. Knowingly Present
  - knowingly present for drug use as outlined below in B and C.
- B. Securing, Using, Possessing
  - attempting to secure or purchase
  - using or the reasonable suspicion of having used
  - possessing
- C. Distribution
  - intending or attempting to sell or distribute
  - selling or giving away

School related drug use is a violation which occurs **on any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location** including, but not be limited to buildings,

facilities, and grounds on the school campus, school buses, school parking areas and the location of any school sponsored activity. This includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the school premises but impacts a school activity.

Non-school related drug use is a violation which occurs **during the scholastic year in a location off a school campus and in a situation not associated with a school sponsored activity**. This violation applies when it reasonably appears to the principal or designee that an extracurricular or co-curricular student has violated this policy, including an arrest for drug use.

#### Intervention

District students in violation of this policy will be offered assistance. The principal or designee:

- shall contact the parent/guardian as soon as possible; and
- should inform the parent/guardian of the drug education programs and counseling available to the student in the school or in the community.

#### Discipline

**For school related drug use**, regardless of whether the student voluntarily discloses or is reasonably suspected, discipline may involve actions up to and including suspension and expulsion. In addition, if the student is involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities, discipline may involve an activity suspension for a period of time up to and including the remainder of his/her attendance in the District.

**For non-school related drug use**, regardless of whether the student voluntarily discloses or is reasonably suspected, discipline may involve an activity suspension for a period of time up to and including the remainder of his/her attendance in the District.

Suspensions and expulsions of students with disabilities as defined by the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act shall follow federal guidelines, as well as the provisions of District policy.

#### Self Reporting

Anonymity will be provided to a student on a faculty “need to know” basis, when a student voluntarily discloses any type of drug use, except as deemed reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of others. Notification of the disclosure and availability of counseling for students shall be provided to parent/guardian.

#### Law Enforcement

When appropriate and regardless of any previous voluntary disclosure, a student reasonably suspected of drug use will be reported to law enforcement. The principal or designee may seek a law enforcement evaluation of the student and that may result in the transfer of school custodial responsibility to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Searches by District Officials (For further information, see Searches by District Officials policy #3260.)

The Board must provide an atmosphere conducive to the pursuit of educational goals, while adhering to the students' constitutional rights. This may include the District official's right to search a student's person or personal belongings, including, but not limited to backpacks, purses, wallets, and athletic bags, when it is in the interest of the overall welfare of other students or is necessary to preserve the good order and discipline of the school, and reasonable suspicion exists that the student is in possession of materials which violate District policy, procedure, or law.

### Immunity

Any District employee, who has a reasonable suspicion that a student is involved in school related drug use and, acting upon that suspicion, reports that suspicion to a school administrator or initiates the implementation of this policy, shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

District employees who intentionally harass a student through the misuse of the authority provided in this section shall not be immune from civil liability arising from the wrongful exercise of that authority.

### False Accusation

If an investigation discloses that the reporting individual knowingly or in a malicious manner falsely accused another of being in violation of this policy, that individual may be subject to the following disciplinary action:

- for an employee, may involve actions up to and including dismissal.
- for a student, may be subject to the disciplinary actions stated in this policy.

### Notification

An age-appropriate restatement of this policy will be included in the student handbook.

## **Additional Requirements**

1. Students must pass five (5) credits in the previous semester to be eligible to participate. The athletic director or activity advisor will provide a list of ineligible students to coaches, sponsors, and directors five (5) days following the end of the semester. A student will be allowed to participate until the list is made available. A student will be declared ineligible on the day the coaches, sponsors, or directors receive the list of ineligibility.
2. Students must be enrolled in the Boise School District, either full time or through Dual Enrollment.
3. A student must attend at least four class periods the day of a scheduled school activity or athletic event when classes are in session in order to participate in the activity. Failure to attend school will make a student ineligible for participation in that day's events.
4. If a student will miss any portion the school day to participate in an activity, he/she must make arrangements with teachers regarding assignments, make-up tests, or other responsibilities prior to departing school.

