

Teton County School District
Code of Conduct Guidelines
(Grades 6-12)

Participation in Teton County School District activity programs is a privilege and not a right. We consider health and safety of each student to be our primary concern. Teton County School District reserves the right to take any and all action necessary to protect the immediate health, safety and welfare of an activity participant when a possible violation has occurred. Teton County School District wants the best for each student and expects the most from each student. We believe that every student who chooses to participate in extra-curricular activities makes a special commitment to himself/herself, his/her team, his/her school, and his/her community. This commitment is two-fold: 1) to be the best he/she can be; and 2) to refrain from any behaviors that might inhibit the student performance or team reputation on or off the field or court of play.

Code of Conduct

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Wyoming, I will not possess, sell or use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances. I will also not be involved in the theft, destruction of private or public property, or any other acts which will reduce my ability to be a leader and a positive role model. I understand that this expectation covers the entire period from the first day of the activity/practice through the last scheduled event designated by the coach/advisor. This includes banquet and uniform check in.

Consequences

Violation of the Code of Conduct will result in suspension from contests and/or program. Suspensions will vary for various activities. A step approach will be used to assign suspension periods. For all offenses, the penalty will begin at the next contest of his or her activity season. *If violation occurs at the end of the season and time does not permit the suspension period to be completed, student will complete this in the next activity they participate in. (including the next school year).*

Participants must participate in all practices during the suspension.

Any violation that requires Board action as defined by school policy will result in immediate suspension from practice and competition until a conference between parents, student and appropriate school administration is held.

Voluntary Admission

Participants who through their own actions find themselves in violation of the code may under the following conditions seek a reduction in suspension.

1. Voluntary admission must be within 24 hours of the violation.
2. Must be the participant's first offense.
3. No reduction will occur for offenses under police investigation.
4. Reduction will be determined by Activities Director.

Proactive Choices

Participants need to take positive actions to avoid situations that put their behavior in question. Students, who are present at situations where illegal conduct is occurring, put themselves at risk for disciplinary action.

Notification

At least one parent or guardian must attend a mandatory pre-season meeting with their son or daughter to be informed of this policy prior to the start of any activity or event. The coach/advisor will inform the parent or guardian at the earliest possible time if a violation has occurred.

Infractions

<i>Action</i>	<i>1st Violation</i>	<i>2nd Violation</i>	<i>3rd Violation</i>
Tobacco	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Alcohol	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Drugs/Use	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Drugs/Distribution			Step 3

Theft/Vandalism*	Step will be determined by the severity of the violation.
Harassment*	Step will be determined by the severity of the violation.
Sexual misconduct *	Step will be determined by the severity of the violation.
Detrimental Behavior*	Step will be determined by the severity of the violation

*The Activities Director will confer with the School Resource Officer and school administration to determine step placement.

*A student who has a third violation in one year will become ineligible to participate for the remainder of that school year in any activity.

** Reason for different lengths of suspension are due to number of contests or length of season.

In order to be academically eligible to participate, the following criteria must be met:

High School:

A student must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 core classes. A core class is defined as meeting five times per week.

Academic checks will take place weekly. Each Tuesday, a Powerschool report will be executed, reporting any student failing any core class. A student must be passing all classes in which they are enrolled to remain eligible. By Thursday, the Activities Director or designee will inform any ineligible student and his/her coach of the academic eligibility status and consequence.

The first time a student becomes ineligible, he/she will have an opportunity to make up the missing work and will be placed on an "academic warning" status. On any second and subsequent

academic ineligibility, the result will be loss of participation.

While ineligible, the student is expected to practice, but will not be allowed to "suit up", travel to, or participate in, any game, event, or contest the following Monday through Saturday period. All incompletes will be treated as a failing grade until the replacement grade is given. The Activities Director, for severe illness, family emergencies, or exceptional circumstances, may grant exceptions.

At the end of each semester, academic eligibility for the following semester is determined by the WHSAA (Wyoming High School Activities Association) requirement, which requires a student to have passed at least four core classes and be enrolled in not less than 20 hours a week. If a student has not met the State requirement at semester's end, the student will be ineligible for a complete semester.

Middle School:

Academic checks will take place weekly. Each Monday, a Powerschool report will be executed, reporting any student falling below a 2.0 GPA (C Average). To be eligible for participation, a student must maintain a 2.0 GPA, or higher.

The first time a student becomes ineligible, the student will be placed on an "academic warning" status. While on "academic warning" status, he/she will have an opportunity to raise the grades, while being allowed to participate in any game, event, and/or contest for that week.

After being placed on "academic warning" status, if a student falls below a 2.0 GPA, the result will be loss of participation for that week. While ineligible, the student must attend "Homework Help" after school and then attend practice at the conclusion of "Homework Help." While ineligible, the student will not be allowed to "suit up", travel to, or participate in, any game, event, or contest for that week.

For severe illness, family emergencies, or exceptional circumstances, the Middle School Administration may grant exceptions.

Steps of Ineligibility

STEP	MS Football, MS Swimming, MS Track, MS Wrestling, MS Cross Country	Football, Cross Country, Tennis, Swimming, Golf, Track Soccer, Alpine, Nordic, Wrestling, MS Volleyball, MS Basketball, Dance, Drama	Basketball, Speech, Volleyball, Cheerleading
1	2 Contests	4 Contests	6 Contests
2	Remainder of season	Remainder of season	Remainder of season
3	Ineligible for rest of school year		

Substance Abuse

Participants who violate the code of conduct through the use of tobacco/alcohol/drugs will have the ability to reduce their suspension by attending and completing the Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Education Prevention Program offered through Curran-Seeley or other program approved by school administration. If the student selects this program, their suspension will be reduced by one half for the first violation only. There is a cost to this program, scholarship opportunities will be available. If the student fails to successfully complete this course, the full suspension will be enforced.

Direct Supervision

Any violation that occurs while under the supervision of a coach or advisor will result in the participant being placed on immediate suspension. Parents and/or law enforcement officials will be notified. A meeting will be called with appropriate school officials to determine actions to be taken as soon as possible.

Appeal Process

Each student found in violation of this code of conduct will have the opportunity to meet with the coach/advisor to explain his/her actions. If an appeal of the coach/advisor decision is requested, the student and/or parent may appeal this decision to the activity director. The next and final administrative remedy will be with the school principal.

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