

Section: **STUDENTS**

Procedure Title: **Drug and Alcohol--WIAA Activity/Athletic Participation**

The following regulation applies to those students involved in student activities/athletics under the jurisdiction of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) or who elect to participate at some future point.

Activities, under the jurisdiction of WIAA include: cheerleading/rally, dance/drill team, music, forensics, and drama. Restrictions in these activities apply only to WIAA-sponsored activities. Activities included in this list may change from year to year as WIAA's sponsorship of activities changes.

Consequences, where set forth in this section, shall be in addition to other school discipline sanctions when appropriate. Suspensions from participation will carry over from one activity to the next, one sport season to the next, and from one school year to the next.

All students covered under this regulation, both in season and out of season, are required to follow these rules at all times, 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year. Any student breaking these rules will be subject to the penalty for that particular infraction.

The possession, use, and/or selling of drugs and alcohol are considered to be exceptional misconduct and therefore, the sanctions for violations under this regulation shall be cumulative from school year to school year; grades 7-8, 9-12. Student discipline records, indicating violations of the drug and alcohol policy, will be shared among the middle schools and the high school, as sanctions for possession, use, and/or sale of legend drugs and anabolic steroids by students participating in WIAA activities/athletics is cumulative for middle school (grades 7-8), and then start over and be cumulative for high school (grades 9-12).

Violations for possession, use, and/or sale of *legend drugs and anabolic steroids shall be reported to the new school of record when a student, grades 7-12, transfers from the district. This is authorized under the authority of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Handbook, Rule 27.2.0 and RCW 69.41.020-69.41.050.

* A legend drug is any drug that can only be legally obtained through a prescription by a licensed medical practitioner.

Any student athlete disciplined for a violation of Policy 3515 shall meet with the School Athletic Eligibility Board, consisting of coaches and administrators selected by the

principal, to request approval to participate again. The School Athletic Eligibility Board will recommend to the principal appropriate action to be taken in the student athlete's case. The school principal or his/her designee shall have the final authority as to the student athlete's renewed participation in the interscholastic sports program.

NON-PARTICIPATING STUDENTS/ATHLETES:

For students not currently in a WIAA activity and for out-of-season students, the suspension for violations of the drug and alcohol policy will be sixty (60) school days and will begin the next activity/sports season in which the student wishes to participate.

The suspension may be modified if the following conditions are met:

1. The student participates in a formal assessment conducted by a qualified dependency counselor, as defined by WAC 440-22-010, through the Kelso School District.
2. The student and/or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) sign a consent to an exchange of information between the agency represented by the dependency counselor and the Kelso School District.
3. The suspension from an activity/athletics may be reduced to twenty (20) practice days, if the student completes the assessment and follows recommendations of the assessment. The student will be allowed to practice, but will not be able to participate in any contests or performances during the 20-day suspension.
 - The student will be expected to complete the activity/sport season following the 20-day suspension. Failure to complete the season will result in the student serving the remaining suspension days of the activity/ athletic suspension at the next activity/sport season in which the student wishes to participate.
 - Failure to follow the conditions of the assessment will result in the student serving the remaining suspension days of the activity/athletic suspension.
4. Second violations by students not currently in a WIAA activity or by out-of-season athletes shall carry the same sanctions as these for students currently in an activity or sport be a one-year suspension (no practice/no contests/no performances).
5. Third violations by students not currently in a WIAA activity or by out-of-season athletes carry the same sanctions as those for students currently involved in an activity or sport. The student committing a third violation is permanently prohibited from participation in any WIAA-sponsored athletic or activity program.

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS/ATHLETES:

POSSESSION, USE, AND/OR SALE OF LEGEND DRUGS, ILLEGAL DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND ANABOLIC STEROIDS:

FIRST OFFENSE:

The student becomes immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition in the activity or sport in which he/she is participating for the remainder of the season.

If the student chooses to seek help and appeal for reinstatement, he/she would be ineligible for a minimum of 20 days (no contests/no performances). Students may continue to participate in team practices during this time. Conditions for reinstatement include requiring the student to participate in a chemical dependency screening and assessment by a professional, following the recommendations stated in the assessment, submitting to random drug testing for one year (which is the financial responsibility of the parent or guardian), attending drug/alcohol classes, and serving suspension days. The student then may regain eligibility by recommendation of the principal and the athletic director.

- Suspension days will carry over consecutive activities or seasons and/or from school year to school year.

SECOND OFFENSE:

The student is suspended and shall be ineligible and prohibited from participating in any WIAA activity or interscholastic sports program for a period of one calendar year from the date of the second violation (no practice, no contests/no performances). Conditions for reinstatement may include requiring the student to participate in an assessment, follow the recommendations stated in the assessment, submit to random drug testing for one year, which is the financial responsibility of the parent or guardian, attend drug/alcohol classes, and serving suspension days.

THIRD OFFENSE:

The student is suspended and shall be permanently prohibited from participation in any WIAA activity or interscholastic sport in any WIAA member school.

AMNESTY CLAUSE

A student who has violated the drug and alcohol policy but who is not currently under investigation* for violation of the drug and alcohol policy and has no prior violation may seek and receive help under the Amnesty Clause.

**Under this clause, "not under current investigation" means school authorities have no knowledge of a suspected violation prior to the student and/or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) bringing this to their attention.*

The student must admit to the policy violation and voluntarily submit to a formal drug and alcohol assessment conducted by a qualified dependency counselor, as defined by WAC 440-22-010, consent to an exchange of information between the qualified dependency counselor and the Kelso School District, and undergo a recommended treatment program. Failure to follow through or complete the treatment program will result in the penalty for a first time violation. The student will also submit to random drug testing for one calendar year, which is the financial responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Legend Drugs (including anabolic steroids) RCW 69.41.010 identified substances

- In no instance shall participation in a school and/or community approved assistance program excuse a student athlete from subsequent compliance with this regulation. However, successful completion or compliance with the activity/athletic code by the student may allow him/her to have eligibility reinstated in the activity/athletic program.

Alcohol and Non-legend Drugs

- The student may continue participation in the activity/sport while undergoing assessment and recommended treatment. Failure to continue treatment will result in immediate suspension for a minimum of 20 days, (same as first offense). Suspension days will carry over one activity to another, season to season, and from school year to school year.

Any subsequent violation of the drug and alcohol policy will result in the appropriate penalty for a second violation.

Parent(s) or guardian(s) who believe that their son/daughter may have violated the alcohol or drug policy but are not currently under investigation for violation of the drug and alcohol policy may use the amnesty clause to seek help for their son/daughter. This must be with the knowledge and consent of their son or daughter.

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