

Bonner Springs Edwardsville Athletic/Activities Handbook 2026-2027

BOE Approved on 06/15/2026

Doug Hitchcock, Braves' Activities Director
hitchcockd@usd204.net

I. Introduction **4**
A. To the Parent 4
B. To the Student Participant 5
II. Activities Program **6**
A. Statement of Philosophy 6
B. Goals and Objectives 6
C. Sportsmanship 7
D. Hazing and Bullying 8
III. Governance **8**
A. Board of Education – USD204 Bonner Springs Edwardsville 8
B. Kansas State High School Activities Association - KSHSAA 9
C. National Federation of State High School Associations 9
D. Frontier League – High School 9
E. Kansas State High School Activities Association Rules - KSHSAA 10
IV. Requirements for Participation **10**
A. Physical Examination 10
B. Emergency Medical Authorization 11
C. Parental Acknowledgement of Athletic Policies 11
D. Liability Insurance Waiver 11
E. Scholastic Eligibility 11
F. Attendance before competition 11
G. Risk of Participation in Athletic Activities 11
V. Activity Codes of Conduct **12**
A. Conduct of Student in Athletics and Activities 12
B. Training Rules and Regulations 13
C. Chemical Health/ Drug and Alcohol Policy 13
D. Individual Coaches'/Sponsors' Rules 16
E. Policy on Fighting in Interscholastic Activities 16
F. Appeal Procedure 16
VI. Basic Activities Department Policies **17**
A. Two Sports Participation, in One Season Policy 17
B. Guidelines for More than One Activity 17
C. Equipment 17
D. Missing Practice 17
E. Travel 17
F. College Recruitment Policy 18
G. Sport Season 18
H. Conflicts in Extracurricular Activities 18
I. Attendance 19
J. Release from Class 19
K. Grooming and Dress Policy 19

L. Vacation Policy 19
M. Team Selection 20
N. Reporting of Injuries 20
O. Locker Room Regulations 20
P. Weight Room Regulation 21
VI. Activity Awards Policy 21
A. General Varsity Lettering Standards for All Activities 21
B. Awards for Lettering 22
VII: Liability Insurance Waiver and Code of Ethical Behavior Agreement For Participation in District Activities Programs 22

Dear Students and Parents of Students,

The Activities Program is happy to have you as a member of the Bonner Springs High School/Clark Middle School program. The administration, coaches, and sponsors at Bonner Springs High School/Clark Middle School care about the student participants and parents. Many student participants and parents have asked how the activities program is supported so that each individual participant can have the opportunity to participate in an orderly and enriching atmosphere.

The coaches, sponsors, and administration of Bonner Springs High School/Clark Middle School believe that discipline provides the foundation for a successful program. Discipline is like the foundation of a house: nothing lasting can be built without it. The Athletic/Activities Policies of Bonner Springs High School/Clark Middle School support positive behavior and provide for the prevention and correction of misbehavior.

Three common elements essential to a successful program are the heart of Bonner Springs Edwardsville's Athletic/Activities Policies. These elements are that student participants should (1) know the rules, (2) behave responsibly, and (3) show good human relations. The coaches/sponsors feel that student participants must be aware of the rules of participation. The coaches/sponsors believe that student participants learn to be responsible when (1) student participants are given opportunities to be responsible, (2) student participants have choices, (3) clear communication exists between the student participants, coach, and the administration, (4) student participants understand specific limits, and (5) consequences are clear and constant. Please review the following Athletic/Activities Policies with your son or daughter. Parents or guardians are an important part of the policies. Bonner Springs Edwardsville's activities program goals are: (1) to provide a positive experience for all student participants, (2) to have a high quality activities program, (3) to prepare student participants to meet a democratic society, and (4) to help each student grow physically and intellectually while nurturing his/her disciplinary growth.

After you, the student participant and parents or guardians, have reviewed the Activities Director codes of Bonner Springs High School/Clark Middle School, please sign the agreement form. Signatures are needed from both students and parents or guardians.

I. Introduction

A. To the Parent

This material is presented to you because your son or daughter has indicated a desire to participate in the activities/athletics program at Bonner Springs High School/Clark Middle School, and you have expressed your willingness to permit him or her to compete. We believe that participation in activities provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences, which assist students in personal adjustments and growth.

We, who are concerned with the educational development of boys and girls through activities, feel that a properly controlled, well-organized activities program meets students' needs for self-expression, mental alertness, physical growth, and educational maturity.
A student who elects to participate in the activities program is voluntarily choosing self-discipline and self-denial. These are the reasons we place such stress on good training habits. Failure to comply with the rules of training and conduct means exclusion from the squad. This concept of self-denial is tempered by our responsibility to recognize the rights of the individual within the objectives of the team. There is no place in high school activities for students who will not discipline their minds and bodies for rigorous competition.

