



Mitchell School District 17-2

POLICY

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EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION CODE OF CONDUCT AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS		MSD 1071

Extracurricular programming is one area in which youth have a unique opportunity to develop desirable personal qualities.

It is the policy of the school district that participation in any extracurricular activity is a privilege. This participation privilege is provided for students of the Mitchell School District 17-2 and is extended to students residing in the Mitchell School District attending non-public accredited schools in grades 6, 7, and 8 who do not offer the extracurricular activity in their school.

Students participating in the district's extracurricular programs are highly visible to the student body, the community, and to the communities with which we compete. The participation privilege carries the responsibility of adherence to a code of conduct, which reflects the role model status of extracurricular participants.

The Mitchell Middle School and Senior High School will enforce the code of conduct and academic requirements relative to participation in extracurricular activities in and out of school.

Students must abide by the eligibility requirements as established by the South Dakota High School Activities Association as well as those provided for in this policy of the Mitchell School District 17-2. The students and parents shall be afforded the basic procedural right of the Student Appeals, Policy 1045.

- A. **Code of Conduct** – The code of conduct applies to all extra-curricular participants and shall be in effect beginning with the first day a student enters 6th grade (or enrolls in classes grades 6-12) until 24 hours after the SDHSAA State Track Meet their graduation year.
1. **Skipping Practice** – any unexcused, as defined and determined by the coach/sponsor, absence from practice will result in the individual not being able to participate for the next competition. An absence due to personal or family illness or emergency shall be excused either before or after the absence. An absence due to any other reason shall be excused only upon prior approval by the coach or sponsor. The coach or sponsor will notify the activities director of such decisions.
2. **Inappropriate Conduct** – participants who are fighting, using flagrant obscenities, making obscene gestures, or other inappropriate behavior while traveling with school personnel to and from extracurricular events, during extracurricular events, or on school premises will be subject to disciplinary action from the appropriate coach or sponsor or administrator.
3. **School Suspension** – participants who are suspended from school are also suspended from extracurricular activities during the length of the suspension.
4. **Criminal or Juvenile Legal Code Violations (excluding drug or alcohol violations)** – participants who are charged with criminal or juvenile legal code violations may receive suspension from events. The number of events will be determined by the activities director after consultation with the appropriate coach or sponsor and building principal.

5. Presence in a place where alcohol or illegal drugs is present. The district does not condone student use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, or the presence of underage students where such illegal acts are taking place. Parents, coaches and sponsors will be notified by oral communication and/or in writing by the activities director, or in his or her absence, a designee, if a participant is reported to be in a place where alcohol, tobacco or drugs are being illegally bought, sold, used, or possessed. Parents, coaches and sponsors will also be notified by oral communication and/or in writing by the activities director, or in his or her absence, a designee, if a participant is reported to be in a place where alcohol or tobacco is legally being bought, sold, used or possessed and the report does not identify parent or responsible adult supervision. The consequence for a FIRST violation of this section will be two points. A SECOND violation of this section will result in four points. A THIRD violation of this section will result in six points. Consequences for subsequent violations after a third offense in a calendar year will be determined at a meeting of student, parent(s), activities director and coach/sponsor. Self-report will reduce the suspension ONE point for the first three violations.

6. Use of Alcohol or Tobacco –any participant who uses, possesses, buys or sells alcohol or tobacco shall be subject to the following disciplinary action.

*a. First violation-Suspension from participation in all public appearances in all extracurricular activities until five (5) points have been served.

*b. Second violation –Suspension from participation in all public appearances in all extracurricular activities until ten (10) points have been served.

*c. Third violation – the violator will be suspended from participation for a twelve month period. A recommendation will be made to the violator to seek professional assistance. The school district is not responsible for any fees or expenses incurred.

*Violations shall be cumulative for a period of twelve months from date of offense.