## **Students in Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) Activities**

Students participating in IHSAA activities must comply with District policies and procedures as well as meet all of the requirements of IHSAA.

## **Students in Non-Sanctioned Sports**

Students participating in a non-sanctioned sport at the secondary level are not under the sponsorship, direction or control of the District nor sanctioned by the Idaho High School Activities Association

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Activity Suspension:** suspended students shall not travel, dress in uniform, associate or participate with the team or group at its scheduled event(s). Suspended students may be allowed to participate in practices/meetings; however, the principal or designee may deem it necessary for students to be withheld from practices/meetings for the duration of the suspension.

**Co-Curricular Activities:** district and/or school authorized activities held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class, but taking place outside of the regular school day including, but not limited to, debate, drama, drill/dance team, music and student government.

**Controlled Substances:** are defined in 21 USC Section 812 and include, but are not limited to opiates, opium derivatives, hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine, and cannabis and synthetic equivalents or the substances contained in the plant, any material, compound, mixture or preparation with substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system, and stimulants.

**District Official:** includes, but is not limited to, teacher, school counselor, school nurse, coach, activities director, principal, assistant principal, or District administrator.

**Drugs:** shall include any alcohol or malt beverage, any inhalant, any tobacco product, any controlled substance, any illegal substance, any abused substance, any look-alike or counterfeit drug, any medication not approved and registered by the school authorities and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood, and/or any substance which is misrepresented and sold or distributed as a restricted or illegal drug.

**Drug Paraphernalia:** all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use, in planting, propagating, cultivation, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance as defined in this policy.

**Emergency Activity Suspension:** the principal or designee may impose an activity suspension prior to an informal hearing when it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the individual(s) involved and immediate action is appropriate.

**Event:** match, game, meet, or other competitive event, including regional and/or state tournaments or competitions. Events also include performances.

**Extracurricular Activities:** district and/or school authorized activities which take place outside of the regular school day and do not involve class credit, including, but not limited to athletics, student organizations, cheerleading and approved club sports.

**Intentionally Harass:** a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific student which seriously alarms, annoys, threatens or intimidates the student and which serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress.

**Knowingly Present:** for the purposes of this policy, “knowingly present” shall mean that a student attended a gathering of two (2) or more individuals at which one or more of the attendees (other than the student at issue) were using or in possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, drugs, or alcohol or tobacco and the student knew or reasonably should have known that such use or possession was occurring.

**Major Activity Infraction:** a material or substantial deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student expectations which occurs while the student is engaged in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity, including but not limited to insubordination toward or non-compliance with the person in charge of the activity, verbal or physical abuse (hazing, fighting), or refusal of a student to identify him/herself to school personnel upon request.

**Minor Activity Infraction:** a minor deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student expectations, such as inattentive behavior, which occurs while the student is engaged in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity and which is not material or substantial. Minor infractions will be dealt with by the coach or activity advisor as soon as possible after the infraction and will be at the coach’s or activity advisor’s discretion within the following guidelines:

- **first infraction:** the student will be given notification and will receive a verbal reprimand;
- **second infraction:** the student will be given notification and a conference will be scheduled with the student and parent/guardian. Written documentation of this meeting will be forwarded to the principal or designee. The student may be placed on probationary status which requires the student’s complete cooperation and respect for the rules of the activity. The parent/guardian and student shall be advised that a third minor activity infraction may result in an activity suspension.

**Non-Sanctioned Sports** - a non-sanctioned sport is any sport at the secondary level which is not under the sponsorship, direction or control of the District nor sanctioned by the Idaho High School Activities Association

**On any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location:** shall include, but not be limited to buildings, facilities, and grounds on the school campus, school busses, school parking areas; and the location of any school sponsored activity. This

includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the school premises but impacts a school related activity.

**Reasonable Suspicion:** an act of judgment by a District employee or independent contractor which leads to a reasonable and prudent belief that a student is in violation of this policy. Said judgment shall be based on training in recognizing the signs and symptoms of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. The fact that a student has previously disclosed use of a controlled substance shall not be deemed a factor in determining reasonable suspicion at a later date.

