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Extracurricular Activity Handbook

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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 skills that can serve their 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 grading period 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 four credits carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled. **REMINDER: Physical Education does not count towards the five.** College Credit classes will be accepted per the OHSAA guidelines.
- 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 eligibility providing all other requirements (A, B, & C) are met.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- A. Each athlete must be passing four-full credit 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 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 proceeding nine-week period.
 - D. A student who receives an “F” maintains 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 or participate in pre-season or off-season workouts, conditioning, open gyms, mats or fields until the completion of the sport in which the athlete had originally 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.”

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed four full-credit classes 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 50% of the season for the sport they participated in during the past 12 months. After the first 50% of the maximum allowable regular season contests have been completed, the student shall then become INELIGIBLE for the remainder of the regular season contests and OHSAA sponsored tournaments. See OHSAA Bylaw 4-7-2 for exceptions. Elida Schools will follow all OHSAA guidelines and Bylaws set forth by the Ohio High School Athletic Association pertaining transferring from another school to Elida. **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: Once a student attains the age of twenty (20), the student will no longer be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition notwithstanding where the 20th birthday falls in relation to the sports season.

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 accept awards, gifts, and/or prizes as a result of participation in athletic competitions in sports in which they are interscholastic athlete from any entity. Any such award, gift, and/or prize must not exceed \$500 in total value per competition and must not be money, cash, or a money/cash equivalent (e.g., Visa gift cards).

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. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. Individual skill instruction may be received at any time in individual or group lessons of 4 or less athletes.
- D. There is no limit on the number of players from the same school participating on the same team 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

Athletes may 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	6	Volleyball	3
Football	5	Basketball	3
Baseball & Softball	6		

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** and during non-contact times per OHSAA guidelines.
- 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).

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 PRODUCTS AND PARAPHERNALIA

The use of any form of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, look-a-like tobacco products including smokeless tobacco products, electronic smoking or vaporizing devices or other smoke-related items is prohibited at the playing site of an interscholastic contest. The penalty is disqualification from that contest (see Extracurricular Code of Conduct).

12. STEROIDS

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. HAZING

Student athletes shall not plan, encourage, or participate in any form of hazing. Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any organization that creates a risk of mental or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. Violation may lead to disqualification from games and may lead to further school discipline. Any instance of hazing should be reported to any school administrator immediately. Students are to abide by the Elida Local School District Bylaws and Policies (55.16-Student Hazing).

14. SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Vine, MySpace, Twitter, Snap Chat, Youtube and other digital platforms facilitate a student's communication with friends, teammates or other students and more. Participation in such networks has both positive appeal and potentially negative consequences. It is important that Elida student-athletes be aware of these consequences and exercise appropriate caution if they choose to participate.

Student-athletes are highly visible representatives of Elida Schools. The Elida Athletic Department prohibits malicious and reckless behavior when utilizing public media outlets, including attacks against teammates, coaches, teachers or administrators. Offensive or inappropriate pictures, language or comments should be avoided. The Athletic Department will not tolerate (i) bullying, harassment, or threatening behavior targeted at members of the school community, or (ii) any other type of derogatory or defamatory language, or any pictures that depict unlawful or illegal activity or other language or content that otherwise materially disrupts school activities or operations. Any inappropriate activity or language in violation of the above prohibition is subject to possible suspension or removal from a team. Students are to abide by the Elida Local School District Bylaws and Policies (5136-Wireless Communications Device and 5136.01-Electronic Equipment).

15. 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 for an ejection will sit on the bench, enter the locker room, and be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during, or traveling after the contest(s), unless administrators determine it is not the best interest of the athlete or team.

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.

16. STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORMS

All athletes must complete a student participation form and pass a physical examination before they condition, workout or practice for any sport. Consult with the building Principal or Athletic Director for the procedure to follow. Physical examinations are valid for thirteen months from date of exam.

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 Middle School and High School athletic teams including mascots and cheerleaders.

