

**ELIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY HANDBOOK**

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Your Athletic Eligibility by OHSAA

FORMS

OHSAA Preparticipation Physical Form
OHSAA Authorization Form (HIPAA)
OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statement
ELS Informed Consent to Participate
ELS Waiver of Liability
ELS Two Sport Participation Agreement Form

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in athletics can add a dimension to the educational process. All students are encouraged to participate in the extracurricular activity of their choice. This participation may develop into skills that can serve future health, social and physical well being.

Elida Local Schools is a member of the OHSAA and must abide by all rules and regulations set forth by OHSAA. The eligibility standards of OHSAA have been adopted by the member schools.

SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The High School Principal and the Middle School Principal are responsible for athletic eligibility of athletes, cheerleaders, student trainers, and managers in the respective buildings as outlined in the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Elida Board of Education policies.
2. Athlete's grades and academic performance are monitored at least once each estimate throughout the school year.
3. Eligibility procedures:

HIGH SCHOOL

- A. To be eligible, you must be enrolled in and have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. Incoming freshmen enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75% of those subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.
- B. Accumulative GPA of 1.50 establishes eligibility unless the student falls below 1.00 during the previous nine-week period. In that event, the student will be ineligible until a 1.00 nine-week period GPA is achieved.
- C. A student with an accumulative GPA below a 1.50 may gain eligibility for a nine-week period providing that student attains a 1.25 GPA during the preceding nine-week period.
- D. A student who receives an "F" maintains his eligibility providing all other requirements (A, B, & C) are met.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- A. Each athlete must be passing 75% of his/her classes that meet five days per week or its equivalent. Eligibility is determined by the preceding grading period.
- B. Accumulative GPA of 1.50 establishes eligibility unless the student falls below 1.00 during the previous twelve-week period. In that event, the student will be ineligible until a 1.00 twelve-week period GPA is achieved.

- C. A student with an accumulative GPA below a 1.50 may gain eligibility for a twelve-week period providing that student attains a 1.25 GPA during the proceeding twelve-week period.
 - D. A student who receives an “F” maintains his eligibility providing all other requirements (A, B, & C) are met.
4. The rules set forth by the OHSAA, WBL, and Elida Board of Education for eligibility shall serve as a minimum standard. A student who quits or is dismissed from a sport will not be allowed to participate in another sport until the completion of the sport in which the athlete had participated. The start of the season begins with the first scrimmage or contest, whichever comes first.

Student-athletes have the opportunity to participate in two sports in the same season as long as the following conditions are met:

- A. The athlete must have approval from the Principal and/or Athletic Director, both head coaches of the sports of interest and their parents/guardians. The Two Sport Participation Agreement Form must be completed.
- B. Games take precedence over practices.
- C. Cheerleading is included as a sport.
- D. The athlete must make intentions known of interest in participating in two sports at least two weeks prior to the first State declared practice date.

SECTION II – OHSAA REGULATIONS

1. SCHOLARSHIP

Scholastic requirements to participate in interscholastic athletics will be as follows: Bylaw 4-4-1 of the OHSAA Constitution – “In order to be eligible, a student in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in subjects that earn a minimum of 5.0 credits per year towards graduation.” **This has been interpreted to mean that a student must be enrolled in and attending at least one class at Elida, and passing two and one-half units of credit each nine-week estimate.**

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed 75% of these subjects carried the preceding grading period that met five days per week or its equivalent.

It should also be noted that credits earned during summer school **CANNOT** be applied toward athletic eligibility.

2. RESIDENCE

Eligibility is determined by the Ohio school district of residence of parent(s)/guardian. **When there has been a change of custody, the student must reside in the same school district with the legal guardian.**

3. CHANGING SCHOOLS

If a student transfers after the first day of the student's ninth grade year from a non-public to a public school, from a public to a public school, or from a non-public to a non-public school, the student will be ineligible for one year from the date of enrollment. See OHSAA Bylaw 4-7-2 for exceptions. **Always check with your school principal or athletic director before you change schools to determine whether it will affect your eligibility.**

4. SEMESTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

When enrolled in grade 9 for the first time, all students have eight (8) semesters of athletic eligibility taken in order of attendance whether participation does or does not occur.

5. AGE LIMITATIONS

Grades 9-12: Nineteen (19) years of age prior to August 1, declares a student ineligible that school year. This includes ineligibility for participation in contests prior to the opening of that school year.

Grades 7-8: Fifteen (15) years of age prior to August 1, declares a student ineligible that school year. A student who is fifteen years of age prior to August 1 is eligible to participate in athletics in grades 9-12. The Principal should be consulted for procedures to follow.

6. AWARDS

Athletes may receive an award or merchandise as a result of participation in interscholastic athletics from any source (school or non-school), provided the value does not exceed \$200.00 per award or merchandise.

7. COMPETING UNDER A NAME OTHER THAN THEIR OWN OR FALSIFYING AN ADDRESS

Competing under a name other than one's own or falsifying an address would render all students immediately ineligible.

8. RECRUITING OF ATHLETES

Ineligibility will result if an athlete is influenced by a person or group of persons to change schools. It may also affect the eligibility of the school's athletic teams.

9. SPORT CAMPS/INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

Athletes in all OHSAA recognized sports are subject to instructional program regulations. These include:

- A. Camps, clinics, workshops, etc., that involve team play may be attended from June 1 – July 31 only. Team play is defined as any activity of individuals with more than one player.
- B. Individual skill instruction may be received at any time in individual or group lessons.
- C. There is no limit on the number of players from the same school participating on the same team from June 1 – July 31.
- D. An athlete may have no contact in an instructional program with the school coaching staff except during the season of the sport or for 10 days from June 1 – July 31.
- E. Members of a football squad may play in non-contact football contests and attend non-contact team football camps from June 1 – July 31. Football helmets and shoes may be worn.

10. NON-INTERSCHOLASTIC PARTICIPATION

Bylaw 10-3-3 allows athletes to participate in non-interscholastic competition **prior to and after the school season** during the school year under the following conditions:

- A. The number of players from the same school squad (roster) is limited to:

Soccer	5	Volleyball	3
Football	5	Basketball	2
Baseball & Softball	4		

This rule is not in effect from June 1 to July 31. Football squad members are prohibited from non-interscholastic participation **except** from June 1 – July 31.

- B. A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic team in a national qualifying tournament after July 31 until the team is eliminated, but no later than Labor Day.
- C. During the school year, outside the school's sport season, an athlete may try out, practice, and compete in a non-interscholastic program **except in football**.
- D. Participation in a non-interscholastic contest while a member of a school squad in the same sport is **PROHIBITED**. An athlete becomes a member of a school squad by participating in an interscholastic contest (scrimmage, preview, or regular season contest).
- E. An athlete may have no contact with the school coaching staff in a non-interscholastic program except from June 1 – July 31.

PENALTY: The penalty for violation during the school season for any athlete is ineligibility for the remainder of the school season. The maximum penalty for violation of the out-of-season regulations for any athlete, except a senior, is ineligibility for the ensuing season; for a senior, ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.

11. USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

The use of any form of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs is prohibited at the playing site of an interscholastic contest. The penalty is disqualification from that contest (see Extracurricular Code of Conduct).

12. STERIODS

A student who has used anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

13. STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONDUCT PENALTY

Student participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Student athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner at all times.

Any student ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day, as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection (one contest in football). If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the bench, enter the locker room, or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during, or traveling after the contest(s).

A student who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport.

It is the responsibility of the local school authorities that this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory.

14. STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORMS

All athletes must complete a student participation form and pass a physical examination before they practice for a school sport. Consult with the building Principal or Athletic Director for the procedure to follow. Physical examinations are valid for one calendar year.

