

Board Policy

Code No. 503.4R1

EXTRACURRICULAR BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS REGULATION

BCSD CODE OF CONDUCT: ATHLETIC AND STUDENT CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

The Board of Directors of the Bettendorf Community School District offers a variety of voluntary activities and athletic programs designed to enhance the classroom education of its students.

Participation in Bettendorf Schools Athletic and Co-Curricular Activity Program is a privilege. School athletics and co-curricular activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and abilities in the students during their school years and for a lifetime.

Students who participate in athletics and co-curricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school district through the calendar year, whether away from school or at school. Students who wish to have the privilege of participating in athletics and co-curricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities which are illegal, immoral, or highly inappropriate for students.

Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures. The principal/designee shall keep records of violations of the Code of Conduct.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to adopt rules and regulations for school athletics and co-curricular activities. Students wanting to participate in school athletics and co-curricular activities must meet the requirements set out by the School District for participation in the activity.

ATHLETIC AND CO-CURRICULAR RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Activities and organizations subject to the Good Conduct policies include all athletic programs, non-curricular band and choral activities,* speech, cheerleading, dance/drill team, step team, debate, drama and elected or honorary positions, including class officers, student council officers, Homecoming (and other formal dance) Kings and Queens and all other school activities and organizations wherein students participate on a voluntary basis.

**A curricular band or choral activity is any performance that is required of all band and choir students as part of their grade.*

Advisors and coaches for athletics and co-curricular activities will provide students information on code of conduct. Students will adhere to the Athletic and Co-Curricular Code of Conduct during the school day and out of school, 365 days a year.

To retain eligibility for participation in Bettendorf Athletics and Co-Curricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to the members of the community. There are added responsibilities as role models because they are representing Bettendorf Schools.

Any student who, after an informal hearing at which the student shall be confronted with the allegation, the basis of the allegation, and given an opportunity to tell the student's side, is found to have violated the school's Code of Conduct, will be deemed ineligible for a period of time as described below. A student may lose eligibility under the Code of Conduct for any of the following behaviors:

- Possession, use, sale or purchase of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs under Iowa law or unauthorized possession, use, sale or purchase of otherwise lawful drugs as defined in section 124.101 subsection 5 of the Code of Iowa. The good conduct policies are upheld anywhere in the United States or foreign countries, even where the above actions may be legal.
- Engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted or adjudicated for the act.
- Highly inappropriate or offensive conduct for a student such as assaulting staff or students (fighting), gross insubordination (talking back or refusing to cooperate with authorities), hazing, bullying or harassment of others.
- Committing repeated minor violations or any one serious violation of any written policy, rule or regulation approved by the Board of Education.

The Bettendorf CSD Code of Conduct is in effect 365 days a year. Violations accumulate throughout a student's high school years, grades 9-12.

Local school rules may be more restrictive than those of the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) or the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU). The coach and/or sponsor of each individual activity may issue additional eligibility requirements and regulations.

The school principal may declare a student ineligible for extra-curricular activities if that student displays conduct that is highly inappropriate as a student and/or citizen of the school and the community.

If a student transfers in from another school district and the student has not yet completed a period of ineligibility for a violation of a Good Conduct Rule in the previous school, the student shall be declared ineligible.

Penalties:

Any student who, after an informal hearing before the administration, is found to have violated the Code of Conduct during the school year or summer, is subject to a loss of eligibility as follows:

1. **First Offense** - Suspended for at least 33% of contests or events in the first sport or activity in which they participate.
2. **Second Offense** – Suspended from competition for a minimum of 40 days to a maximum time of 6 months.

Suspension will begin with the first contest or event in which the student would be eligible to participate. Prior to the completion of the initial 30 days of the suspension, a Review Board will determine whether to lift the suspension or continue with it. Input from coaches and the rehabilitation counselors from intervention programs will be sought. Students who fail to comply

with the assessment and subsequent intervention program will remain ineligible and their suspension will be carried out for the maximum 6-month period.

3. **Third Offense** – Suspended for one year. The Review Board (one administrator, the activities director, student’s coach/director, another coach/director not in that sport/activity and a guidance counselor) will decide suspension following an informal hearing.

The period of ineligibility attaches immediately upon a finding of a violation if the student is eligible for and currently engaged in an extracurricular activity. If the student is not then participating in a sport or activity, then the period of ineligibility will begin at the time the student seeks to go out for the next sport or activity.

However, if the period of time between a violation and an activity is twelve calendar months or more, the student shall not serve an ineligibility period for the violation.

Violations Occurring During Ineligibility:

If a student violates the Good Conduct Rule while ineligible due to an earlier violation, the penalty for the subsequent offense will begin at the completion of the earlier penalty.

To Regain Eligibility:

- A. An ineligible student (applies to first and second offense) shall attend all practices or rehearsals but may not “suit up” or perform/participate. If a student drops out of an activity prior to completion of the ineligibility period, the full penalty or the remainder of the penalty, at the administration’s discretion, will attach when the student next seeks to go out for an activity in which the student would typically be a participant subject to the twelve month limitation above (this determination is made solely by the activities director).
- B. Upon conviction, confirmation by school officials, or admission of a drug-related or alcohol-related incident, the student must enroll in screening by C.A.D.S (Center for Alcohol and Drug Services) or other approved agency and complete the evaluation as stipulated by coach and Activities Director. Any cost of screening and rehabilitation is the responsibility of student and /or their parents.
- C. The student must establish and then perform community service with activities director approval.

First Offense: 10 hours of service. Second Offense: 20 hours of service.

Code of Conduct Violation - Length of Suspension

| <u>Sport</u> | <u># of contests</u> | <u>33%</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Cross Country | 10 | 4 |
| Swimming | 12 | 4 |
| Volleyball | 14 | 5 |
| Football | 9 | 3 |
| Golf | 12 | 4 |
| Basketball | 21 | 7 |
| Wrestling | 15 | 5 |
| Tennis | 12 | 4 |
| Track | 12 | 4 |

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| Soccer | 15 | 5 |
| Softball | 40 | 14 |
| Baseball | 40 | 14 |
| Goldusters | 9 | 3 |
| Cheerleading, Drama and Debate (Length of ineligibility will be determined by the Coach, Sponsor and Administrator based on the number of events.) | | |

Academic Consequences:

There will be no academic consequences for the violation (e.g., detention, suspension, expulsion from school, or grade reduction/withholding) unless the violation of the Code of Conduct occurred (a) on school grounds, (b) at a school event regardless of location, or (c) the violation has a direct and immediate negative impact on the efficient operation of the school despite occurring off school grounds/time.

Appeals:

Any student who is found by the administration to have violated the Code of Conduct may obtain review of this determination by the building principal by contacting the principal within (5) business days of being advised of the violation. The penalty will be in effect until reversed.

If the student is still dissatisfied, they may seek further review by contacting the superintendent within (5) business days of the principal's decision.

If the student is still dissatisfied, he or she may seek further review by the school board by filing a written appeal with the Superintendent's administrative assistant at least (2 business days) prior to the next board meeting. A special meeting of the board will not be called. The review by the board will be in closed session unless the student's parent (or the student, if the student is 18 years old) requests an open session. The grounds for review by the school board are limited to the following: the student did not violate the Good Conduct Rule; the student was given inadequate due process in the investigation and determination; or the penalty is in violation of the Handbook Rule or Board Policy. The penalty will remain in effect pending the outcome of the meeting with the board.

If the school board reverses the decision of the administration, the student shall be immediately eligible and shall have any record of the ineligibility period and violation deleted from the student's record.

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