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. **Regulations concerning tobacco, drugs, alcohol and any conviction of a criminal statute are in effect for the full calendar year 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. 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 in accordance with the school code of conduct.
3. Do not sell, distribute, use or exhibit evidence of use, and/or possess tobacco or look-a-like tobacco products including smokeless tobacco products, electronic smoking or vaporizing devices or other smoking related items at any time under any conditions. The item does not need to contain nicotine to be considered a violation of this rule.
4. Students shall conduct themselves with self-discipline, self-control, and respect for authority at all times. This Code of Conduct incorporates and includes all school rules and procedures, including but not limited to, this handbook, the Student Code of Conduct, and any rules adopted by the coach or advisor of an individual activity. Any behavior that results in dishonor to the participant, participant's team or organization, or participant's school will not be tolerated, and may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and permanent prohibition from participation. Students shall be held accountable for their actions both during school and outside of school.

5. The participant must abide by the Student Code of Conduct; infractions of school rules or chronic incorrigible behavior may result in denial of participation in extracurricular activities and/or other penalties to be imposed at the election of the coach and/or Athletic Council.

Do not buy, sell, distribute, use or exhibit evidence of use, and/or possess drugs (including but not limited to narcotics, hallucinogens, intoxicants, controlled substances, anabolic steroids, or counterfeit drugs) alcohol, or other intoxicants at any time.

A participant shall not exhibit, manifest or reflect any symptoms, signs, or evidence or manifestation of such use or consumption of alcohol or drugs, 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 drugs.

6. It is recommended that participants avoid social functions where drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are being used in violation of federal, state, and or local law. Violations could result in loss of participation.
7. Any student and/or parent may employ a “self-referral” procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. A self-referral/parent-referral, however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once alcohol, drug, and/or tobacco policy violation has already occurred or prior to being identified through other means.

Students shall not be convicted/adjudicated of any criminal statute, excluding vehicle violations that do not include alcohol or drugs.

8. Students shall behave in a manner that reflects positively on the school and his/her activity at all times. Conduct unbecoming of an Elida athlete may result in loss of participation.
9. Students shall comply with all reasonable additional training rules or other requirements set by the coach/advisor of the activity.
10. 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 Assistant Principal, hereafter referred to as the “Athletic Council”) to be eligible to practice or participate on any given school day.
11. 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.
12. 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

forms must all be turned in to the coach/advisor before a student can participate in any activity.

13. Membership in Extracurricular Activities:

- A. Shall be limited to students enrolled, per OHSAA By-Laws.
- B. May be determined by tryout by the advisor, teacher, or coach.
- C. May be limited to students honored by academic achievement.
- D. May be limited to students by grade level.
- E. May be limited to students by age.
- F. May be limited to students who demonstrate predetermined levels of competition or achievement.

14. 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.

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 Athletic Council shall be notified. The student's coach/advisor shall be notified by the Athletic Council.
- 2. The Athletic Council 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 be sent to the parent/guardian. The decision is final.

SECTION IV –STUDENT ALCOHOL/DRUG/SMOKING/TOBACCO PRODUCT/VAPORIZING PRODUCT 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.

Any student and/or parent may employ a "self-referral" procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. A self-referral/parent-referral; however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once an alcohol, tobacco, and/or drug policy violation has already occurred or prior to being identified through other means.

TOBACCO

The sale, distribution, use and/or possession of tobacco, or any look-a-like tobacco products including smokeless tobacco products, electronic smoking or vaporizing devices or other smoking related items 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 current season, based on the regular duration of those activities. If the regular season is completed before the completion of the suspension, it will carry over to the next athletic season of participation. If the student agrees to participate in a tobacco education program approved by the Athletic Council, 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, must travel with the team and be present in street clothes on the bench or sideline with the team during the contest. 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 or member of the Athletic Council, and they agree to participate in a tobacco education program approved by the Athletic Council, 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 that result in no prohibition from participation are still considered first violations.

Any student and/or parent may employ a "self-referral" procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to the use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. A self-referral/parent-referral, however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once a tobacco policy violation has already occurred or 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 the current season based on the regular duration of those activities. If the regular season is completed before the completion of the suspension, it will carry over to the next athletic season of participation. If the student agrees to participate in a tobacco education program approved by the Athletic Council, 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 or member of the Athletic Council, 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 Athletic Council, 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.

Any student and/or parent may employ a “self-referral” procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. A self-referral/parent-referral, however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once a tobacco policy violation has already occurred or 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.

