



EXTRACURRICULAR DRUG/ALCOHOL AND GENERAL OFFENSE POLICY DOVER CITY SCHOOLS

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OHSAA Grade Reporting and Athletic Eligibility: Pursuant to the authority vested in the Dover City Schools Board of Education, the mandatory grade report date for all secondary teachers throughout the entire District shall be as follows:

October 29, 2021

January 13, 2022

March 24, 2022

June 3, 2022

The following is a copy of the Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Policy. Students and parents are expected to be familiar with this policy. In order to avoid duplication of signatures, we have included a statement of receipt and awareness of the policy at the bottom of the Emergency Medical Authorization form. We request that all parents also sign this portion of the form along with a signature for medical authorization.

NOTE : Electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, cameras, and PDAs, are not permitted to be turned on or in use in any locker room and/or dressing area facility. This includes sites at Dover City Schools, as well as sites teams are visiting for any events. Students who need to call or text message parents are required to exit the locker room and/or dressing area prior to using these electronic devices.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY:

The administrators, coaches and activity advisors of the Dover City School District consider participation in extracurricular activities to be a privilege, not a right. Students VOLUNTEER to participate in the extracurricular programs offered, and are expected to accept the responsibilities granted them by this privilege. As representatives of our school system, students involved in extracurricular activities are scrutinized by the public, become role models for young children, as well as peers, and are ambassadors of our community. They have chosen to accept this role and with it, the responsibilities of maintaining a drug, alcohol and crime-free lifestyle.

OVERVIEW:

To ensure consistency in all extracurricular activities, the Extracurricular Policy has been established by the coaching staff, activity advisors and school administrators for all students in the Dover City School District, Grades 7 – 12. Each coach/advisor may have additional rules and training regulations specific to their sport/activity, which the student must also abide by.

This policy is in effect at all times throughout the entire calendar year . Violations will be cumulative; however, a student's record will be wiped clean one year from the date of the last violation providing no additional violations have occurred. Violations of the following rules will lead to denial of participation in, or dismissal from the activity. This policy is in accordance with the Dover City School District General Policy on drug and alcohol abuse.

Extracurricular activities covered by the policy include but are not limited to:

Art Club	Football	Science Olympiad
Ball Boys/Girls	Foreign Language Clubs	Soccer
Baseball	Golf	Softball
Basketball	Gymnastics	Student Council
Bowling	Interact	Swimming
Cheerleaders	Key Club	Tennis
Chemistry Club	Managers	Thespians
Class Officers	Statisticians	Track
Cross Country	National Honor Society	Volleyball
Dance Team	Scholar Challenge Team	Wrestling
Fellowship of Christian Athletes		

Procedure for Implementation:

1. All students will be issued a Student-Parent-Teacher Handbook containing the Extracurricular Drug/Alcohol and General Offense Policy.
2. One electronically signed permission form will be signed each school year by the parent acknowledging the existence of the Drug/Alcohol/General Offense Policy. (This form is part of the on-line Emergency Medical Form).

RULES GOVERNING ALL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF DOVER SCHOOLS

No Dover High School Student Involved in Extracurricular Activities shall:

Rule I: Use or possess any of the following substances:

1. All dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Ohio Statute.
2. All chemicals which release toxic vapors.
3. All alcoholic beverages, or low alcohol beer as set forth in Board Policy.
4. Any prescription or patent drugs except those for which permission has been granted pursuant to Board policy.
5. Any drug paraphernalia.
6. Tobacco and tobacco products during school hours, at school activities, or on school property. (Student athletes are prohibited from using tobacco at all times.)
7. Look-alike drugs as described by Board policy.
8. Anabolic steroids.

Rule II: Sell, distribute, or possess to sell or distribute any of the substance described in Rule I.

Rule III: Admitting to or being convicted of any misdemeanor or felony other than minor traffic violations. Persistent or major violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

Rule IV: Engaging in any violation of the Dover High School Code of Conduct and/or any Conduct Deemed Unbecoming of a Student-Athlete or Representative of Dover High School.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF POLICY RULES

Rule I: Use or possession of controlled substances as described in Rule I of this policy:

A. First Violation

1. If the student is "in-season" or actively participating, he/she may forfeit 20% of the immediate activity schedule. During this time, the student will not be allowed to practice, travel with the team, sit with the team, wear a uniform, compete, or participate in any way. The term "in-season" is defined by the school administration and the athletic director.

2. If the student is "out-of-season" or not actively participating, he/she may be given the opportunity of completing 40 hours of community service in lieu of forfeiting 20% of the activity. The community service must be completed prior to the student engaging in any activity.

3. In addition to Number 1 or Number 2 above, the student may be required to attend the Insight Program as assigned by the At-Risk Coordinator or other designee.

The 20% denial of the season/activity is figured by taking the total length of the season/activity and dividing by 5. Examples: Football = 10 games, therefore a 20% denial would be 2 games. Student Council = regular school year, therefore a 20% denial would be 7 weeks.

If an activity goes into an extended season, the denial of participation would continue into the extended season. Example: (Football = 10 games) A violation occurs during the 9th game and the student is suspended for 2 games. The student would miss the 10th game and the first post-season game.

Denial of participation would extend into a student's next season. Example: A violation occurs after football Game #9 and the student involved participates in both football and basketball. The suspension would be Football Game #10 (1/10) and Basketball Games #1 and #2 (1/10) for a combined denial of 20%. The student could complete community service hours between seasons to satisfy the denial prior to starting the next activity—(Suspended for Football Game #10 and completes 20 hours of community service prior to starting basketball, the student would not serve a game suspension from basketball.)

