

Substance Abuse Regulations for Extra Curricular Participants

The following regulations apply to students who participate in extra curricular activities.

Warwick School District provides students with the opportunity to participate in many athletic programs and other extracurricular activities. Participation in such activities is a privilege and not a right.

To protect the health and well being of our students, and the integrity of activities, Warwick School District has established regulations to discourage substance use and assist students through an education/intervention program. Parents and educators must instruct young people about abuse, discipline those who choose to use prohibited substances, and emphasize training and practice rather than the use of chemicals to improve performance.

This contract is to be signed by each student and their parent/guardian at the beginning of the activity. This contract covers but is not limited to, the following seasonal extracurricular activities: Sports, Marching Band, Cheerleaders, Show Choir, Chamber Singers, Fall Play, Spring Musical, Drama Competitions, Trainers for all sports, Team/Activity Managers, Music Festivals, Student Government, and all other non-credit receiving academic activities.

During the regular school year, for extra curricular participants, this contract is in effect twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week for all students during the season or time frame they are participating in extra curricular activities and extend to summer months when they are participating in extra curricular school activities under the supervision of district personnel.

A student who comes in contact with suspected drug or alcohol use should leave or avoid that location IMMEDIATELY to avoid temptation and eliminate suspicion.

Definition of Terms

Alcohol or Alcoholic Beverage means (a) all alcoholic and malt beverages as defined in the Act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), known as the Pennsylvania Liquor Code, as amended; (b) ethyl alcohol of any degree of proof originally produced by the distillation of any fermented liquid, including synthetic ethyl alcohol, but not ethyl alcohol, whether or not diluted, that has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for beverage purposes; (c) any alcoholic, spirituous, vinous, fermented or other alcoholic beverage, or combination of liquors and mixed liquor a part of which is spirituous, vinous, fermented or otherwise alcoholic, including all drinks or drinkable liquids, preparations or mixtures; and (d) any beer, lager beer, ale, porter or similar fermented malt beverage containing one-half of one percentum or more alcohol by volume, by whatever name such beverage may be called.

Drug means (a) any controlled substance in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) or as further defined by regulation at 21 CFR 1300.11 through 1300.15, including opiates (e.g., heroin, morphine, codeine, methadone), cocaine and "crack", cannabinoids (e.g., marijuana, hashish), amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines (e.g., Valium and Librium) and other narcotics and hallucinogens (e.g. phencyclidine (PCP), methaqualone (Quaalude) and peyote (LSD)); (b) any substance which is misused for the purpose of affecting a person's emotional, mental or physical facilities (e.g., aerosols, glue, solvents, etc.); (c) any prescription drug unless the drug (i) is in the possession of the school nurse or the student for whom the prescription was issued and (ii) used in accordance with the physician's prescription; (d) any over-the-counter medication unless possessed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations; (e) anabolic steroids; and (f) any substance

which is represented as being, or which is thought to be by the person who possesses or uses or distributes the substance, a drug, e.g. "look-alike-drugs."

Any student who participates in extra curricular activities who possesses, uses, or distributes drugs, unprescribed anabolic steroids, or alcohol will be referred immediately to the student assistance team for review. The student assistance teams are composed of school personnel with special training in adolescent chemical dependency, intervention, and after care. The teams have established school-wide intervention procedures for referring "at risk" students who demonstrate problems with drugs/alcohol. Intervention procedures include identification of students, collection and review of pertinent data, referral for assessment and evaluation, and participation in support programs.

In addition, the student will be suspended from participation in extra curricular school activities for a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the infraction. If the school year concludes before the (60) day suspension has been completed, the suspension will continue at the beginning of the next school year or the commencement of the suspended student's school activities for the next school year. The suspension shall be reduced to forty (40) calendar days upon proof of successful completion or continued participation in an underage drinking and substance abuse program approved by the school district. The cost of such program shall be the responsibility of the student. Offenses occurring during the summer months when participating in extra curricular school activities under the supervision of district personnel will result in immediate removal from that extra curricular school activity, and the sixty (60) calendar day suspension from participation in all school activities and school-related programs shall begin with the first day of school. The suspension shall be reduced to forty (40) calendar days upon proof of successful completion or continued participation in an underage drinking and substance abuse program approved by the school district. The cost of such program shall be the responsibility of the student.

A second offense will constitute following the procedures outlined above with the exception that the suspension from participation in extra curricular school activities will be for sixty (60) calendar days and without the opportunity to reduce the suspension length upon successful completion or enrollment in an underage drinking and substance abuse program.

Each subsequent offense will constitute suspension from participation in all extra curricular school activities for 365 calendar days from date of the infraction. A student wishing to participate in extra curricular school activities at the conclusion of the suspension shall undergo assessment to determine if follow-up treatment is required. Any recommended treatment must be successfully completed prior to resuming participation in extra curricular school activities.

(For additional Information or Guidelines refer to the Warwick High School or Warwick Middle School Student Handbooks for Specific Situations, Action to be Taken, Discipline/Rehabilitation)

Tobacco Regulations for Interscholastic Athletic Participants

If a student participating in interscholastic athletics is found using tobacco product such as cigarettes, snuff, or other tobacco product, that student will be suspended from the interscholastic sports team for seven calendar days. If the student is caught on a second offense, he/she will be dismissed from the interscholastic sports team for the duration of the season. If practice for the next season has already begun, the student will not be permitted to participate during the next sports' season.

Academic Standards & Attendance Regulations for Extracurricular Participants

Students eligible for interscholastic athletic competition must be passing at least four (4) full credits, or the equivalent and can not be failing two (2) or more subjects. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period and shall be checked on a weekly basis. If the student is not passing four (4) full credits or failing two (2) or more subjects, they shall be considered ineligible from the Sunday through the following Saturday. **Student athletes who are academically ineligible will still be permitted to practice with the team. Academically ineligible student athletes will NOT BE ALLOWED to be dismissed early for an away contest.**

At the end of each marking period, grades will be checked to conform to the PIAA Rules & Regulations. If a student is not passing four full credits or the equivalent or failing two or more subjects at the end of a marking period, they shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic sports for fifteen (15) school days beginning on the first day report cards are issued. At the end of the school year, the student's final credits in the student's subjects rather than the student's credits for the last grading period shall be used to determine the student's eligibility for the next grading period.

Students who report to school after 10:00 AM without a note from a doctor will be ineligible to participate in sports or other extracurricular activities, including practice, after school.

Warning, Agreement to Obey Instructions, Release, Assumption of Risk, and Agreement to Hold Harmless

We are aware that playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving many risks of injury. We understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing to play/participate in a sport include, but are not limited to, death, serious neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the skeletal system, and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of the body, general health and well-being. We understand that the dangers of playing or practicing to play/participate may result not only in serious injury, but in serious impairment of future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities, and generally to enjoy life.

Because of the dangers of participating in a sport, we recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding playing techniques, training and other team rules, etc. and agree to obey such instructions.

All injuries related to athletic practices or contests must be reported to the athletic trainer within 24 hours.

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