

COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular Drug, Tobacco and Alcohol Use

For purposes of these policies and regulations, the following definitions shall apply but not be limited to:

Alcohol: Any liquor, wine, beer or other beverage containing intoxicating substances.

Alternative Nicotine Products—an electronic cigarette or any other product, device or personal vaporizer (e.g., JUUL) that consists of or contains nicotine that can be ingested into the body by any means, including but not limited to chewing, smoking, absorbing, dissolving or inhaling.

Drugs: Any drug, including illegal drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens, cocaine, amphetamines, steroids, barbiturates, marijuana, inhalants, legal prescription and over-the-counter drugs used or possessed or distributed for unauthorized purposes, counterfeit (look-alike) substances and clove cigarettes.

Drug Paraphernalia: Equipment or apparatus designed for or used for the purpose of measuring, packaging, distributing or facilitating the use of drugs, including, but not limited to, pipes, roach clips, syringes, hypodermic needles and cocaine spoons and kits.

Electronic Cigarette—any electronic product, device or personal vaporizer (e.g., JUUL) that produces a vapor that delivers nicotine or any other substance to the person inhaling from the device to simulate smoking and is likely to be offered to or purchased by consumers as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo or electronic pipe.

Tobacco: Any product with tobacco as an ingredient that is smoked, chewed, inhaled or placed against the gums.

Under the Influence: Manifesting signs of substance abuse, such as staggering, reddened eyes, odor of alcohol or drugs, nervousness, restlessness, falling asleep or dosing, memory loss, abusive language or any other behavior or physical appearance normal for the particular student (determination by school authorities as to what constitutes “under the influence” is distinct and separate from any such determination by the courts).

Distributing: Making available to or passing on to another individual, even if not for profit or trade, any alcohol, drug or tobacco products.

Extracurricular/Cocurricular: Those activities sponsored by, supported by, and identified by the Board and are an extension of the “normal” school day. Activities included are: all athletics, instruments and choral groups, student council, drama, cheerleading, all school clubs, school-

sponsored and Board-approved trips and National Honor Society. (Because of the rules of the National Honor Society organization, the student's membership can be retained, but his/her participation will cease.) This list is not all-inclusive. Students must agree to adhere to any additional rules established by the advisor/coach of the activity in which the student participates.

One Calendar Year: One calendar year is defined as 365 days from the date of the infraction.

Leadership Position: Any elected or appointed office in a school-recognized sport, club or activity.

Philosophy

The Board of Education recognizes the value of extracurricular activities in the education process and the values that young people develop when they have the opportunity to participate in an organized activity outside of the traditional classroom.

The Board believes extracurricular activities are an integral and important part in the development of a student's educational program. Participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Students who volunteer to participate in extracurricular activities are expected to accept the responsibility accompanying this privilege of participation by maintaining a higher degree of conduct.

The Board further encourages the development and promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in all phases of the educational process and in all segments of the community, including administrators, participants, adult supervisors, parents, fans, spirit groups and support/booster groups.

The purpose of this policy is to give all students participating in athletic programs and interested persons a guide to the operation of interscholastic extracurricular athletics of the Hilliard City School District. Students participating in athletics will be expected to adhere not only to the specific rules, regulations, policies and procedures set forth in this policy, but also to those special rules set forth for each sport. Students must also adhere to the Ohio High School Athletic Association for eligibility to participate in athletics. In order to be eligible, students must have passed five credits that count toward graduation during the prior grading period. The five credits may be a combination of high school and college courses.

The Board recognizes that the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco has a negative effect on behavior, learning and performance. In addition, such use affects fellow participants, family members and other significant individuals in one's life. The Board further recognizes that representing Hilliard in any contest is a privilege, not a right, that calls for students to demonstrate the highest qualities of leadership and citizenship throughout the entire year. Therefore, a year-round code of conduct is established for students involved in extracurricular events.

Students shall not possess, use, sell, give, or otherwise transmit or be under the influence of any drug, alcohol or tobacco as a member in any school sponsored extracurricular activities during their school career.

This policy is to be subject to enforcement and/or disciplinary action for twelve (12) months of the year. Violations shall be determined on the basis of significant, relevant evidence.

Additionally, offenses in violation of this policy are accumulative:

1. during a student's participation in extracurricular activities at the elementary level (K-6);
2. during a student's participation in extracurricular activities at the middle school level (7-8) and
3. during a student's participation in extracurricular activities at the high school level (9-12).

Elementary school accumulation ends at the conclusion of the sixth grade. Middle school accumulation ends at the conclusion of the eighth grade. High school accumulation begins with ninth grade and concludes with high school graduation.

According to State law, the Superintendent/designee has the option of notifying the registrar of motor vehicles or Franklin County juvenile judge whenever a student is suspended or expelled for drug and/or alcohol possession or abuse. This may result in the loss of the student's driver's license.

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