If a student is involved in two non-connecting activities, (i.e. Football and Track), he/she may utilize a combination of denial of participation and community service to satisfy the rule violation requirement. Example: Football Game #10 and 20 hours of community service.

If a student is involved in more than one activity at the same time, (i.e. Football and Student Council), the denial of participation of both will run concurrently for both/all activities until the denial of participation has been satisfied for one activity. The student will then be reinstated to both/all activities.

B. Second Violation

1. The student may be denied participation in all extracurricular activities for one year from the date of the second violation.

Rule II: Selling, distributing or possessing to sell or distribute any substances described in Rule I of this policy

A. First Violation

1. The student may be denied participation in all extracurricular activities for one year from the date of the violation.
2. The incident will be reported to the police.

Rule III: Admitting to or being convicted of any misdemeanor or felony other than minor traffic violations; Persistent or major violations of the Student Code of Conduct

A. First Violation

1. The student may receive up to full denial of participation as determined by the hearing officer based upon the severity of the offense(s).

B. Second Violation

1. The student may be denied participation in all extracurricular activities for one year from the date of the second violation.

Rule IV: Engaging in any violation of the Dover High School Code of Conduct and/or any Conduct Deemed Unbecoming of a Student-Athlete or Representative of Dover High School.

A. First Violation

1. The student may receive up to full denial of participation as determined by the hearing officer based upon the severity of the offense(s).

B. Second Violation

1. The student may be denied participation in all extracurricular activities for one year from the date of the second violation.

Hearings

When a coach/advisor/director receives information that a participant (student) may have violated the Extracurricular Activities Policy, the following procedures will occur:

1. The coach/advisor/director will complete an Extracurricular Activities Referral outlining the details of the suspected infraction and provide the referral to the hearing officer (athletic director or other designee).
2. The hearing officer will schedule a hearing with the student in question. The hearing officer will fill out and provide the participant an "Intent to Deny Participation" form. The original will be kept by the participant and copies will be sent to the assistant principal and parents.
3. If, during the course of the hearing and/or later investigation, it is determined that a violation took place, the following procedures will occur:

A. First Violation of Rule I or Rule III

- 1) The "Denial of Participation" form will be filled out and signed by the hearing officer and by the student.
 - a) The original copy will be sent to the parents within one (1) school day of the hearing.
 - b) Copies will be given to the assistant principal, athletic director, dean of students and all coaches/advisors directly involved with the student.

B. First Violation of Rule II and subsequent violations of Rule I or Rule III.

- 1) The "Denial of Participation" form will be filled out and signed by the hearing officer.
 - a) The original copy will be sent to the parents within one (1) school day of the hearing.
 - b) Copies will be given to the assistant principal, athletic director, dean of students and all coaches/advisors/directors directly involved with the student.
 - c) The participant will begin serving the period of denial of participation immediately.

APPEALS: The student/parent has the right to appeal the decision of the hearing officer. The principal or his or her designee will hear all appeals.

Procedures for Appeals

1. If an appeal is desired, the student/parent must notify the principal in writing within three (3) school days after the student receives the "Denial of Participation" form.
2. The appeal hearing will be scheduled within five (5) school days of the notification of the principal or his or her designee.
3. The principal or his or her designee will set the date, time and place of the appeal and will notify the student/parent and the hearing officer of it.
4. The appeal hearing will be conducted in accordance with procedures used in general school suspension hearings.
5. The principal or his or her designee will make the final decision after the appeal hearing.
6. The principal's or his or her designee's decision is final.

THE EXTRACURRICULAR POLICY IN RELATION TO THE GENERAL SCHOOL POLICY

The General School Policy I is in effect for all students during school hours from 7:20 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., on school property or carriers, at school-sanctioned events, and as it applies to the "Good Neighbor" Policy.

The Extracurricular Policy is in effect for student participants at all times.

The Extracurricular Policy does not supersede the General School Policy in cases involving policy violations during school hours, on school property, or at school-sanctioned events. In such cases, the Extracurricular Policy is enforced in addition to the General School Policy for those students who are involved in extracurricular activities.

ECOL and DOVER STUDENT SECTION REGULATIONS

The following Dover student section regulations have been approved by all principals of the East Central Ohio League, of which Dover High School is a proud member. These regulations are in effect in all events within the Dover High School gymnasium, as well as in the gyms of all ECOL member schools.

1. All student section fans are prohibited from standing on the gym floor. Students' feet must be on or behind the first row of bleachers. Non-Dover students may be asked to leave the Dover Student Section for any reason.
2. No signs, flags, or banners may be held by students in the student section.
3. Cheerleaders only may use megaphones and signs that are part of a cheer (i.e. "go-fight-win"). Cheerleaders are not permitted to build pyramids or mounts.
4. Mini-trampolines are prohibited.
5. Throws and lifts are prohibited.
6. All spectators are to remain off the gym floor until competing teams and coaches have shaken hands and cleared the floor.
7. All DMS/DHS students should be seated in the Dover student section or with an adult during all athletic events.

All student code of conduct regulations are in effect at all school functions, including athletic events that take place outside of regular school hours. Positive sportsmanship is expected at all times. Students in violation of student section regulations may be denied access to the Dover student section and/or required to sit with a parent in a different section as defined by a school administrator.