We are striving for excellence.

When your student is enrolled in one of our activity programs, we are committed to our student participants for certain responsibilities and obligations, which are:
1. To provide adequate equipment and facilities
2. To provide well-trained coaches/sponsors
3. To provide equalized contests with skilled officials

Likewise, we feel that you have committed yourselves to certain responsibilities and obligations. It is the role of the activities department to make rules that govern the spirit of competition for the school. These roles need a broad basis of community support, which is achieved only through communication with the parents.

B. To the Student Participant

Being a member of a high school/middle school activity is the fulfillment of an early ambition for many students. The attainment of this goal carries with it certain traditions and responsibilities that must be maintained.

TRADITION: Great tradition is not built overnight; it takes the hard work of many people over many years. Our tradition has been to compete with honor. We desire to win, but only with honor to our students, our schools, and our community. Such a tradition is worthy of the best efforts of all concerned. Over many years, our squads/teams/groups have achieved a number of league and tournament championships. Many individuals have set records and won All-State and All-League honors.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. TO YOURSELF: The most important responsibilities are to broaden your experiences and develop the strength of character. You owe it to yourself to get the greatest possible good from your high school experience. Your academic studies, as well as your participation in extracurricular activities, prepare you for life as an adult.
2. TO YOUR SCHOOL: Bonner Springs High School/Clark Middle School cannot maintain its position as an outstanding school unless you do your best in whatever activity you wish to engage in. By participating in an activity to the maximum of your ability, you are

contributing to the reputation of your school. You assume a leadership role when you participate in an activity. The student body and citizens of the community know you. You are on a stage in the spotlight.

3. TO OTHERS: As a squad/group member, you also bear a heavy responsibility to your home. If you never give your parents anything to be ashamed of, you will have measured up to the ideal. When you know in your heart that you have lived up to all of the training rules, that you have practiced to the best of your ability every day, and that you have played the game "all out", you can keep your self-respect and your family can be justly proud of you. Younger students in the USD 204 school system are watching you. They will copy you in many ways. Do not do anything to let them down. Set good examples for them.

II. Activities Program

A. Statement of Philosophy

The Bonner Springs Edwardsville School Activities Program provides a variety of experiences to aid the development of favorable habits and attitudes that will prepare students for adult life in a democratic society.

The activities program shall be conducted in accordance with existing Board of Education policies, rules, and regulations. While the Board of Education takes great pride in winning, it does not condone "winning at any cost". It discourages any and all pressures that may tend to neglect good sportsmanship and good mental health. At all times, the activities program must be conducted in such a way as to justify it as an educational activity.

B. Goals and Objectives

OUR GOAL – The student participant shall become a more effective citizen in a democratic society.

OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES – The student participant shall learn the following:
1. To Work with Others – A person must develop self-discipline, respect for authority, and the spirit of hard work and sacrifice. The squad/group and its objectives must be placed higher than personal desires.
2. To Be Successful – Our society is very competitive. We do not always win, but we succeed when we continually strive to do so. You can learn to accept defeat only by striving to win.
3. To Develop Sportsmanship – To accept any defeat like a true sportsman, knowing we have done our best, we must learn to treat others as we would have others treat us. We need to develop desirable social traits, including emotional control, honesty, cooperation, and dependability.

4. To Improve – Continual improvement is essential to good citizenship. As a participant in an activity program, you must establish a goal and you must constantly try to reach that goal. Try to better yourself in the skills involved and those characteristics set forth as being desirable.
5. To Enjoy Your Activity – It is necessary for students to enjoy participation, to acknowledge all of the personal rewards to be derived from activity programs, and to give sufficiently of themselves in order to preserve and improve the program.
6. To Develop Desirable Personal Health Habits – To be an active, contributing citizen, it is important to obtain a high degree of physical fitness through exercise and good health habits, and to develop the desire to maintain this level of physical fitness after formal competition has been completed.

C. Sportsmanship

As a participant representing the Bonner Springs Edwardsville School District, you have the responsibility for exhibiting good sportsmanship at all times. The moment you put on that school uniform, you become a representative of your student body, your school, your community, and, most importantly, yourself. You will receive the ingredients of good sportsmanship through the teaching, coaching, and examples of the coaching staff. Be sure to exhibit what you learn.

A very important lesson we learn through interscholastic athletics/activities is that by hard work and dedication, we can improve. We recognize we can take the ability given us and, through hard work and dedication, become anything we want to be. No one can tell you what you must be. If you are willing to recognize the ability you possess and work hard, you can achieve success in athletics/activities.

