

## **DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO POLICY**

Students will not be in the proximity during the illegal use and/or be in possession of and/or consume Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco.

The following penalties will be enforced for all athletes, both in season and out of season, for the entire school year, and during the time a team is actively engaged in summer activities.

### **FIRST OFFENSE:**

#### **Penalty Without Assessment:**

\*Suspension from participation for remainder of season, or 60 participation days, and will carry over to the next sports season, whichever is longer.

#### **Penalty With Assessment:**

\*Suspension from participation for 20 participation days (40 days held in abeyance)

The athlete may return to practice with 10 participation days remaining to retain eligibility. The athlete may not participate in contests.

THE ATHLETE MUST COMPLETE THE ATHLETIC SEASON DURING THE SUSPENSION OR THE BALANCE OF THE SUSPENSION WILL BE CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT SEASON.

### **SECOND OFFENSE:**

Suspended for one calendar year from the date of athletic suspension. Further assessment recommended.

### **THIRD OFFENSE:**

Suspension from all athletics for the remainder of school career.

### **APPEAL PROCESS**

Appeals will be heard within 72 hours of notice of appeal. The athlete may not participate in athletic activities during the appeal process.

Committee will consist of:

- Principal or designee will chair the committee
- 2 coaches of different sports
- 1 coach of the athlete's sport (non-voting member)

## **ACADEMIC POLICY**

### **Academic Standard:**

Students must pass all classes and maintain a 2.0 semester GPA in order to participate in athletics.

### **Procedure:**

The initial grade check for eligibility is the previous semester grades.

If a student fails to meet the academic requirements listed above, the athlete becomes ineligible for the first three weeks of the season. This extends through the first week of contests. The student is also considered an athlete on probationary status. Athletes on probation will do a weekly grade check throughout the season, and must meet the required academic standard prior to resuming play. Probationary grade checks will be conducted on each Monday, and will determine eligibility for the remainder of that week.

In-season grade checks will be conducted for all athletes three times during the season, at approximately the third, fifth and eighth weeks. For winter sports, the semester grade will be the third check. Each student will be responsible for having their own grade check form completed. An incomplete grade check form will result in the athlete being ineligible for competition until the form is complete. Any athlete failing to meet the academic requirements listed above during the in-season grade check becomes ineligible to compete until the standard is met, is placed on probationary status, and is subject to the weekly grade check process.

If a teacher finds that a student is failing at a time outside of the in-season grade check period, the teacher should notify the head coach of that sport. The student will become ineligible the following Monday and placed on probationary status.

Athletes who have a cumulative grade point average below 2.0 but meet the previous semester grade requirement will be considered on immediate probationary status and subject to weekly grade checks while participating. They will remain on probation during each season until the cumulative GPA is above 2.0.

Teachers are encouraged to communicate with coaches in advance of a student having an academic deficiency. Team rosters will be distributed to the teaching staff after the first week of practices so they can help monitor the student athlete's academic progress. It is important that teachers provide sufficient feedback to athletes regarding their academic status and help encourage athletes to maintain good academic standing.

### **Definitions:**

**Probation:** A period when an athlete has an academic deficiency and is required to do weekly grade checks to re-establish and/or maintain eligibility. The athlete may or may not be eligible to compete in contests while on probation.

**Ineligibility:** A period when an athlete has an academic deficiency and cannot compete in athletic contests.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

All athletes must attend a full day of classes in order to participate in athletic activities that day. Reasonable excuses, such as doctor/dentist appointments, field trips, etc., will be cleared by the coach and/or athletic director.

Coaches will review daily bulletins to establish eligibility. If a coach finds that a student was not in a full day of classes the previous day, the athlete becomes ineligible for participation on that day.