**Scholastic Year:** a period of time beginning with the first day of the fall extracurricular and co-curricular activities season and ending with the last day of school.

**School/Event Days:** include those days when school is in session and days when activity events occur.

**Search:** a physical examination of an individual or his/her personal property with a view to the discovery of contraband. However, detection dogs will not be used to search an individual, and will not be used in the immediate presence of students. In the school setting, including school sponsored activities and events, a search is permissible where a school official has reasonable suspicion based on the totality of the circumstances, for suspecting that the search will reveal evidence that the student has violated either the law, district policy or the rules of the school.

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# JUNIOR HIGH AND SENIOR HIGH RELEASE AND PARTICIPATION FORM

*To Be Read and Completed by Parent/Guardian - Please Print*

Student's Name (Print)

Grade

Sex

Birth date

Your son/daughter has expressed a desire to participate in a Boise School District extracurricular/co-curricular activity. The information provided is vital for the successful experience. Please read the information carefully. If you have any questions, contact or call your child's advisor/coach or the school athletic director.

Recognizing that as a result of athletic participation, medical treatment on an emergency basis may be necessary and that school personnel may be unable to contact me for my consent for emergency medical care. I do hereby consent in advance to such emergency medical care, including tests, x-rays, surgery, and hospital care as may be deemed necessary under the then existing circumstances.

## FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION ONLY:

1. Before a student athlete is allowed to practice or check out uniforms, they are required to *READ*, *SIGN*, and *RETURN* the Release and Participation Information document to the appropriate head coach.

5. I give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the following extracurricular/co-curricular activity. Please ***initial the box provided*** for activities your student will participate in this school year:

2. Each athlete must have on file a passed physical examination followed by a yearly interim questionnaire completed by the parent. The examination or questionnaire must be completed prior to beginning practice. Cost incurred for the physical examination will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

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|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball        | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball     | <input type="checkbox"/> Debate     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis       | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country   | <input type="checkbox"/> Track        | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football        | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling    | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir        |                                     |

3. **NOTICE OF RISK:** Student athletes and the students' parent/guardian need to be aware that sport activities involve risk of injury. When an athlete practices, plays or participates in any sport, the activity can be dangerous. The student risks serious and permanent injury affecting their well being. Instruction given by the coach regarding playing techniques, training and team rules must be followed.

6. All student participants are expected to conform to the rules of scholastic eligibility, participation and training as prescribed by the Idaho High School Activities Association, the Boise School District, the athletic coaching staffs and activity advisors. ***This information will be reviewed prior to the start of the activity with each student participant.***

4. The Independent School District of Boise City is not liable nor responsible for any medical, dental or hospital bills occurring as a result of injuries sustained by a student while participating in a school athletic activity or sport. All injury related expenses shall be the responsibility of the student's parents/guardians.

7. Transportation:

(Check One)

I have insurance that will pay for medical expenses if my son/daughter, \_\_\_\_\_

(First & Last Name)

is injured while participating in a school sport.

a. The school district provides transportation for participants both to and from the location of the contest/activity during the normal school day that is, activities immediately following the school day.  
b. Participants must be transported by district transportation to and from events scheduled outside the city if the events begin before 4:30pm.

I have purchased one of the ExcelServ Student Insurance Plans.

c. Students may ride home from an event with parents if the coach or advisor grants permission.

I do not have insurance for my son/daughter and understand that the school district is ***not*** responsible and will ***not*** pay any doctor, hospital and medical expenses if my child is injured while participating in any school sport.

d. Students may provide their own transportation for Boise/Meridian District activities scheduled ***outside*** the regular school day (4:30pm).

e. Certain activities may warrant the use of private carriers if the proper owner-operator vehicle form is completed and on file in the principal's office.

I have read, understand, and will comply with all of the above information discussed in the STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES policy.

(First and Last Name) of Student

Date

Signature of Student

(First and Last Name) of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian