

CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ACTIVITY RULES

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School Activity Rules

Definitions:

School activities: School activities include, but are not limited to, athletics, band, cheerleading, clubs, dance, debate, drama, drill team, National Honor Society, oral interpretation, orchestra, royalty candidates, student council, vocal, FFA, FCCLA, and any other student activities.

School Activity Event: A public presentation, performance, competition, or trip associated with participation in a school activity.

ACTIVITY RULES DISCIPLINE PLAN

Student participation in school activities is a privilege, not a right. Students who choose to participate in school activities are expected to positively represent their school and community by demonstrating appropriate behavior year round.

Any middle school or high school student wishing to participate in school activities shall not possess, sell, dispense, or use tobacco as defined by School District policy JFCH; shall not use a controlled or mood-altering substance, such as steroids, marijuana, inhalants, alcohol, and other drugs: or commit any offense against a person or against property resulting in any legal action including probation or entering a diversion program.

These activity rules will be enforced the entire year, including the summer months regardless of whether or not the student is participating in an activity at the time. A student who violates this regulation shall be ineligible to participate according to the activity rules listed below.

An effort should be made to assist students who seek help for a chemical dependency problem. Students with no identified violation will not be penalized if they voluntarily enter a treatment program and abstain. If, while in this program, they violate the rules, they will be penalized the same as any other student. In addition, shall a student self-report a violation within 48 hours of occurrence and before the court system notifies the school, the student's ineligibility period will be reduced.

1. The following activity rules apply for all students participating in school activities whether the offence occurs in a school, on school property, in District vehicles or buses, at District events, or away from District property. The activity rules discipline plan applies to all students participating in athletics, band, cheerleading, clubs, dance, debate, drama, drill team, National Honor Society, oral interpretation, orchestra, royalty candidates, student council, vocal, FFA, FCCLA, and any other student activities.
2. **Consequences:** Violations shall accumulate for all years in school (grades 7-12). Students, who, after completing the suspension for their first violation, have no other activity rule violation for twelve consecutive months, will be given an opportunity to recover by starting over with a clean record with no violations counted against them. This opportunity only applies once in a student's school career (7-12). The opportunity for a clean record does not apply to a suspension for a drug conviction.

The suspension period for an activity rules violation begins on the date of the next school activity event in which the student is involved. The suspension period for a drug conviction is twelve calendar months from the date of the conviction.

The consequences listed below are minimums only. The administrator and coach or activity supervisor may enforce a more severe penalty, which may include termination from activities if the violation warrants it. In order to satisfy the consequences of an activity violation, a student must continue to participate in the activity after the suspension is completed, until the end of that activity season.

Students who have not satisfied the consequence of an activity rules violation will not be allowed to begin an activity after the end of the first week of school for activities beginning at the start of the school year or after the first two weeks of practice for activities beginning after the start of the school year.

A. First violation:

- 1 After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall not participate in any school activity event in which the student is a participant for two events or fourteen consecutive calendar days whichever is greater. Consecutive events on the same day are regarded as one event.
- 1 The suspension for an alcohol/drug violation will be reduced to one event or seven consecutive calendar days, whichever is greater if the student and at least one parent participate in drug/alcohol evaluation and attend every session for the Canton School District Drug Prevention Program as well as self-report the violation to the principal and/or AD within 48 hours of occurrence and before legal notification.
- 1 The suspension for a tobacco violation will be reduced to ONE event or seven consecutive calendar days, whichever is greater if the student participates in every session of a District approved tobacco education class.

Marijuana or Other Drug Convictions:

After conviction for the first marijuana or other drug violation, the student shall not participate in any school activity or activity event for the period of 30 calendar days from the date of the conviction and ineligible for a minimum of two SDHSAA sanctioned events if the student participates in an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. If the student does not complete the program, the student will be suspended for twelve calendar months.

B. Second Violation:

- 1 After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall not participate in any school activity event in which the student is a participant for a minimum of six events or forty-two consecutive calendar days whichever is greater.
- 1 If the second violation is for an alcohol/drug violation, the suspension will be reduced to THREE events or twenty-one consecutive calendar days whichever is greater if the student and at least one parent participate in a drug/alcohol evaluation and attend every session of the Canton School District Drug Prevention Program as well as self-report the violation to the principal and/or AD within 48 hours of occurrence and before legal notification.
- 1 If the second violation is for a tobacco violation, the suspension will be reduced to THREE events or twenty-one consecutive calendar days, whichever is greater if the student participates in every session of a District approved tobacco education class as well as self-report the violation to the principal and/or AD within 48 hours of occurrence and before legal notification.

Marijuana or Other Drug Convictions:

After conviction for the second marijuana or other drug violation, the student shall not participate in any school activity or activity event for 60 calendar days if the student completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. If the student does not complete the program, the student will be suspended for twelve calendar months.

C. Third Violation:

- 1 After confirmation of the third alcohol/drug or tobacco violations, the student shall not participate in any school activity for twelve calendar months. The student will not be eligible for activity awards during the twelve-month period.
- 1 The twelve-month suspension from activities will be reduced and eligibility for activity awards will be reinstated under the following conditions:

1) If the third violation is for any drug violation, the suspension will render the student ineligible for the remainder of his or her high school period.

2) If the third violation is for a tobacco or alcohol, the suspension will be reduced to a minimum of sixty days if the student completes an intensive tobacco use cessation program. The student must successfully complete the tobacco use cessation program prior to becoming eligible to participate in activities or becoming eligible for activity awards.

3) Expenses incurred for participation in tobacco education classes and drug prevention or treatment programs are the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian, unless the program is offered at no cost or reduced cost by the district.

4) The administration and coach/activity supervisor may require students who have committed a first or second violation of activity rules to attend practice sessions provided the student is not In-School suspended (ISS), Suspended After School (SAS), or Out of School Suspended (OSS). All ISS, SAS, and OSS obligations must be completed prior to participation in any practice, competition, performance, or activity.

5) If a student is under penalty and not allowed to participate in an activity event, that student will not travel to or dress for any district, region, or state competition, or any event that requires an overnight stay. Regular season events will be handled at the discretion of the administrator and coach.

6) If the violation occurs at school, at a school event, on school property, or while under the supervision of the coach/activity advisor, current school board policy applies.

7) If a student is suspended from a school activity event that also is a graded activity to meet a course requirement, the student will have the opportunity to completely make up the grade for that activity event. The makeup work must be arranged with the activity advisor.

8) The following steps must be taken prior to suspending a student from an activity event:

- 1 The principal must inform the student of the rule, regulation, or policy that has been allegedly violated.
- 1 The student will be given an opportunity to answer the charges and present evidence on his or her behalf.
- 1 The principal shall render a decision as soon as possible after reviewing the case.

9) Upon suspending a student, if possible, the principal shall provide oral notices of the suspension to the student's parents or guardian. The principal shall also provide written notice to the parents or guardian

10) In the event the student or parents believe the student's rights have been violated, they may appeal the principal's decision within five school days to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee has five school days to respond to the appeal. The student will remain ineligible during the appeal process.

D. Fourth Violation:

Any fourth violation of these activity rules will result in the complete removal of the student from activities during the remainder of the student's enrollment in the Canton School District.

Addendum:

School Activity Rules

Number One: Students participating in school activities are required to conduct themselves with respect for themselves and others through their actions, language, and dress. Students who choose to participate in school activities represent their community and school at public events and performances. Student activity participants are expected to demonstrate behavior that reflects positively on the individual, the school, and the community year round. The superintendent is directed to formulate administrative regulations, which will implement this policy.

Number Two: Any student who transfers to the Canton School system must serve any and all punishments for violations of tobacco, alcohol, and drug offenses accumulated at a previous school system. There shall be no exceptions to this policy.

Number Three: Reporting Procedures: Community members, school employees, and other citizens may report violations to the appropriate school authorities. School authorities will determine guilt based on a standard of the preponderance of the evidence. Police reports will also be accepted.

Number Four: If violations in these policies occur, a student will not receive an official school award or letter for any activities in which a suspension is served. In addition, if suspensions occur during an activity season, students will not receive post-season activity awards for which a coach or advisor may nominate them.

Number Five: Possession: Possession is considered to exist if a student:

- a) Is aware of the presence of alcohol or controlled substance
- b) Is in the proximity or has access to the alcohol or controlled substance
- c) Fails to remove him/her from the premises immediately.

Number Six: In regards to Royalty Candidates, Student council members, and Club members, the following will apply:

- a) *Royalty candidates*: If a student is a member of the royalty court when the violation occurs, that student will be removed from the royalty court.
- b) *Student Council*: If a student is a member of the student council, that student will be removed from their position until the next election.

- c) *Clubs*: In regard to members of officially approved Canton School District Clubs, suspensions shall occur on the advice of administration and club advisor.

Number Seven: Any drug or alcohol counseling program intended to fulfill the requirements of these policies must be approved by the Canton School District.

Number Eight: The board of education reserves the right to determine appropriate penalties for violations not covered by these policies.

Number Nine: These rules will become effective May 27, 2007. Policy revised August, 2014.

SDCL 13-32-9 SUSPENSIONS FROM EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FROM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS.

SDCL 13-32-9 was amended by Senate Bill 113. SDCL 13-32-9 requires students participating in SDHSAA activities to be suspended if adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency, for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any prohibited substance. The law as amended allows (but does not require) the one year suspension for a first offense to be reduced to thirty calendar days if the student participates in an assessment with a certified licensed addiction counselor, and if a suspension for a first offense is reduced to 30 calendar days, the student is also ineligible for a minimum of two SDHSAA sanctioned events upon completion of the reduced suspension period.

The one year suspension for a second offense may be reduced to 60 calendar days if the student completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program, and if the suspension for a second offense is reduced, the student is also ineligible for a minimum of six SDHSAA sanctioned events upon completion of the reduced suspension period. A student would be ineligible for the remainder of his or her high school for a third offense. In order for events to count toward the minimum number of events for which the student is ineligible following a reduction in the suspension for a first or second offense, the student must participate in the entire activity season. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one activity season carries over to the next activity season in which the student participates. Also, the school may allow students who are ineligible to participate in activity events, competitions, and performances, to participate in practices.

No school may impose a lesser consequence than those established in SDCL 13-32-9, but a school board may adopt a policy with more strict consequences.

As used in this section, the term, extracurricular activity means any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

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