

## **Students**

### **Participation in Extracurricular Activities**

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 (District) Board of Education (Board) believes that extracurricular activities are an essential component of a comprehensive middle and high school experience. The goal of extracurricular activities is to provide every participant with the opportunity to grow mentally, ethically, physically, and emotionally. Extracurricular activities, for purposes of this policy, includes all extracurricular activities, school athletics, and other school-sponsored activities other than regular classroom and laboratory classes.

Participation in extracurricular activities and athletics is not a right but a privilege that may be regulated. Students participating in extracurricular activities and athletic programs at District schools are therefore expected to adhere to high standards of behavior. Students participating in extracurricular activities are expected to abide by the expectations outlined in District policies pertaining to conduct, the rules established in the student handbooks, as well as all other standard school, classroom, and team/activity expectations.

The Superintendent of School and/or their designee shall develop a Code of Conduct for all participants in extracurricular activities consistent with Board policy, and the rules, policies, and regulations adopted by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Association (CIAC) in which the District maintains a membership. The conduct code shall:

1. require participants in extracurricular activities to conduct themselves as good citizens and exemplars of their school at all times, including after school and on days when school is not in session and whether on or off school property,
2. notify participants that failure to abide by it could result in removal from the activity, and
3. be reviewed by the Superintendent of School and/or their designee periodically at their discretion.

Students must attend school on the day of an extracurricular activity/game unless special permission from the Principal or Athletic Director has been issued.

To retain eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school. Any student who is found to have violated the District's Code of Conduct may be deemed ineligible. The Principal and/or their designee or Athletic Director, in consultation with coaches and/or faculty advisors, may declare a student ineligible whose conduct is contrary to and in violation of the rules and regulations established and made known to students or whose conduct is contrary or in violation of Board of Education policy.

Students who engage in significant or recurring incidents of negative behavior are subject to escalating penalties and possible removal from an athletic team or extracurricular activity.

In addition to facing sanctions at the team level, students who violate Board policies will also be subject to disciplinary consequences, up to and including suspension and expulsion from school, in accordance with the Board's student discipline policy.

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All athletic coaches and faculty advisors of extracurricular activities shall annually review the rules of conduct with participants and provide participants with a copy.

Head coaches/faculty advisors may establish additional rules and expectations which apply only to their teams or activity. The additional rules may not violate or supersede any rules or procedures of this policy. Additional rules and regulations must be approved by the Building Principal/Athletic Director and distributed in writing to all participants prior to the beginning of the season or activity.

(cf.5131 – Conduct and Discipline)  
(cf. 5131.6–Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol)  
(cf. 5131.8 –Off School Grounds Misconduct)  
(c.f. 6145 – Extra-Class Activities)  
(c.f. 6145.2 – Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics)  
(cf. 6164.11 –Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco)

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes:

**1-21b** Smoking prohibited in certain places.

**10-19** Teaching about alcohol, nicotine or tobacco, drugs and acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Training of personnel.

**10-154a** Professional communication between teacher or nurse and student. Surrender or physical evidence obtained from students.

**10-220b** Policy statement on drugs.

**10-221(d)** Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures re sale or possession of alcohol or controlled drugs.

**21a-240** Definitions dependency producing drugs.

**21a -240(8)** Definitions "Controlled Drugs," dependency producing drugs.

**21a-240(9)** Definitions "controlled substance."

**21a-243** Regulation reschedules of controlled substances.

**53-198** Smoking in motor buses, railroad cars and school buses.

Federal Regulation 34 CFR Part 85 Drug-free Schools & Communities

Act. 20 U.S.C. Section 7181 et. seq., No Child Left Behind Act.

*New Jersey v. T.L.O.*, 469 U.S. 325 (1985).

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*Veronia School District 47J v. Acton*, 515 U.S. 646 (1995)

*Board of Education of Independent School District No 92 of Pottawatomie County v. Earls* 01-332 U.S. (2002).