

	<b>ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>NEPN Code: JICDA</b>
	<b>POLICIES AND REGULATIONS</b>	

## **STUDENT ACTIVITY CODE PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE**

The Aberdeen School District 6-1 recognizes the need to instill students with a code of conduct that reinforces behaviors that reflect positively on the individual, school, and community, and that teaches discipline, a sense of order, leadership, responsible citizenship, teamwork, respect for rules and healthful living habits. Further, the District recognizes that participating in activities is a privilege, not a right, and that, in their participation in these activities, the students represent not only themselves, individually, but Aberdeen Central High School as well, and always bear the responsibility of representing themselves as good citizens and positive role models. The Code of Conduct's body of rules is in force for all students in grades K-12 within the Aberdeen School District. The students are expected to adhere to the code not only during their scheduled season of activity, during the entire regular school attendance year, including weekends and school holidays, but also before and after the regular school attendance year. The Code of Conduct involves all activities including, but not limited to, athletics, music, debate, drama, National Honor Society, Homecoming Royalty, clubs, student government and any other student activity – henceforth defined as a public presentation, performance, competition, trip, or school sponsored public event.

### **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The following are violations of the activity code of conduct and subject the violator to the consequences set forth herein:

- the possession or use of tobacco;
- the possession, use, or distribution of mood altering substances including, but not limited to, alcohol, marijuana, and illegal drugs, including prescription drugs used without a proper prescription;
- any violation of the student code of conduct;
- any violation of SDCL 13-32-9;
- any crime, whether or not there has been a conviction, a guilty plea, or a suspended imposition of sentence;
- any conduct by a student that is inconsistent with the philosophy and purpose of the Aberdeen School District;
- any conduct by a student, including, but not limited to communications or images placed upon any electronic device such as "Facebook", that poses a reasonable foreseeable risk of coming to the attention of students or school authorities and materially and substantially disrupts the work and discipline of the school;
- any conduct by a student, including, but not limited to social network communications or images placed upon any electronic device that undermines the authority of school personnel and materially interferes with their ability to manage an orderly school operation.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

### **First Violation**

Suspension from participation in all student activity events for fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days or two (2) student activity events, whichever is greater. Penalty not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the scheduled events in any one (1) student activity.

### **Second Violation**

Suspension from participation in all student activity events for forty-two (42) consecutive calendar days or six (6) activity events, whichever is greater.

### **Third Violation**

Suspension from participation in all student activity events for eighty-four (84) consecutive calendar days or twelve (12) activity events, whichever is greater.

### **Subsequent Violations**

Suspension from participation in all student activity events for three hundred sixty-five (365) consecutive calendar days or one (1) calendar year.

The student shall be expected to attend all practices or rehearsals, while not participating in activity events.

The student must participate for the entire length of his/her activity in order for the consequences to be considered fulfilled. A student who drops out of an activity will be required to fulfill the consequences of his/her violation in the next activity in which he/she participates. These consequences are maximum consequences, and the Administrative Assistance Team has the discretion to invoke lesser suspensions, depending upon the nature of the violation.

The consequences for an adjudication, conviction, or suspended imposition of sentence under SDCL 13-32-9, set forth above, are statutorily mandated by the State of South Dakota. The consequences for a "violation" of SDCL 13-32-9 – "Suspension From Extra-Curricular Activities for Controlled Substance Violations", as determined by the school district administration, under this Code of Conduct, may be invoked by the school district without an adjudication, conviction or suspended imposition of sentence for said violation.

## **DUE PROCESS**

- (1) The principal/athletic/activities director shall inform the student/parents/guardian of the rule, regulation or policy that has been violated.
- (2) The student will be given an opportunity to answer the charges.
- (3) The principal/athletic/activities director will render a decision as soon as possible after reviewing the case followed by written confirmation.
- (4) Decisions by the principal/athletic/activities director may be appealed in writing to the superintendent within ten (10) days of the decision.
- (5) During the appeals process the penalty will be in effect. The Superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five (5) days.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Administrative Assistance Team (principals/athletic/activities director) shall discuss all violations of the Activities Code. Upon the request of the individual adjudicated under the Code, the Team may elect to reduce the penalty for any/all violations beyond the First Violation in this policy up to a maximum of fifty per cent (50%) if the following conditions are met: Student makes application for a reduction; Student provides rationale for said reduction; Student agrees to abide by the conditions established by the Administrative Assistant Team for the reduction;

Student and at least one parent/guardian agree to enroll in and successfully complete a rehabilitation program approved by the school district if such applies to their particular situation; Student agrees to a probationary status while under suspension reduction. If conditions for reduction of the penalty are not met the suspended imposition of the penalty is served, the penalty can be reinstated.

**RECORD EXPUNGED**

Students leaving the eighth (8) grade may have their code violation record expunged on a one (1) time basis for consideration of any future punishment only - their history of violations will be retained for possible rehabilitation or treatment purposes. Violations are accumulative grades nine (9) - twelve (12)

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

SDCL 13-32-9 Suspension from extracurricular activities for controlled substances violation--Unified Judicial System to give certain notices.

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