



Joint School District No. 2

Student Participation Code of Conduct For Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

I. Code of Conduct

Introduction

Joint School District No. 2 is dedicated to offering an outstanding activities program to the young men and women of this district. It is the district's belief that there should be a proper balance between the academic and activity programs offered in the district. A properly balanced and well-supervised activities program will provide social, emotional, and physical opportunities for those wishing to participate. This district will take the responsibility for providing a program that represents the interests of the majority of its students.

Joint School District No. 2 will adhere to all rules and regulations of the Idaho High School Activities Association.

Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are supplements to the regular instructional programs and afford students opportunities for enrichment. **Participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right.** I.C. § 33-512(12). As representatives of their school and district, students participating in such activities are expected to meet high standards of behavior.

Definition of Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities

Extracurricular Activities are district and/or school authorized activities, which take place outside of the regular school day and do not involve class credit, including, but not limited to athletics, student groups or organizations, and community activities for which high school letters are awarded.

Co-Curricular Activities are district and/or school authorized activities held in conjunction with a accredited class, but taking place outside of the regular school day including, but not limited to, debate, drama, drill team, band or choir.

II. Academic and Attendance Requirements to Participate

The minimum requirements needed to participate in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities will comply with the rules of the Idaho High School Activities Association governing academic eligibility.

Students must be in attendance at school the entire school day in order to participate in extra curricular activities after school or in the evening of that same day. Exceptions include situations beyond the control of the student such as court appearance, bereavement, medical or dental appointments.

III. Extracurricular or Co-curricular Activity Suspension

The district believes that the safety and welfare of other students may be adversely affected when students who are involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities commit major infractions or repeated minor infractions at school or during school activities, and/or are involved in criminal conduct or drug use in any location.

At the beginning of each semester, teachers or coaches of co-curricular courses will identify for students how participation in the co-curricular activity impacts their course grade. Co-curricular students who are suspended as a result of this policy will have the co-curricular course grade affected only if the reason for the suspension was related to course work or course expectations. Students who miss a co-curricular activity because of a suspension may ask to do, or be required to do, alternative assignments or special projects to make up the missed activity.

I. Activity Suspension as a Result of a School Suspension

A student will be immediately suspended from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities when he/she receives a suspension (not including an in-school detention) from school for any reason.

Consequences:

1. The activity suspension is automatic, is for the duration of the school suspension, and runs concurrent with the school suspension.
2. This type of activity suspension cannot be appealed.



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II. Activity Suspension for Repeated Minor Infractions or a Major Infraction During an Activity

A student may be suspended from an extracurricular or co-curricular activity when he/she commits a third minor infraction, or a major infraction, while engaged in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity on any school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, regardless of location. The coach or advisor will recommend suspension to the principal or designee.

Consequences:

1. The student may be given an activity suspension for a period of time up to and including the remainder of the season or duration of the activity in that scholastic year for that activity only.
2. If the activity suspension exceeds nine (9) school days, the parent/guardian may request an appeal as outlined in the Appeal Process at Section V of this document.

III. Activity Suspension for Criminal Conduct or Drug Use in Any Location During the Scholastic Year

A student may be suspended from extracurricular and co-curricular activities when he/she has been arrested or it reasonably appears to the principal or designee that he/she has violated criminal law, other than infractions or minor traffic violations; or has been involved with drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, or drugs, including alcohol or tobacco, in any location, either on or off campus, during the scholastic year.

Consequences:

1. Students may be suspended from any form of extracurricular or co-curricular activity for a period of time to and including the remainder of their attendance in the district.
2. Students involved will be reported to the Superintendent or designee and, if applicable, to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
3. A student and his/her parent/guardian may request an appeal only in those instances where an activity suspension exceeds nine (9) calendar days.
4. Student participants involved with drug use are subject to the provisions of the Drug & Alcohol Policy #502.50.

III. Infractions Which Occur During Out-of-School Trips

During an out-of-school trip, if the authorized person in charge of the activity determines that a student should be sent home early because of criminal conduct, drug use or a major infraction, the authorized person will notify the parent/guardian, and ask him/her to take charge of the return of the student. The parent/guardian will pay any expenses incurred for the return of the student

IV. Informal Hearing Process

Prior to giving an activity suspension to a student, the principal or athletic director shall grant the student an informal hearing regarding the reasons for the activity suspension. If an emergency activity suspension is necessary, an informal hearing will be held as soon as possible after the emergency ceases to exist.

V. Appeal Process

1. A student and their parent/guardian may appeal an activity suspension that exceeds nine (9) school days and is not related to a school suspension.
2. The decision of an appeal panel consisting of school officials is final. The decision cannot be appealed to the Superintendent or Board of Trustees.
3. A student is not allowed to participate during the appeal process.



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General Definitions

Activity Suspension or Suspension from Extracurricular or Co-Curricular Activities means that suspended students shall not travel, dress in uniform, associate or participate with the team or group at its scheduled event(s). Suspended students may be allowed to participate in practices/meetings; however, the principal or designee may deem it necessary for students to be withheld from practices/meetings for the duration of the suspension.

Emergency Activity Suspension is defined as imposition of an activity suspension by a principal or his designee prior to an informal hearing when it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the individual(s) involved and immediate action is appropriate.

Event is defined as a match, game, meet, or other competitive event, including regional and/or state tournaments, competitions. "Event" is also defined as any band or choir performance(s).

Minor Infraction shall mean a minor deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student expectations that occur while the student is engaged in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity and which is not material or substantial. Students will be given notification of the first minor infraction. Students and parents will be given notification of the second minor infraction through a conference and will be informed that a third minor infraction may result in activity suspension.

Major Infraction shall mean a material or substantial deviation for acceptable behavior or stated student expectations which occurs while the student is engaged in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity, including but not limited to insubordination toward or non-compliance with the person in charge of the activity, verbal or physical abuse (hazing, fighting), refusal of a student to identify him/herself to school personnel upon request.

On any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location includes, but not be limited to buildings, facilities, and grounds on the school campus, school buses, school parking areas; and the location of any school-sponsored activity. "On any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location" also includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the school premises but impacts a school related activity.

Scholastic Year is defined as the period of time beginning with the first day of the fall extracurricular and co-curricular activities season and ending with the last day of school.