CHEERLEADERS

Cheerleaders are athletes and are subject to any and all rules and regulations that cover other athletic teams.

SECTION III - ELIDA EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

The following Extracurricular Code of Conduct governs all extracurricular activities including, but not limited to, the following organizations: mascot, cheerleaders, pep band, swing choir, drill team, student council, class officers, clubs, all athletic teams, school-sponsored plays, and musicals.

PHILOSOPHY

The most important goal of the Elida Local School District's extracurricular program is to provide every participant the opportunity to grow mentally, morally, physically, and emotionally. To assure that the program can provide these opportunities, a degree of self-discipline is required of each participant. Self-discipline involves compliance with rules and regulations concerning personal behavior.

Rules promote order and safety, and assist participants to reach maximum performance potential. Every participant should adhere to the rules of the school, and conduct himself or herself as a "good citizen" of that school and the community at all times. Dedication and personal sacrifice by each participant promotes a sense of group unity and common goals.

Compliance with the rules can help each participant learn values that carry beyond the extracurricular program and into daily living. In addition, research has shown that use/misuse and abuse of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol have harmful effects on the social and intellectual development of children and youth, and on their mental, physical, and emotional health. **Therefore, regulations concerning tobacco, drugs, and alcohol will be in effect for all athletes and other extracurricular program participants at all times, including summers, while enrolled as students in grades 7 through 12 in the Elida Local School District.**

It must also be remembered that participation in extracurricular programs is not a right, but a privilege that may be regulated. Therefore, all students who participate in interscholastic athletics or other extracurricular program activities, at anytime, must meet the following regulations from date of enrollment or date of participation, whichever comes first. Failure to comply with the regulations could jeopardize a student's extracurricular program.

In order to make students and parents aware of expectations, it is required that each coach or advisor discuss these regulations with parents and students prior to the student's participation in an activity. Participants and parents, together with coaches and advisors, are expected to attend.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

In order to be a candidate and to maintain the status as a participant in an extracurricular activity, the participant must adhere to the following general regulations:

1. Comply with all eligibility requirements of the Elida Local School District and any governing agency, such as the Ohio High School Athletic Association, including, but not exclusive to, those requirements pertaining to age, scholarship, residency, and attendance.

2. A participant who has been assigned an in-school or out-of-school suspension is not eligible to participate in practices or games and matches during the suspension.
3. A participant who has exhibited behavior that has resulted in an out-of-school suspension of five or more days, or expulsion from school under Section 3313.66 O.R.C. is not eligible to participate in extracurricular activities during the period of expulsion or suspension. In addition, any suspension of five days or greater, or expulsion during the current school year, may result in the participant being denied participation in the extracurricular activity for one calendar year.
4. Do not use and/or possess tobacco in any form (i.e., cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, etc.) at any time.
5. The participant must abide by the Student Code of Conduct; repeated infractions of school rules or chronic incorrigible behavior may result in denial of participation for one calendar year.
6. Do not sell, distribute, use or exhibit evidence of use, and/or possess drugs (narcotics, hallucinogens, intoxicants, or counterfeit drugs), controlled substances, anabolic steroids, alcohol, or other intoxicants at anytime.

A participant shall not exhibit, manifest or reflect any symptoms, signs, or evidence or manifestation of such use or consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance, including but not limited to, smell or odor of alcohol or chemical, reddened eyes, or any other sign or condition which a reasonable person would associate with the use or consumption of alcohol or a controlled substance.

7. It is recommended that participants avoid social functions where drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are being used in violation of civil law.
8. A self-referral is a participant who voluntarily identifies himself or herself as someone who uses tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol, prior to being identified through other means.
9. Must not be convicted of any criminal statute. The exception would be vehicle violations that do not include alcohol or drugs.
10. Behave in a manner that reflects positively on the school and his/her activity.
11. Comply with all reasonable additional training rules or other requirements set by the coach/advisor of the activity.
12. Participants are required to attend school the last four periods of the day (anything that deviates from the normal school day will be left up to the discretion of the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students) to be eligible to practice or participate on any given school day.
13. Financial obligations resulting from equipment fees, replacement of lost or stolen equipment, and/or unpaid balance from sales projects, must be paid prior to participation in any present or future extracurricular program activity.