Attitude is one of the principle requisites in becoming a champion in any sport, and of course, how you act, and how you feel and think in showing your disposition best define that. The desire to excel, to win, to pay the price, are all positive points or attributes of attitude that contribute to a winning philosophy.

Yes, a winning philosophy is important. But likewise, realize the importance of how the game is played as well as how the game is viewed. Simple acts or gestures of respect such as: displaying good conduct, cooperating with officials, shaking hands with opponents before and after the contest, showing self-control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them, accepting both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, and never being boastful or bitter, will aid you, the individual, and your team as well as to portray the standards of sportsmanship expected of athletes/participants in the Bonner Springs High School's programs.

Interscholastic athletics/activities are much like everyday life. America thrives on competition, which has made the country as great as it is today. You might say it is the backbone of our great nation. Regardless of your plans in later life, whether to be in labor, management, sales, professions, or whatever, you must realize there will be competition. There are and will be disappointments in all of life's activities. It is how you react to these disappointments that will

measure what values you have learned through activity participation and athletic play on the courts, fields, and mats during your high school days.

D. Hazing and Bullying

The USD 204 prohibits all forms of hazing, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and student intimidation. Students participating in or encouraging inappropriate conduct will be disciplined in accordance with school policy. Such discipline may include, but is not limited to, suspension or expulsion from school and removal from participation in activities. Students who have been subjected to any form of hazing, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and/or student intimidation are instructed to promptly report such incidents to a school official.

In addition, district staff, coaches, sponsors and volunteers shall not permit, condone or tolerate any form of hazing, bullying, cyber bullying, harassment, and/or intimidation or plan, direct, encourage, assist, engage or participate in any activity that involves hazing, bullying, cyber bullying, harassment, and/or intimidation. District staff will report incidents of hazing, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and/or student intimidation to the building principal. The principal shall promptly investigate all complaints of hazing, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and/or student intimidation and shall administer appropriate discipline to all individuals who violate this policy.

The district shall annually inform students, parents, district staff and volunteers that hazing, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and/or student intimidation is prohibited. This notification may occur through the distribution of the written policy, publication in handbooks, presentations at assemblies or verbal instructions by the coach or sponsor at the start of the season or program.

III. Governance

A. Board of Education – USD204 Bonner Springs Edwardsville

The Board of Education is responsible to the people and is the ruling agency for the students and staff of USD 204 Bonner Springs Edwardsville School District.

The Board of Education is responsible for the following:
1. Interpreting the needs of the community.
2. Developing policies in accordance with state statutes and mandates in accordance with the educational needs and wishes of the people of the Bonner Springs Edwardsville School District.
3. Approving the means by which professional staff may make these policies effective.
4. Evaluating the interscholastic athletic program in terms of its value to the community.

B. Kansas State High School Activities Association - KSHSAA

All schools are voluntary members of the Kansas State High School Activities Association and compete only with member schools. As a member of the school district, the secondary schools of Bonner Springs Edwardsville agree to abide by and enforce all rules and regulations set forth by this Association.

The primary role of the state association is to maintain rules and regulations that ensure equity in competition for the student participants and a balance with other educational programs. The association solicits input and is responsive to requests for rule modification from member schools, appointed committees, and coaches' associations.
The state association attempts to enforce such rules that assure the greatest good for the greatest number and to ensure that competition is conducted in the appropriate manner.

C. National Federation of State High School Associations

The National Federation consists of the fifty individual state high school athletic and/or activities associations. The purposes of the Federation are to serve, protect, and enhance the interstate activity interests of the high schools belonging to state associations; to assist in those activities of the state associations which can best be operated on a nationwide scale; to sponsor meetings, publications and activities which will permit each state association to profit by the experience of all other member associations; and to coordinate work to minimize duplication. The National Federation is a service and regulatory agency. The growth and influence of state associations and the National Federation ensure some degree of teamwork on the part of more than 20,000 schools and enable them to formulate policies for the improvement of interscholastic activities.

D. Frontier League – High School

Bonner Springs High School is a voluntary member of the Frontier League. This league was established for the primary purpose of promoting selected interscholastic activities among member schools, and a union of effort may gain the assurance of such advantages

The conference was established to encourage member schools to improve their co-curricular and extracurricular programs. The conference membership facilitates arranging schedules, equalizing competition, conducting league meets, and determining league championships. The conference provides Bonner Springs High School the opportunity for competition without excessive travel and with schools of similar size and athletic philosophy. Membership implies abiding by conference schedules, rules, and regulations.