In accordance with the rules of Mitchell School District 17-2, a violation of the possession/use policy consists of a student under the influence, using, possessing, distributing, buying, sharing, receiving, ingesting, or inhaling tobacco/nicotine in any form (cigarettes, cigars, dip, snus, hookahs, electronic oral device etc.), drugs (counterfeit, look-alikes, designer drugs, anabolic steroids, hallucinogens, intoxicants, narcotics, controlled substances etc.), or paraphernalia and alcohol at any time except for supervised medications prescribed by a physician

7. Marijuana or Controlled Substances: Any participant who possesses, uses, or distributes marijuana or controlled substances shall be subject to the following disciplinary action:

*a. First Violation- The participant will be referred to a school counselor and required to participate in a school-sponsored drug and alcohol education program. The school sponsored education program may be substituted with a court-ordered drug and alcohol education program. Suspension from participation in all public appearances in all extracurricular activities until ten (10) points have been served.

*b. Second Violation: Counseling contact will continue with the possible recommendation of referral to an outside agency. The school district is not responsible for any fees or expenses incurred. Suspension from participation in all public appearances in all extracurricular activities until eighteen (18) points have been served.

*c. Third Violation: The violator will be suspended from participation and competition for a twelve-month period. A recommendation will be made to the violator to seek professional assistance. The school district is not responsible for any fees or expenses incurred.

*Violations will be cumulative for a period of twelve months from date of offense.

A participant who self reports that he/she has violated the code of conduct within one school day of the violation to his/her sponsor/coach or school administrator shall receive a one point reduction in the disciplinary action of items a or b. The definition of an event shall be the same as under item 6 of this policy.

In the event that any marijuana or controlled substance violation is dealt with as described in SDCL 13-32-9, the statutorily described penalties will be applied, regardless of the above provisions of this board policy.

8. Any student who voluntarily participates in the initiation of other students shall lose eligibility under this policy consistent with violation of #6. Additionally, school based consequences may be levied by building administrators under the buildings discipline code.
9. Activity supervisors or coaches may establish further written rules as necessary for each activity. The Activities Director must approve these written rules prior to the activity or season starting.

Points shall be considered using the following quantities for each activity:

I Volleyball, Basketball, Basketball Cheer, Debate/Oral Interp, and other similarly spanned seasons: Point (1) per event.

II Golf, Tennis, Wrestling, Wrestling Cheerleading, Track and Field, Soccer, Show Choir and other similarly spanned seasons: Points (1.5) per event.

III Cross Country, Competitive Cheer and Dance, Gymnastics, Football, Pep Band, Football Cheer, and other similarly spanned seasons: Points (2) per event.

IV Marching Band, Jazz Band, Drumline, Robotics, Musical, One-act play, Spring Play, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, Student Council, Homecoming Court, Commencement Speaker and other similarly spanned seasons: Points (2) per event.

After one calendar year has elapsed since the most recent code of conduct offense, any remaining unserved points shall be voided and no further suspension from activities imposed unless further code of conduct violations occur.

A participant who self reports he/she has violated the code of conduct within one school day of the violation to his/her sponsor/coach or school administrator shall receive a one point reduction in the disciplinary action of items a or b. Definition of Event: A competition or event is a regularly scheduled contest, performance, or presentation authorized by the activities director. (Choral and band concerts held in conjunction with a class and resulting in a grade shall not count toward the point total.) The participant is ineligible to participate for the entire day of a scheduled competition or event and each day is considered one event. A participant will satisfy his/her disciplinary action by missing in calendar sequence events or competitions in each activity in which he/she participate to accumulate the appropriate number of points.