14. In activities that require a physical examination, an OHSAA Pre-Participation Physical Form must be completed by the parent(s)/guardian and a physician. The Physical Form, OHSAA Authorization Form, OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statement, and Waiver of Liability Form must all be turned in to the coach/advisor before a student can participate in any activity.

15. Membership in Extracurricular Activities:

- A. Shall be limited to students enrolled as full-time students of the building/Apollo to which the activity is assigned.
- B. May be determined by election of the student body or members of the faculty according to the provisions stated in the constitution of that activity.
- C. May be determined by tryout by the advisor, teacher, or coach.
- D. May be limited to students honored by academic achievement.
- E. May be limited to students by grade level.
- F. May be limited to students by age.
- G. May be limited to students who demonstrate predetermined levels of competition or achievement.

16. Students will NOT participate in any conditioning, practice, or compete in any extracurricular activity until the participant and parent(s)/guardian have read and signed the OHSAA Authorization Form, OHSAA Eligibility and Authorization Statement, Informed Consent to Participate Form and the Waiver of Liability Form and returned the forms to the extracurricular activity advisor or coach. A current student physical must also be on file before participation.

17. The above rules apply to the High School and Middle School in the Elida Local School District.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- 1. When a student is in suspected violation of any rules listed in the Elida Board of Education Extracurricular Code of Conduct and/or the Student Code of Conduct, the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students shall be notified. The student's coach/advisor shall be notified by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students.
- 2. The Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students should meet with the student to discuss the concern as soon as practicable. Students will be given the opportunity to tell their side of the incident. A written notice that the program will no longer be open to the student should be given at the meeting, if applicable. A copy of the notice will then be submitted to the building Principal and the coach/advisor.

3. Following the written notice of “Denial of Participation” and upon appeal by the student-athlete and/or parent(s)/guardian, an Appeals Committee will be convened. The Appeals Committee, appointed by the Principal will consist of an administrator, the Athletic Director, two teachers, the student’s guidance counselor, and the school’s Drug Free Coordinator. At the appeal, both a representative of the school and the student and/or parent(s)/guardian will have an opportunity to present any circumstances pertinent to the incident. Using this information and the guidelines as established in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct, the Appeals Committee will offer a written report and recommendation for disposition to the building Principal within three school days of the hearing.
4. Within three school days of receipt of the recommendation of the Appeals Committee, the Principal will issue a judgment, in writing if requested, to all parties.
5. The Principal’s decision may be appealed to the Board of Education or its designee. A request for an appeal must be sent in writing by certified mail to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within five calendar days of the decision notification. The appeal should state the exact reason the decision is being appealed. The final authority regarding a student’s right to participate in extracurricular activities will be reserved for the Board of Education or its designee.

SECTION IV – STUDENT ALCOHOL/DRUG/TOBACCO GUIDELINES

Because of the adverse effects of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol and the Elida Board of Education’s commitment toward prevention/intervention, if a student is found in violation of the regulations concerning such, the coach’s/advisor’s recommendations for penalty assessment shall follow the guidelines as listed below.

A self-referral is a participant who voluntarily identifies himself or herself as someone who uses tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol, prior to being identified through other means.

TOBACCO

In accordance with Rule #4 of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct for the Elida Local Schools, possession or use of tobacco in any form, is a violation of the Code and will result in the following consequences:

FIRST VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation for the first time shall be prohibited from participation for 33% of their extracurricular activities, based on the regular duration of those activities. If the student agrees to participate in a tobacco education program approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, the penalty shall be reduced to 10% of the extracurricular activities. Refusal or failure to comply will result in application of the 33% penalty. The student may practice with his/her activity group, but may not travel with the group or sit with the group during competitions or performances. All training rules and regulations of the activity must be followed by the participant.