ALCOHOL

The sale, distribution, use or exhibition of use, and/or possession of alcohol or other intoxicants in any form at any time, 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 50% of the current season based on the regular duration of those activities. If the regular season is completed before the completion of the suspension, it will carry over to the next athletic season of participation. If the student agrees to participate in an alcohol education program approved by the Athletic Council, the prohibition from participation in extracurricular activities shall be reduced to 33% of the extracurricular activity. Refusal or failure to successfully complete the alcohol education program shall result in application of the full 50% rule.
2. Any student and/or parent may employ a “self-referral” procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to the use of alcohol. A self-referral/parent-referral, however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once an alcohol policy violation has already occurred or prior to being identified through other means.

SECOND VIOLATION:

1. A student found to be in violation for the second 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 second violation.

POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF DRUGS OR PARAPHERNALIA

Except for supervised, doctor prescribed medications, a student exhibiting evidence of use, buying, using, or possessing drugs (including but not limited to, narcotics, hallucinogens, controlled substances, intoxicants, anabolic steroids, or counterfeit drugs) 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 Athletic Council, and to follow the professional assessment recommendations, the penalty may be reduced to 33% of the student's current season, based on the recommendation of the Athletic Council. If the regular season is completed before the completion of the suspension, it will carry over to the next athletic season of participation.

Participation in practice may be allowed at the discretion of the Athletic Council, but the student must travel with the team and be present in street clothes on the bench or sideline with the team during the contest. 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 drug problem by self-referral to their coach/advisor or member of the Athletic Council, and agrees to participate in the professional assessment, approved by the Athletic Council, 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.

Any student and/or parent may employ a "self-referral" procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to use of drugs. A self-referral/parent-referral, however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once drug policy violation has already occurred or prior to being identified through other means.

Any student and/or parent may employ a "self-referral" procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to use of drugs. A self-referral/parent-referral, however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once a drug policy violation has already occurred or 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 Athletic Council 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 Athletic Council, 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 Athletic Council. 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 drug problem by self-referral to his/her coach/advisor or member of the Athletic Council 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 Athletic Council, and agrees to follow the assessment recommendations, the penalty may be reduced to a period of not less than nine 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.

Any student and/or parent may employ a "self-referral" procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to use of drugs. A self-referral/parent-referral, however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once an alcohol and/or drug policy violation has already occurred or 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. A student found in violation for the third time may employ a "self-referral" procedure, allowing the student an avenue to seek guidance, assessment/counseling and/or treatment in regard to use of drugs. A self-referral/parent-referral; however, is not to be used by students and/or parents as a method to avoid consequences once a drug policy violation has already occurred or prior to being identified through other means.

SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS

A student selling or distributing drugs (including but not limited to, narcotics, hallucinogens, controlled substances, intoxicants, anabolic steroids, or counterfeit drugs) 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.

SECOND VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation for the second time shall be permanently prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities, after a twelve-month period from the date.

SECTION V – CONVICTION/ADJUDICATION OF CRIMINAL STATUTES

A student convicted/adjudicated of a felony statute shall be permanently prohibited from participation in extracurricular activities. After a 12-month period from the date of the violation, the student may petition to once again participate in extracurricular activities. The student must furnish evidence to the Athletic Council of successful rehabilitation. The Athletic Council shall review the application for reentry into extracurricular activities, taking into account 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 Athletic Council. The Principal shall inform the student and parents in writing of the decision.

CONVICTION/ADJUDICATION OF MISDEMEANOR

FIRST VIOLATION:

1. A student found in violation may be suspended at least 10% and no more than 33% of the current season depending on the severity of the criminal offense. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Athletic Council.

Participation in practice may be allowed at the discretion of the Athletic Council, but the student must travel with the team and be present in street clothes on the bench or sideline with the team during the contest. The participant must follow all training rules and requirements of the activity.

SECTION VI – 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. Penalties may be imposed concurrently for violations of this Code and the Student Code of Conduct/other school rules.

Regulations concerning smoking tobacco, vaporizing devices, alcohol or other drugs, and any conviction of a criminal statute are in effect for the full calendar year while enrolled as students in grades 7 through 12 in the Elida Local School District.

Any remaining percentages of penalties for violations of tobacco, alcohol or other drug regulations not served in the regular activity duration shall be recalculated by the Athletic Council 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 and/or parents(s)/guardian(s).

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

Any violations occurring in Middle School may be considered in High School depending on the severity of the violation.