Other member schools are: Baldwin, Eudora, Louisburg, Ottawa, Paola, Spring Hill, and Tonganoxie

Clark Middle School will be a member of the Frontier League, which includes: Baldwin Middle, Eudora Middle, Forest Spring Middle, Louisburg Middle, Ottawa Middle, Paola Middle, Spring Hill Middle, Tonganoxie Middle, and Woodland Springs Middle.

E. Kansas State High School Activities Association Rules - KSHSAA

To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a high school student must meet the following state regulations:

1. Enrollment
2. Age
3. Physical Examination
4. Season of Competition
5. Semesters of Enrollment
6. Residence Requirements
7. Transfers
8. Guardianship
9. Awards
10. Amateur Practices
11. Undue Influence (recruiting)
12. Scholarship Requirements
13. Bona Fide Student Rule
14. Outside Competition
15. Mixed Teams
16. All-Star Games
17. Anti-fraternity
18. Anti-tryout & Private Instruction

IV. Requirements for Participation

A. Physical Examination

A yearly physical examination is required. The physical form must be completed by the physician and submitted to the coach prior to participation. The physical covers all sports for the entire school year, provided the examination occurred after May 1st of the previous school year. The form will be maintained on file in the Athletic Office.

B. Emergency Medical Authorization

Each athlete's parents/guardians shall complete an Emergency Medical Authorization Form giving permission for treatment by a physician or hospital when the parent/guardian is not available. The card will be maintained for availability at all practices and contests.

C. Parental Acknowledgement of Athletic Policies

Upon entering high school or at the time a student tries out for an activities program, the student will be presented with this handbook containing all the necessary forms and information for participating in the activities program.
Each parent/guardian shall read all of the enclosed material and certify that they understand the eligibility rules and policies of the school district. This signed document will be filed in the Activities Director's Office.

D. Liability Insurance Waiver

The school district does not carry insurance to cover student athletic injuries.
Parents/guardians will need to sign the School Liability Insurance waiver form.

E. Scholastic Eligibility

In order to participate in a Bonner Springs Edwardsville activity, team or group, each participant must have satisfied all the scholastic eligibility requirements before participating. The Kansas State High School Activities Association requires that all students have passed at least five new subjects (those not previously passed the last semester). They also must be enrolled in at least five new subjects (those not previously passed) or unit weight this coming semester. Office helpers and study halls are not credit courses.

F. Attendance before competition

Athletes must attend a minimum of 5 practices before their 1st competition.
Should a student athlete be dismissed from a team or activity, they will be ineligible for the remainder of the season.

G. Risk of Participation in Athletic Activities

Participation in athletics is not without a price. Bonner Springs Edwardsville's athletes must sacrifice much time, effort, and just plain hard work in order to find success in their athletic endeavors. Unfortunately, participation in athletics can sometimes result in the development of injuries and conditions that can limit the athlete's performance. These types of injuries can be

the source of great frustration for the athlete and can often result in loss of playing time in order for the injury to heal. In order to minimize the effects of athletic injuries, we encourage each athlete to take preventive measures in their sport.

Bonner Springs High School will provide a certified athletic trainer who works directly with the athletes on a daily basis, developing conditioning and injury programs, treating and rehabilitating injuries, and serving as a liaison between the parents, coaches, and school administration. (High School ONLY)

The participation in interscholastic athletics carries a level of risk. All athletes and parents/guardians must realize the risk of serious injury, which may be a result of any athletic participation. Every effort is made to ensure the safety and well-being of our student-athletes. Even with these efforts, all sports carry inherent risks. The Bonner Springs Edwardsville School District will use the following safeguards to make every effort to eliminate injury:

1. Every head coach will conduct a parent/athlete meeting prior to the start of the season to fully explain the activity policies and to advise, caution, and warn parents/athletes of the potential for injury.

2. Coaches will instruct all athletes about the dangers of participation in the particular sport.

3. Parents and students must sign the “Acknowledgement of Warning” and the “Injury Awareness” forms located on the Parent Consent form from KSHSAA.

V. Activity Codes of Conduct

A. Conduct of Student in Athletics and Activities

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the activities department. The community, school administrators, and the coaches/sponsors feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound activities program. The welfare of the student is our major concern and transcends any other consideration.

All student participants shall abide by a code of ethics (located at the end of the handbook), which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition in the activities program affords. Any conduct that results in dishonor to the student, the team/group or the school will not be tolerated. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality or violations of law, tarnish the reputation of everyone

associated with the activities programs and will not be tolerated. Should a student athlete be dismissed from a team or activity, they will be ineligible for the remainder of that season.

B. Training Rules and Regulations

Participation in school athletics is a privilege that carries with it varying degrees of responsibility, recognition, and reward. Participating students represent their school and other members of the student body, and they must conduct themselves in a manner that is positive for themselves, their families, their school, and their community.
Contestants' conduct, in and out of school, shall (1) not reflect discredit upon their school, or (2) not create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in the school.

