

Code No. 502.7R1: ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES

This policy will pertain to extracurricular activities which include: Athletics, extracurricular speech, dramatic productions, instrumental music contests, vocal music contests, cheerleading, student council activities, class officer activities, serving as a king or queen candidate, other school related activities.

SECTION I

Law forbids the use of or the possession of any alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance on school property. The possession and/or use of tobacco are forbidden of students at school or at school functions. A student may not be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance while on school grounds or attending any activity of the school.

Policy #502.7 will be strictly enforced. Students who are at any school activity or on school grounds or facility and are under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, in possession of liquor or any controlled substance (other than prescribed drugs), or using any tobacco, will be suspended. A student guilty of the above will be suspended from all activities of the school that perform before the public for forty-five (45) school days for the first offense. The second and subsequent offenses will result in a suspension for one calendar year.

The junior and senior high years will be treated separately, and there will be no carryover penalties. Senior high years shall begin at the end of the fourth quarter of the eighth grade year.

SECTION II

Good Conduct: The following guidelines pertaining to good conduct are to be explained to each student participating in junior high and high school extra and co-curricular activities before each activity begins by the coach or sponsor. These guidelines will be enforced during the calendar year for breach of good conduct off the school grounds.

A student may lose eligibility under the Good Conduct Rule for any of the following behaviors:

- possession, use or purchase of tobacco products, regardless of the student's age;
- possession, use or purchase of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine;
- possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of illegal drugs, or the unauthorized possession, use, purchase or attempted sale/purchase of otherwise lawful drugs;
- engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor offenses such as traffic or hunting/fishing violations), regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted or adjudicated for the act(s);
- exceedingly inappropriate or offensive conduct such as assaulting staff or students, gross insubordination, serious hazing or harassment of others.

Any student under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, in possession of liquor or any controlled substance (other than prescribed drugs), or for using tobacco will be suspended. A student guilty of the above will be suspended for a minimum of 1/2 (to the nearest one) of the various sports contests for the first offense.

SECTION III: Athletic Scholarship Rule 36.15 (2)

Academic eligibility for athletics will be determined by the grades earned at the end of each quarter. If a student is not passing "ALL" classes at the end of the school quarter, the student is ineligible for the first twenty (20) consecutive school days in the interscholastic athletic event in which the student is a bona fide contestant. A bona fide contestant is a student who is presently or previously has competed in an

interscholastic athletic activity. Absent injury, illness or similar circumstances outside the student's control, a student must be or has participated in the activity to be considered a bona fide contestant in that activity.

Ineligibility will begin on the date of the first contest if at the beginning of the sport season or on the next practice or game date if the ineligibility occurs while the sport is already in progress.

If not passing all classes at the end of the final school quarter and the student is a contestant in baseball or softball, the student is ineligible for the next 20 calendar days excluding Saturday and Sundays of that sport starting with the first contest, but will have eligibility in the fall.

An ineligible student may be required by the coach to practice but may not participate in contests.

A student's parent(s) or guardian(s) may contest the declared ineligibility of a student by filing an objection either verbally or in writing with the principal. The principal will investigate the objection and render a decision.

SECTION IV

Students must be in attendance the day of scheduled practice, dramatic production, speech activity, athletic or music contest. Students not in attendance are ineligible to practice or perform that night. The administrator may make exceptions for absences due to doctor appointments or absences due to circumstances such as funerals or family emergencies. Under no circumstances shall a student who is ill or stayed home to work be eligible to practice or play on the day of the absence. Any student that violates this section of the policy shall be ineligible to participate in any contest or event for five (5) school days after the violation.

SECTION V

Criminal behavior or criminal acts are included in this policy.

A student who has committed a criminal act within the school setting will be declared ineligible from all activities listed in the policy for a period of one academic quarter.

SECTION VI

Eligibility by Open Enrollment--restrictions on participation in interscholastic athletic and competitions: A pupil who transfers school districts under open enrollment in any grades 10 through 12 shall not be eligible to participate in interscholastic contests and competitions during the first ninety (90) school days of transfer. This restriction shall apply to transfer resulting from an approved petition filed by a parent or guardian to transfer to an alternative-receiving district. This ninety (90) school day restriction does not prohibit the pupil from practicing with an athletic team during the ninety (90) schools days of ineligibility.

SECTION VII

Any student declared ineligible under the prior school district's Good Conduct Rule, and then without having completed the full period of ineligibility at that school transfers to Central High School, will not be eligible for interscholastic competition at Central High School until the full period of ineligibility has been completed. Once that time period of ineligibility has been completed, the student is then immediately eligible for interscholastic competition at Central High School as far as any Good Conduct Rule is concerned.

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