2. **Self-Referral Policy:** If a student needs assistance for dealing with a tobacco problem by self-referral to their coach/advisor, Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, and they agree to participate in a tobacco education program approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, there shall be NO prohibition from extracurricular activities. Refusal or failure to successfully complete the tobacco education program will result in the full 33% penalty. Self-referrals which result in no prohibition from participation are still considered first violations. A self-referral is a participant who voluntarily identifies himself or herself as someone who uses tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol, prior to being identified through other means.

SECOND VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation for the second time shall be prohibited from participation for 50% of their extracurricular activities based on the regular duration of those activities. If the student agrees to participate in a tobacco education program approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, the penalty shall be reduced to 33% of the extracurricular activities. Refusal or failure to successfully complete the tobacco education program shall result in application of the full 50% penalty.
2. If a student seeks assistance for dealing with a tobacco problem by self-referral to his/her coach/advisor, Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, after having a first violation on their record, it is considered a second violation. If they agree to participate in a tobacco education program approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, the prohibition from participation in extracurricular activities shall be reduced to 10% of the activity duration. Refusal or failure to successfully complete the tobacco education program will result in the full 50% penalty. A self-referral is a participant who voluntarily identifies himself or herself as someone who uses tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol, prior to being identified through other means.

THIRD VIOLATION:

1. A student found to be in violation for the third time shall be prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities for one calendar year from the date of violation. Any additional violations will be treated the same as third violations.
2. After six months from the date of the third violation has passed, the student may petition the Appeals Committee of the school to once again participate in extracurricular activities. The student shall have the opportunity to present to the Appeals Committee any evidence (such as participation in tobacco education programs, no smoking/no tobacco support groups, quit smoking clinics, etc.) he/she has that may indicate a continued successful effort to cope with his/her tobacco problem. The application for reentry into Extracurricular Code of Conduct for Elida shall be reviewed by the Appeals Committee, taking into consideration the student's age, maturity, and history of appropriate behavior since the disapproval of the petition shall be made by the Appeals Committee. The building Principal shall inform the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian in writing of the decision.
3. All costs for assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, or counseling for a tobacco-related problem shall be the responsibility of the student.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

SALE OR DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with Rule #5 of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct for Elida, a student selling or distributing drugs (narcotics, hallucinogens, anabolic steroids, alcohol or other intoxicants at any time is in violation of the Code and is subject to the following consequences:

FIRST VIOLATION:

1. A student found to be in violation will be immediately prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities for a minimum of one calendar year from the date of violation.
2. The Principal or his/her designee will contact the parent(s)/guardian of the student in violation.
3. The Principal or his/her designee will notify the Allen County Sheriff's Department and/or the Elida Police Department. All evidence and pertinent information shall be submitted to the proper authorities.
4. The school's regular Code of Conduct will be immediately implemented under Rule #6 of the Elida Student Code of Conduct.
5. After an initial ten-month period with no participation in extracurricular activities, the student may petition the Appeals Committee of the school to once again participate in extracurricular activities. The student must furnish evidence to the Appeals Committee or successful completion or continued successful participation in drug/alcohol rehabilitation and/or counseling program approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students. Application for reentry into extracurricular activities shall be reviewed by the Appeals Committee, taking into consideration the student's age, maturity, and history of appropriate behavior since the initial violation. A recommendation of approval or disapproval of the petition shall inform the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian in writing of the decision.

SECOND VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation for the second time shall be indefinitely prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities.
2. After an initial 12-month period following the second violation with no participation in extracurricular activities, the student may once again petition the Appeals Committee of the school to participate in extracurricular activities. The student must furnish evidence to the Appeals Committee of successful completion or continued participation in a drug/alcohol rehabilitation and/or counseling program approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students. Application for reentry into extracurricular activities shall be reviewed by the Appeals Committee, taking into consideration the student's age, maturity, and history of appropriate behavior since the initial violation. A recommendation of approval or disapproval of the petition shall be made by the Appeals Committee. The Principal shall inform the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian in writing of the decision.