C. Chemical Health/ Drug and Alcohol Policy

USD 204 Bonner Springs Edwardsville/ Edwardsville will strictly enforce the following rules: A student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy/ sell or give any beverage containing alcohol; And shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, buy/sell or give away any tobacco product (including e-cigarettes, vapor pens and all similar devices), marijuana, steroids, performance-enhancing drugs, or any controlled substance. This policy applies to the entire calendar year, applies to any location, and is in effect seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. It is not a violation of this policy for a student to be in possession of or to use or consume a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/ her physician.

JDDA Drug-Free Schools (See GAOB, JGFGB, JGFGBA, and LDD) JDDA
Maintaining drug-free schools is important in establishing an appropriate learning environment for the district's students. Unless otherwise specified in this policy, the possession, use, sale, distribution, and/or being under the influence of illicit drugs, controlled substances, and/or alcohol by students at school, on or in school property, or at school-sponsored activities or events is prohibited.

Possession, use, and/or being under the influence of a controlled substance by a student for the purposes of this policy shall only be permitted if such substance was: Obtained directly from, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, issued to such student from a person licensed by the state to dispense, prescribe, or administer controlled substances;

In the case of use or possession, approved and administered, if administered at all, in accordance with board policy JGFGB and/or board policy JGFGBA; and Used, if at all, in accordance with label directions.

Student Conduct As a condition of continued enrollment in the district, students shall abide by the terms of this policy. Students shall not manufacture, sell, distribute, dispense, possess, use,

and/or be under the influence of illicit drugs, controlled substances, or alcoholic beverages at school, on or in school district property, or at any school activity, program, or event. Any student violating the terms of this policy will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials and will be subject to:

JDDA Drug-Free Schools JDDA-2
Students who are suspended or expelled under the terms of this policy will be afforded due process rights contained in board policies and Kansas statutes, K.S.A. 72-8901, et seq. Nothing in this policy is intended to diminish the ability of the district to take other disciplinary action against the student in accordance with other policies governing student discipline. If a student agrees to enter and complete a drug education or rehabilitation program, the cost of such a program will be borne by the student and his or her parents.

A list of area drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation programs, along with names and addresses of contact persons for the programs, is on file with the board clerk. Parents or students should contact the directors of the programs to determine the cost and length of the program.©KASB. This material may be reproduced for use in the district. It may not be reproduced, either in whole or in part, in any form whatsoever, to be given, sold or transmitted to any person or entity, including but not limited to another school district, organization, company or corporation, without written permission from KASB.

A copy of this policy will be provided to all students and their parents of all students. Parents of all students will be notified that compliance with this policy is mandatory.

Approved: KASB Recommendation – 7/96; 9/97; 7/02; 4/07; 6/08; 6/12; 12/13

JCDAA Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes (See GAOC) JCDAA
Smoking by students and/or the possession or use of any other tobacco product or electronic cigarette is prohibited in any district facility, in school vehicles, at school-sponsored activities, programs, or events, and on school-owned or operated property.

Administrators may report students who violate this policy to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Approved: KASB Recommendation 7/96; 9/97; 4/07; 6/13

Minimum Penalties for Violations of the Chemical Health/Drug and Alcohol Policy

A. First Violation: When, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, the Principal or Activities Director concludes that a violation of this policy has occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling a minimum of 25% of all interscholastic contests in that sport. If the violation occurs during the season, the penalty shall be applied to that sport for that season. The exact number of contests for which the student is

ineligible shall be based on the facts and circumstances and shall be determined by the Principal or designee in conjunction with the Activities Director in their judgment and discretion. If inadequate contests remain in the sport's season such that the full penalty cannot be served in that season, the remaining penalty may be applied to contests in another sport for which the student otherwise is eligible and makes the roster in the next season or a subsequent season. The latter adaptation may be made by the Principal or designee and the Activities Director, acting in their judgment and discretion. In the absence of such determination, the remaining contests will be applied during the next season in which the sport is offered, even if those remaining contests occur during the next academic year. No exception or reduction is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.

Second and subsequent violations: When, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, the Principal or Activities Director concludes that a second or any additional violation of this policy after a second violation has occurred, the student shall lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling a minimum of 60% of all interscholastic contests in that sport.

B. If after the second or subsequent violations the student of his/her own violation becomes a participant in an approved chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement in activities after a minimum of 40% of events provided the student was fully engaged in the program throughout that penalty period. The high school principal, in collaboration with a Chemical Dependency Program or Treatment Program, must certify that the student is attending or issue a certificate of completion at the student's expense. If a student does not complete the program, the penalty reverts back to 60% of the season. All decimal part of an event will be truncated i.e., all fractional parts of an event will be dropped when calculating 40% of the season.