Activities are defined as:

Athletic Teams: Soccer

Golf

Tennis

Cross Country

Basketball

Football

_____ **Gymnastics**
 _____ **Volleyball**
 _____ **Track**
 _____ **Wrestling**
 _____ **Cheerleading (by sport)**
 _____ **Competitive Cheer**
 _____ **Competitive Dance**
 _____ **Robotics**
 _____ **Speeched**
 _____ **Unfiltered Reality**
 _____ **Culture Club**
 _____ **Any other similar additional activities added as extracurriculars.**
 _____ **Band (any combination of pep band, marching band, jazz band, stage band, musical pit band, or show choir pit band)**
 _____ **Vocal Music (any combination of 9th grade choir, 10th grade chorus, concert choir, show choir, musical)**
 _____ **Speech (any combination of Debate and Oral Interp)**
 _____ **Drama (any combination of Fall Play, One-Act Play and Musical)**

Leadership Groups: FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, Student Council, Homecoming Court/Royalty, Commencement Speaker.

The consequences described above are minimums only. The activities director, after consultation with the principal and co-curricular sponsor or coach, may enforce a more severe consequence if the violation warrants. Any participant that holds a leadership/officer position in any of the above listed activities shall forfeit current positions and be ineligible to hold future positions for the remainder of that school year if determined to have committed violations under Section A, Items 2-8.

B. Academic Requirement

1. Students must currently be passing in five classes. Senior High participants must meet the requirements of Policy 992 – Grade Level Status of Students equal to the appropriate grade classification relative to their enrollment as a first semester ninth grader scheduled to complete senior high graduation requirements in eight semesters. Students in grades 6 -12 may not travel/compete with the team/group if they are listed on the current Failing List with one or more 'F' letter grades when it involves lost classroom time.

C. Procedures for Informing Participants of Code of Conduct and Academic Requirements.

1. Participants shall be informed regarding the rules and the penalties for violations by the Activities Director, Coach, or sponsor before the participants; first practice session.
2. The activity rules and regulations shall be posted in the practice facilities.
3. The consent agreement shall be signed by the participant and parents/guardian. It will be returned to the Activities Director before the student may begin practice.

D. Consequence Application

It is the responsibility of the Activities Director, or in his or her absence, a designee, to provide for the fair and equitable administration of the consequences outlined in the Extracurricular Participation Code of Conduct and Academic Requirements. Students and parents shall be offered the basic procedural rights of oral or written notice of alleged violations and students and parents will be given the opportunity to provide information on their own behalf.

When consequences are imposed, the timeline for application of the consequences shall begin on the date of the Activities Director, or in his or her absence, a designee's oral or written notification to parents or guardian, and shall not be stayed in the event an appeal is taken.

Parents or students have the right within five school days of notification of consequences to appeal the decision of the Activities Director or designee to the school principal of the effected students. Appeals shall be in writing on the Extracurricular Participation Appeal Form. The school principal will investigate the facts related to the Activities Director decision and will provide a written decision within five school days of receiving the Extracurricular Participation Appeal Form.

The parent or student has the right to appeal the school principal's decision to the Superintendent within five school days of receiving the principal's decision. Appeals shall be in writing on the Extracurricular Participation Appeal Form. The superintendent will investigate the facts related to the school principal's decision and will provide a written decision within five school days of receiving the Extracurricular Participation Appeal Form.

The parent or student has the right to appeal the superintendent's decision to the Board of Education within five days of receiving the superintendent's written decision. Appeals shall be in writing on the Extracurricular Participation Appeal Form. On receipt of the written appeal, the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the Board of Education as an executive session item. A decision shall be made and reported in writing to all parties within thirty (30) days of the board meeting. The decision of the Board of Education will be final.

11/26/01 revision added item 7, state initiated 1 year ban for drugs, and item 8, initiation violation, and renumbered the policy from 1051.1 and 1051.1R to 1071.

5/13/02 revision clarified A7 by setting out district consequences for marijuana and drugs. In the absence of SDHSAA consequences.

6/29/07 revisions added greater consequences for violations, year round enforcement of policy, clarified consequences for 'in the presence of' and added Leadership groups to qualified activities

6/28/10 revision added leadership groups: Homecoming Court Royalty, Commencement Speakers – to activities covered by the policy.

4/27/15 revision added grade 6 to the policy, implemented a 'point system' for violations/susensions, and added several new activities to the list of those covered by the policy.