

Extra- and Co-Curricular Chemical Use Policy

Students participating in extra- and co-curricular activities, whether sponsored by the MHSA or not, shall not use, have in possession, sell, or distribute alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia during the school year. These rules are in effect 24 hours a day. If a student receives an MIP, or is seen using or in possession of tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia the student will forfeit the privilege of participating in all District activities.

Policy Coverage

This policy states that a student shall not (1) use, have in possession, sell, or distribute alcohol, tobacco, drug paraphernalia or illegal drugs, and (2) abuse prescription or non-prescription drugs. This policy is not intended to apply to the use of prescribed drugs, under a doctor's supervision, when those drugs are used in the prescribed manner. This policy applies to junior high and high school students who are involved in the extra- and co-curricular activities program.

Definitions

Possession is defined as the use of a prohibited substance, having a prohibited substance in personal possession, or of knowingly (as defined as a reasonable prudent person would know) being present at a function or gathering where alcohol or illicit drugs is being illegally used.

Drug paraphernalia is defined as all equipment, products, and materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a dangerous drug or as otherwise defined in 45-10-101, MCA.

Policy Duration

This policy is in effect each school year from the date of the first practice for fall activities until the last day of school or until the extracurricular activity concludes in the summer, whichever is later. Violations are cumulative, through the student's period of attendance in grades 7-8 and in grades 9-12. Violations do not carry over from the junior high to high school. The Administration shall publish the participation rules annually in the activities and student handbooks.

First Violation

Self-report: A student who self-reports a first violation within five (5) days to school authorities will be suspended from activities for twenty (20) school days.

A student must:

1. Not be part of any competition.
2. Travel to events with a team.
3. Attend all practices during the suspension at the coach's discretion.

Not Self-report: Suspension from activities for forty-five (45) school days.

A student must:

1. Not be part of any competition.
2. Not travel to any event with a team.
3. Attend practices during the suspension at the coaches discretion.
4. Complete a substance abuse education program as designated by the administration. The financial obligation of this program is completely the responsibility of the individual student.

Second Violation

Suspension from activities for ninety (90) school days.

A student must:

1. Not be part of any competition.
2. Not travel to any event with a team.
3. Attend practices during the suspension at the coaches discretion.
4. Complete a substance abuse education program for a minimum of ten (10) hours as approved by the administration. The financial obligation of this program is completely the responsibility of the individual student.

Third Violation

Suspension from activities for one hundred eighty (180) school days.

A student must:

1. Not be part of any competition.
2. Not travel to any event with a team.
3. Attend practices during the suspension at the coaches discretion.
4. Successfully complete a chemical dependency assessment. The financial obligation of this program is completely the responsibility of the individual student.

Awards and Honors

A student who violates this policy while a member of an athletic team or participant in another extra-curricular or co-curricular activity will not be eligible to receive (including Letters) any awards or honors for the activity. If a student receives an MIP during the extra-curricular or co-curricular activity or athletic season, and the case is adjudicated after the conclusion of the season or activity, the student will relinquish all awards and honors received from Chinook High School while a member of the athletic team, extra-curricular or co-curricular activity.

Student and Parent/Legal Guardian Due Process

If a determination is made that a student has violated this policy, the student, parents and/or guardians shall be notified of the violation by telephone where possible, and also by mail. Also at this time, the student, parents and/or guardians shall be notified of the type of discipline administered.

APPEAL PROCESS: Any parent/legal guardian or student who is aggrieved by the imposition of discipline shall have the right to an informal conference with the principal, for the purpose of resolving the grievance. At such a conference, the student and the parent shall be subject to questioning by the principal, and shall be entitled to question staff involved in the matter being grieved. The student and/or parent may appeal the suspension to the Board for a student extra-curricular suspension hearing. The Board Hearing will be scheduled within ten school days of the start of the suspension.

Legal Reference: 20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions
 45-10-101, MCA Drug paraphernalia

Policy History:

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