C. Penalties shall be cumulative over the student's four years of high school, and a penalty period will extend into the next year, (e.g. if the penalty period is not completed during the season of violation, then the penalty shall carry over to the student's next season of actual participation in the sport, which may affect the eligibility status of the student during the next academic year). A student/athlete may be allowed to participate in another sport to serve a suspension, but it will only count if they complete the season in good standing. Before the student athlete joins the team, the head coach of the program must accept the student athlete into the program. After that, there will be a signed agreement between the student athlete, the head coach of the program, and the Activities Director. The agreement will outline the team rules and policies that are to be followed by the student athlete as a full-time member of that program to serve the suspension in that program. It will be the responsibility of the head coach of the program to report any violations of this agreement to the Activities Director. At this time, the agreement will be nullified, and the student athlete will have to serve the suspension in the next season they participate in.

In The Presence of Alcohol or Violations of the Chemical Health/Drug Policy
It shall also be deemed a violation of this policy for student athletes to knowingly be and remain in the presence of other minors using, consuming, possessing, buying, selling or giving away alcohol or illegal drugs or controlled substances. Therefore, any member of an athletic team found to be in the presence of minors in possession of alcohol or drugs, while a member of an athletic team, will lose eligibility for the next consecutive interscholastic contests totaling 10% of all interscholastic contests in that sport season with a minimum of 1 game to be served.

D. Individual Coaches'/Sponsors' Rules

Coaches/Sponsors will establish additional rules and regulations with the approval of the Activities Director for their respective programs. These rules pertaining to a particular activity must be given by the coach/sponsor in writing to all team/group members and explained fully at the start of the season. Penalties for violation of team/group rules will also be in writing and shall be administered by the coach/sponsor. Copies of all additional team rules by coaches/sponsors are on file in the Activity Director's office.

E. Policy on Fighting in Interscholastic Activities

Fighting in any sport shall be construed to consist of: An invitation to a fight, closely following an opposing player during a disturbance, making any taunting gesture or sound, punching or slugging with fists, whether or not a punch is landed, wrestling, or tackling an opponent outside a legal play situation. Bonner Springs High School Handbook rules and consequences for fighting will be enforced for fights during competitions.
Violation of this rule may bring an automatic suspension for the remainder of that game, plus a suspension from the next scheduled game. The same suspension applies to any member of the playing squad who leaves the bench during a fight.

F. Appeal Procedure

The student participant may appeal the decision of the Activities Department Committee to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be made up of the Principal, an Assistant Principal, and a neutral coach. The appeal will require the following:
1. The written appeal must be presented to the Activities Director within five days of the initial ruling.
2. The student shall have the privilege of representation even though it is not a legal process.
3. The appeals committee shall render a decision within five days in writing to the student and his/her parents or guardian.

VI. Basic Activities Department Policies

A. Two Sports Participation, in One Season Policy

Students must meet with both coaches and the Activities Director to discuss the proposal prior to the season. The coaches and Activities Director must agree for the student to participate in both sports. Student/Parent/Guardian presents the proposed primary and secondary sports with a schedule of practice and competition dates and times to the Coaches and Activities Director for approval. The administration reserves the right to dismiss participation in one of the sports if conflicts should arise.

B. Guidelines for More than One Activity

As a 4A/5A school, BSHS/CMS needs student-athletes out for more than one sport to continue the successes BSHS/CMS has achieved. All sports benefit each other through the overlapping of skills and continued competition. It is inappropriate for a school or a coach to emphasize participation in one sport specifically. Emphasizing one sport may cause too much stress for the student-athlete and parents. If they hang their hat on one sport and they are not seen fit to move on, then they may have a great deal of bitterness. However, the KSHSAA-sponsored in-season sport will take preference over any club or organization. Please work cooperatively with each coach and sponsor so that undue stress is not placed on the student. Encourage student-athletes to participate in other sports so that they will have several options when they graduate.

C. Equipment

School equipment checked out by a student/athlete is his/her responsibility. The student is expected to keep it clean and in good condition. Loss of any equipment is the athlete's financial obligation.

D. Missing Practice

If it is necessary to be absent from practice, the student is expected to obtain permission from the head coach prior to the scheduled practice. Practices during holiday breaks will not be mandatory but recommended.

E. Travel

All student participants must travel to and from out-of-town activity contests in transportation provided by the Activities Department unless first approved by the head coach.

