

Board Policy

Code No. 503.4R1

EXTRACURRICULAR BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS REGULATION 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 anywhere in the United States or foreign countries, even where the actions may be legal.

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 (including, e-cigs, vaporizing pens etc), 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 citation or conviction in the criminal or juvenile court system.
- 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 (IHSA) 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 be evaluated by C.A.D.S (Center for Alcohol and Drug Services) or other approved agency and complete any recommended treatment. Any cost of evaluation and treatment is the responsibility of student and /or their parents. Documentation of completion by the agency must be provided to the District.
- 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
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 Good Conduct Rule may obtain review of this determination by the Appeal Panel by contacting the principal within three (3) business days of being advised of the violation. The penalty will be in effect until and unless it is reversed by the appeal panel or building principal.

A three-member panel shall review the case. The review panel shall be appointed by the principal within two (2) days of the appeal and shall consist of three (3) school staff members not involved with the case. One of these three (3) staff members may be chosen by the student

and/or parent/guardian, if desired. Students and parent/guardian shall be notified when and where the review panel will meet, and they shall be allowed to appear before the review panel. The panel shall meet within a period of three (3) days of their appointment by the principal. The review panel shall consider the circumstances and evidence and make its findings and recommendation in writing to the student and parent/guardian and to the school principal within two (2) days. After hearing the facts of the case, the review panel may reduce the period of suspension, retain the period of suspension or raise the period of suspension. Responsibility for the building-level appeal rests solely and finally with the principal of the school.

Following the decision, a student and/or parent/guardian shall be given three (3) school days to file a written appeal with the Superintendent. The appeal shall be heard at the earliest feasible opportunity, but not later than seven (7) days following the filing of the appeal. The Superintendent shall consider the circumstances and evidence and make findings and recommendation in writing to the student and parent/guardian and to the school principal within two (2) days. After hearing the facts of the case, the Superintendent may reduce the period of suspension, retain the period of suspension or raise the period of suspension. Responsibility for the district-level appeal rests solely and finally with the Superintendent.

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