

Co-Curricular Activities

ACTIVITIES TRIP PROCEDURES: The Newell School District is proud of the students who represent the school in any activity. The high standards established shall be continued by setting proper goals and codes of conduct for out-of-town trips. Students are representatives of their community and school and are judged by dress, manners, conduct, and sportsmanship as well as their individual skills.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION: The rules for eligibility are laid out in policy IGD.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS: Athletic physicals will be required for all students participating in athletics in grades 6-12. A physical form signed by both the parents and the physician must be on file in the Activity Director's office before a student is allowed to practice.

INSURANCE: Each student can purchase insurance to cover accident while attending Newell School District. The fee for this protection is sent directly to the company during the first few weeks of school.

ACTIVITIES: Activities at Newell School District include, but are not limited to the following: football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, golf, track, FFA, National Honor Society, Oral Interpretation, Fall Production, One Act Play, Band (including concert and pep band), Chorus, Student Council, and Knowledge Bowl. It is recommended that each student participate in at least one co-curricular activity.

CO-CURRICULAR FINANCIALS: A co-curricular transportation fee will be assessed for each activity a student takes part in. The fee will be determined at the regular Board meeting in July each year and will include a family maximum payment. School sponsored activities will not be supported beyond the state level.

SD CODIFIED LAW 13-32-9: SUSPENSION FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS: Any person adjudicated, convicted, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances or marijuana as defined in Chapter 22-42, is ineligible to participate in any co-curricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one year. Upon a subsequent adjudication, conviction, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances or marijuana by the court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any co-curricular activity while that person is attending any school accredited by the Department of Education. Upon such a determination in any juvenile proceeding the Unified Judicial System shall give notice of that determination to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the chief administrator of the school in which the person is enrolled.

ALCOHOL, and TOBACCO, AND DRUG-POSSESSION OR USE: Regardless of quantity, an activity participant shall not be in possession of or use alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco products. It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the participant's use by his or her doctor.

1) First Violation:

A. After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose all participation in all activities for a period of 14 consecutive days.

B. The school will recommend that the parent/guardian refer their child to a community agency or a professional individual outside the school for assessment of potential chemical abuse/misuse.

2) Second Violation

A. After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose all participation in all activities for a period of 42 consecutive days.

B. Before the student is admitted participating in activities, the student shall show evidence in writing that he has sought or has received counseling from a community agency or professional individual such as a drug counselor, medical doctor, psychiatrist, or psychologist.

3) Third Violation:

A. After confirmation of the third or subsequent violation the student shall lose all participation in all activities for a period of 84 consecutive days.

B. If, after the third or subsequent violation, the student on his own becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement for activity participation after a maximum period of 42 consecutive days of nonparticipation.

4) Penalties shall commence when the school official has completed his/her investigation.

5) Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the student's high school career.

6) For the duration of the penalty, the penalized student is not allowed to participate in any activity. This includes practice and rehearsals. The student can participate in regular classroom activities such as band, chorus, and physical education classes. Regular classroom activities are defined as those activities during the regular seven period school day.

7) Accusations of offenses must be brought to the attention of the Principal/Activities Director no later than the fifth school day following the offense. Individuals making the accusation must be willing to sign a statement of the offense and back it up with details when the student involved is confronted.

ACTIVITY RULES: All coaches and advisors for each activity shall set out rules for participation in that activity. These rules need to be written out and submitted for approval to the Board before the first day of practice or rehearsal. Each list of rules should have a discipline plan including consequences for misbehavior.

EVENT TRANSPORTATION: All students must travel to and from events for their activity with the entire group, either by bus or school vehicle. Extenuating circumstances must be approved by the Activities Director or Superintendent beforehand. A supervisor for that activity must also ride to and from the event on the bus or school vehicle. Coaches and advisors may be asked to drive to events as needed.

If a situation arises where it would be more convenient for the parents to pick the student up from an event, the parent must contact the coach/advisor, Activities Director, Principal, or Superintendent to gain permission to do so. The student may only travel with a parent or legal guardian if they are not riding the school vehicle and permission should be requested before the school vehicle leaves for the event. The Activities Director, Principal, or Superintendent will inform the coach or advisor of students that are allowed to go with their parents after the event. Coaches and advisors will not allow students to leave unless they have received permission from the parent/guardian.

Students that live out of town and are driving home on their own may be allowed to drop their car off along the way and get picked up from a designated spot. This must be arranged with the event driver and coach or advisor.

CROWD CONTROL: The Activities Director oversees all events held at Newell School District. The Activities Director, Principal, Superintendent, or delegate will supervise the conduct of the spectators. It is recommended that a representative of the visiting schools also have a delegate to aid in supervision. Students should be informed of cheers and conduct that is appropriate. Supervisors and participants shall conduct themselves in an orderly manner.

BROADCASTING OF HIGH SCHOOL CONTESTS: The Superintendent reserves the right to approve or reject any product or service advertised during broadcasting of the activity. No liquor, beer, or tobacco advertising will be permitted. Broadcasters with visiting teams must obtain permission from the Activities Director to plan for transmissions.

CONCESSIONS: Concessions for all home events will be assigned to school activity clubs or organizations by the Activities Director. The sponsoring organization will supervise and maintain the concession area in a businesslike manner. Any additional rules or regulations pertaining to co-curricular activities will be included in the student handbook.

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