Parents/Guardians can check their student out after the athletic event with the permission of the coach. A transportation form must be on file with your coach to be able to leave with your parents or guardian. The legal guardian that is listed in Skyward is the only person that a student can go home with their legal Parent/Guardian. This must be done in person after the athletic event. NO STUDENT WILL BE RELEASED TO ANYONE OTHER THAN HIS/HER PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN unless prior arrangements have been made through the activities office 24 hours in advance. Students are subject to all rules and regulations of the school while going to, during, and returning from a school-sponsored trip. 1. Participants who miss the bus will not be allowed to participate in the contest/event unless there are extenuating circumstances. 2. All regular school bus rules will be followed. 3. Dress appropriately and in good taste.

F. College Recruitment Policy

In the event a student participant should be contacted personally by a college recruiter, the student has an obligation to work through his/her coach/sponsor and the Activities Department. Inform your coach/sponsor of such a contact as soon as possible. College recruitment information, as well as NCAA standards, is available in the Activities Office.

G. Sport Season

In the event that the sports season overlaps because of State/Regional Competitions, students will not be penalized for finishing the sport they are currently participating in. They will need to communicate with both coaches about practice schedules and plans for ending one season and starting the new season.

H. Conflicts in Extracurricular Activities

An individual student who attempts to participate in several extracurricular activities will, undoubtedly, be in a position of conflict of obligations.
The Activities Department recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular activities, and to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts.

Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid continuous conflicts. This would include being cautious about belonging to too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means notifying the faculty sponsors/coaches involved immediately when a conflict does arise.
When a conflict arises, the sponsors/coaches will work out a solution so the student does not feel caught in the middle. If a solution cannot be found, the Principal/Activity Director will make the decision based on the following:
1. The relative importance of each event.
2. The importance of each event to the student.

3. The relative contribution the student can make.
4. How long each event has been scheduled.
5. Talk with parents.

Once the decision has been made and the student has followed that decision, the student will not be penalized in any way by either the faculty sponsor/coach. If it becomes obvious that a student cannot fulfill the obligation of a school activity, the student should withdraw from that activity.

I. Attendance

Students must be in attendance for at least 4 hours to participate in any activity scheduled for that day. Exceptions are granted with administrative approval only. A student who is absent from any class without obtaining prior approval may not participate in practices or contests on the day the student is absent. Students who do not obtain prior approval and practice will result in the loss of playing time in the first contest after the violation is verified.

J. Release from Class

It is the responsibility of student participants to see their teacher when they miss because of scheduled activities. All work shall be made up at the teacher's convenience.

K. Grooming and Dress Policy

A member of an activity team/group is expected to be well-groomed. Appearance, expression, and actions always influence people's opinions of students/ participants, the team/group, and the school. Once you have volunteered to be a member of a team/group, you have chosen to uphold certain standards expected of student participants in this community.
The following grooming and dress rules will be adhered to by team/group members:
1. A student participant shall dress presentably at all times, on trips, or at assemblies or banquets.
2. Only uniforms issued by the Activities Department will be permitted to be worn for contests.
3. Student participants will not be permitted to participate until deviations of the above rules are satisfactorily corrected.

L. Vacation Policy

Vacations by activity team/group members during a season are discouraged. Parents/student participants wishing to do so may wish to reassess their commitment to being a participant. In the event that an absence due to a vacation is unavoidable, a participant must adhere to the following:
1. Be accompanied by his/her parents while on vacation.
2. Contact the head coach prior to the vacation.
3. Be willing to assume the consequences related to their status on that team as a starter, 2nd string, 3rd string, etc.

M. Team Selection

Choosing the members of the activity team/groups is the sole responsibility of the coaches/sponsors of those teams/groups. For Grades 7th through 12th: The Head Coach is responsible for selecting their teams. Coaches will contact the Activities Director before they make any cuts. The expectation would be to meet with players individually, and cutting information is shared with players and parents during the early stages of the season.
Before trying out, the coach/sponsors shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team/groups:
1. Extent of try-out period.
2. Criteria used to select the team/groups.
3. Number to be selected.
4. Practice commitment if they make the team/group.
5. Game/contest commitments.
When a team/group cut becomes a necessity, the process will include these important elements.

Each candidate shall have:
1. Offered a minimum of three practice sessions.
2. Been personally informed of the cut by the coach/sponsor, including the reason for the action.

If a team member removes themselves from the team during their season, they will not be able to be reinstated during that season.

N. Reporting of Injuries

All injuries that occur while participating in the activities program must be reported to the coach/sponsor and athletic trainer. If the injury requires medical attention by a doctor or a treatment center, it will be necessary to have an injury report form completed. Once a physician treats student, the student must obtain the doctor's permission to return to the activity.