THIRD VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation for the third time shall be permanently prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities.

POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

In accordance with Rule #6 of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct of Elida Local Schools, except for supervised, doctor prescribed medications, a student exhibiting evidence of use, buying, using, or possessing drugs (narcotics, hallucinogens, intoxicants, or counterfeit drugs), controlled substances, anabolic steroids, alcohol, or other intoxicants at any time, is in violation of the Code and is subject to the following consequences:

FIRST VIOLATION

1. If a student is found to be in violation, the student will be immediately denied participation in extracurricular activities for one calendar year from the date of violation.
2. If the student in violation agrees to go through professional drug/alcohol assessment approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, and to follow the professional assessment recommendations, the penalty may be reduced to 33% of the student's activities, based on the recommendation of the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students.

Participation in practice may be allowed at the discretion of the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, but the student may not travel with his/her activity group or sit with the group during competition or performances. The participant must follow all training rules and requirements of the activity.

Refusal or failure to successfully complete the professional assessment recommendations will result in the full year's penalty.

3. **Self-Referral Policy:** If a student seeks assistance for dealing with a drug or alcohol problem by self-referral to their coach/advisor, Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, and agrees to participate in the professional assessment, approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, there shall be NO prohibition from extracurricular activities. Refusal or failure to follow through with the recommendations of the professional assessment will result in the full year denial of participation. Self-referrals that result in no prohibition from participation are still considered first violations. A self-referral is a participant who voluntarily identifies himself or herself as someone who uses tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol, prior to being identified through other means.

SECOND VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation for the second time shall be indefinitely denied participation in extracurricular activities. After an initial 12-month period following the second violation with no participation in extracurricular activities, the student may petition the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students of the school to participate in extracurricular activities. The student shall have the opportunity to furnish evidence to those individuals that an

approved drug/alcohol assessment program has been successfully completed or that the student is in an approved counseling program.

Application for reentry into extracurricular activities shall be reviewed by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, taking into consideration the student's age, maturity, and history of appropriate behavior since the initial violation. A recommendation of approval or disapproval of the petition shall be made to the Principal, by the Dean of Students and Athletic Director. The Principal shall inform the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian in writing of the decision.

2. If a student seeks assistance for dealing with a drug or alcohol problem by self-referral to his/her coach/advisor, Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students after having a first violation on their record, it is considered a second violation. If the student agrees to participate in a professional assessment approved by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students, and agrees to follow the assessment recommendations, the penalty may be reduced by the Appeals Committee to a period of not less than six months from the date of violation. Refusal or failure to follow through with the professional assessment recommendations will result in the full year suspension. Self-referrals which result in reduced prohibition from participation are still considered second violations. A self-referral is a participant who voluntarily identifies himself or herself as someone who uses tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol, prior to being identified through other means.

THIRD VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation for the third time shall be permanently prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities.

EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants, parent(s)/guardian, and advisors/coaches are directed to read all rules and regulations.

The regulations for extracurricular activities are separate, above, and beyond any consequences invoked by normal school disciplinary codes.

Regulations concerning tobacco, drugs, and alcohol are in effect for the full calendar year.

Any remaining percentages of penalties for violations of tobacco, drug, and alcohol regulations not served in the regular activity duration shall be recalculated by the Principal, Athletic Director and/or Dean of Students and applied toward the next extracurricular sport/activity in which the student participates.

In order to maintain the status as a participant in an extracurricular activity, the student must not have violated any one or more of the rules of conduct outlined in the Code of Conduct for extracurricular activities. All costs for professional assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, or counseling shall be the responsibility of the student.

Violations are cumulative from grades 7 through 8 and grades 9 through 12, with respect to the level of violation (first, second, third).