

## Watertown School District 14-4

### **STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION**

Students who choose to participate in school activities represent their community and school at public events and performances. Student activity participants are expected to demonstrate year-round behavior that reflects positively on the individual, the school and the community.

At any time year round, regardless of the quantity or how it is provided, students are prohibited from drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages, the use or possession of tobacco and nicotine products, and electronic delivery system devices, and the use or possession of illegal drugs or narcotics. Established school policy and state laws are violated if a student disregards these guidelines. Students who use prescription drugs authorized by a licensed physician do not violate this policy if the student conforms to the prescription and appropriate school policies.

This policy is in effect on or off school property, in District vehicles/buses or at District events.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY - School activities include, but are not limited to, sanctioned athletics, band, cheerleading, chorus, school sponsored clubs, dance, debate, drama, NHS, oral interp, orchestra, royalty candidates, student council, theater, visual arts, and any other student school activities.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY EVENT - A public presentation, performance, competition, or trip associated with participation in a school activity.

STATE LAW REFERENCE – This policy follows SDCL 13-32-9 Participation in Extracurricular Activities.

	1ST VIOLATION	2ND VIOLATION	3RD & SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS
Violations including controlled substances and drugs will follow State Law and District consequences. To count toward the minimum number of school activity events affected by any suspension, the student must participate in the entire season for the school activity and may not drop out or quit to avoid suspension. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one school activity season shall carry over to the next school activity season in which the student participates. If a student commits a second violation, the consequences will be that which is listed for the second violation of the most recent offense. The same rule will apply for any subsequent violations.			
Violations Occurring on or off School Property, in District Vehicles/ Buses or at District Events	<p>Suspension from any school activity events for 14 consecutive calendar days or two (2) events, whichever is greater, not to exceed 25% of the regularly scheduled events for the school activity.</p> <p>If violation is related to alcohol/drugs, the student must participate in a conference with a school counselor and/or prevention staff. This conference will be educational and may require more than one meeting and/or assignments to be completed. The individual would continue to practice during the suspension.</p>	<p>Suspension from any school activity events for 42 consecutive calendar days or six (6) events, whichever is greater, not to exceed 50% of the regularly scheduled events for the school activity. Those school activities with less than six events within a school term will be addressed on a case by case basis for which the student is ineligible to participate.</p> <p>If the second violation is for a drug/alcohol violation, the student will be required to attend an education program recommended by the school counselor and/or prevention staff. The individual would continue to practice during the suspension.</p>	<p>Suspension from any school activity events for 56 consecutive calendar days or eight (8) events, whichever is greater, not to exceed 75% of the regularly scheduled events for the school activity. Those school activities with less than eight events within a school term will be addressed on a case by case basis for which the student is ineligible to participate.</p> <p>If a third violation is for a drug/alcohol violation, the student shall lose eligibility for all activities 1 year from the date of the violation. In order for the student to return to activities the following year, the student shall participate in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or complete an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program.</p>

**REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS:** The above rules apply if the report is made and substantiated by legal authorities, the parent or guardian of the individual or the individual's voluntary admission. The suspension period for a violation begins on the day following notification to a school administrator.

**APPEAL:** If it is believed that a student's rights have been violated, the suspension may be appealed by filing a written request for appeal with the Superintendent within five (5) school days. The Superintendent or designee will respond in writing within five (5) school days. The student will remain ineligible during the appeal process.

**PARTICIPATION IN PRACTICE:** Students are ineligible to participate in any school activity events during the suspension period but are allowed to participate in practices so long as the student is not suspended from class or school.

**RECORD OF VIOLATIONS:** Violations accumulate for one (1) year in middle school (grades 7-8). Violations accumulate for four (4) years in high school (grades 9-12). If a middle school student participates in high school activities, violations accumulate starting when the student's participation begins.

**Policy**

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