O. Locker Room Regulations

1. Roughhousing and throwing towels or other objects are not allowed in the locker rooms. Hazing of other players is not allowed.

2. Locker rooms will be supervised by coaches when players are in the locker rooms.

3. All showers must be turned off. The last person to leave the shower room is expected to check all showers.

4. No one, except coaches and assigned players, is allowed in the locker rooms.

5. No glass containers are permitted in locker rooms.

6. All spiked or cleated shoes must be put on and taken off outside of the locker rooms. No metal or hard plastic spikes or cleats are ever allowed into the school building.

P. Weight Room Regulation

1. Shirts and shoes are required at all times – tank tops are acceptable.

2. No one is to be in the weight room alone.

3. All students must be under the supervision of the instructor assigned.

4. Lifters must work with a partner.

5. All athletes will be supervised by a coach while in the weight room.

6. Replace all weights on racks immediately following use.

7. Know your limits! Work with an instructor in determining your limits.

8. Do the lifts correctly. It is better to use lighter weights for correct lifting than heavier weights and run the risk of injury.

9. Warm-up with proper stretching exercises.

10. No chewing gum or eating candy while lifting.

11. No food or drink allowed into the weight room.

12. No horseplay or profanity allowed.

13. No abuse of equipment. Any equipment that is broken must be reported immediately.

VI. Activity Awards Policy

A. General Varsity Lettering Standards for All Activities

1. Maintain satisfactory eligibility standards for participation.
2. Regular participation in practice sessions throughout the season.
3. Good moral and ethical conduct at all times.

4. A manager's letter will be awarded to a manager of any athletic team/group upon completion of their duties and maintaining the same standards as any varsity team member.
5. Each senior who has participated in a sport throughout high school and has not met specific requirements for a letter, yet has made definite contributions to the team, and shall be awarded a varsity letter on the recommendation of the coach.
6. A letter may be awarded to a student who has not met the letter requirements due to an athletic injury upon the recommendation of the coach.
7. Specific lettering standards for each sport are prescribed by the head coach in each respective sport and will vary. These will be given and explained to the students before the start of the season. A copy of these will be filed in the Activities Director's office.

B. Awards for Lettering

1.Varsity Awards.

a. First-Year Award: Chenille award letter with gold insert signifying the sport and a gold service bar, which indicates one year of lettering and a certificate. Should the athlete letter in another sport, the student will not receive a second chenille letter.

b.Second-Year Award: Gold service bar and certificate.

c.Third-Year Award: Gold service bar and certificate.

d.Fourth-Year Award: Gold service bar and certificate.

2.Sub-Varsity Award: Participation certificate

3.State qualifiers competing at the championship will receive a state certificate.

VII: Liability Insurance Waiver and Code of Ethical Behavior Agreement For Participation in District Activities Programs

(Grades 7-12)

Liability Insurance Waiver Statement:
I have read the Liability Insurance Waiver Statement. I understand that my son/ daughter is NOT covered by USD 204 for any medical insurance policies other than the catastrophic coverage provided by the KSHSAA. USD 204 will not be responsible for paying for any injury or accident and/ or medical treatment incurred by my son/ daughter. I understand that my son/ daughter's participation is a privilege. I also understand the participation in activities includes "risk of injury" and does not hold employees' and/ or USD 204 liable for such injuries. I give my permission for my son/ daughter to participate in the activities program at USD 204 Schools.

Student Agreement

If I am selected to represent the Bonner Springs Edwardsville USD 204 Activities program, I will sincerely endeavor to contribute my best to the success of that program. I understand that I represent my family, school and community. I understand that my participation in the Bonner Springs Edwardsville USD 204 Activities program is not a right, but a privilege. It is important that I present a positive image and serve as a role model for others. I acknowledge that I have received, reviewed, understood and agree to abide by the terms contained in Bonner Springs Edwardsville USD 204's Athletic/Activities Handbook. I further acknowledge that I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by the provisions of the "Activity Codes of Conduct" as described. I am also aware that if I do not live up to the requirements contained in the Athletic/Activities Handbook, I must accept the consequences for my behavior, which may include dismissal from the activities programs.
I realize that if District or school policies are violated, the procedure and penalties of those policies will be enforced.
By signing this document, I, again, acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the Board Policy governing participation in the Athletic/Activities Program.

Student Name (Please Print): _____
Student's Signature: _____
Date Signed: _____ Grade Level: _____

Parental/Guardian Agreement
By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the policies contained in Bonner Springs Edwardsville USD 204's Athletic/Activities Handbook, and I understand the possible consequences if my child violates any of the policies contained therein.

Parent's Name (Please Print): _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____