

## **INTRODUCTION**

In order that students, parents/guardians/coaches, and advisors may understand the District's co-curricular philosophy and procedures, the Board of Trustees submits the following statement of policy.

## **PHILOSOPHY, OBJECTIVES, AND DEFINITIONS**

School activities play an integral part of the total educational process of students enrolled in St. Maries Joint School District No. 41. Because activities provide an educational opportunity, coaches, advisors, and participants will strive to meet the following objectives:

1. Promote and contribute to the goals of the total educational program;
2. Promote good citizenship and respect for rules and authority;
3. Promote involvement and community interest in activities;
4. Promote good sportsmanship;
5. Learn the value of competitive participation;
6. Develop individual and team skills;
7. Practice good health habits;
8. Practice physical, intellectual, and artistic development; and
9. Represent the school and community in a positive manner.

If students choose to participate in activities, they do so voluntarily, and, therefore, there are expectations beyond those required of students who do not wish to participate in activities. These include maintaining academic eligibility, abiding by rules set forth by the coach/advisor, and setting high standards for behavior. Moreover, commitment to activities requires that participants refrain from the use or possession of controlled substances. **Participation in activities is not considered to be a right, but rather, it is a privilege.**

Those students who violate the "Co-Curricular Student Activities Code" shall be subject to discipline that may include permanent removal from participation in District activities. Additionally, the St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 Board of Trustees, by adopting this Policy, hopes to increase academic achievement and decrease peer pressure to use controlled substances on students participating in activities.

## DEFINITIONS

*Curricular Activities:* These are instructional activities that are integral to the classroom as a part of the curriculum and are a natural extension of classroom activities that result in a course grade or credit. Any activity for which a grade is issued will be considered a curricular activity. Examples of graded activities that may occur outside of the normal classroom situation include, but are not limited to: band or choir concerts, competitions, music festivals, and selected drama productions.

*Co-Curricular Activities:* These are activities that are in addition to classroom instruction and have no bearing on a course grade or credit. These activities include, but are not limited to: school clubs, student government, academic competitions, all athletics, pep band, cheerleading, and other organized activities where credit is not involved.

*Controlled Substances:* These include, but are not limited to: alcohol, tobacco, opiates, opium derivatives, stimulants, steroids, hallucinogenic substances, cocaine, cannabis, synthetic equivalents of the substances that have a depressant effect on the central nervous system, and drug paraphernalia. Excepted from this definition are any medications specifically prescribed for a student's use by his or her own doctor.

*Drug:* Any controlled substance as defined by Idaho Code Section 37-2701, except those possessed and/or used pursuant to valid prescription.

*Random Drug Testing:* All students who participate in co-curricular activities will be subject to mandatory random drug testing, in accordance with Policy 503.11, as well as tobacco testing.

*Duration:* Students will be expected to adhere to this Policy at all times including off-season and summer. This Policy will be in affect at the beginning of the first practice of the student's participation in their first extra-curricular school activity at each school. For students in grades 6-8, the Policy will be in effect until the student transitions from St. Maries Middle School to St. Maries High School. The expectation for the student will start again at the first practice of the student's participation in their first extra-curricular school activity at St. Maries High School and continue on until the student graduates. Violations of this Policy are cumulative from season to season and year to year throughout the student's participation in extra-curricular activities.

*Self-Reporting:* Full disclosure of all facts related to any activity in violation of this Policy upon the initial inquiry of a school administrator.

*Tobacco:* Tobacco use as defined in Board Policy 502.03 – Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use. Tobacco use shall be defined as the use and/or possession of a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, smokeless tobacco in any form, and other smoking products specifically including electronic nicotine delivery systems, or vaporizer

smoking devices. Vaping or vaporizing of any product, including non-tobacco products, is prohibited.

## **ATTENDANCE**

A student must be in school the entire day in order to participate in a practice or co-curricular activity that day. An exception would be if a student had a pre-arranged absence that prevented attendance. A pre-arranged absence needs to be arranged at least one (1) day prior to the absence. If a student is truant from one (1) or more classes during the day, he or she will forfeit the privilege of competing in the next scheduled activity. Hardship cases will be handled on an individual basis.

## **ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

1. It is expected that students participating in co-curricular activities will be enrolled as a student and will be passing all classes. According to I.H.S.A.A. rules if, at the end of a semester, a student is failing more than two (2) classes he or she will be academically ineligible for the next semester. Parent/Guardian will provide a progress report when asked or as scheduled for any courses not provided by St. Maries Joint School District No. 41.
2. In addition, during the school year, student grades will be evaluated every three (3) weeks. If at that time a student is failing two (2) or more classes, he or she will become academically ineligible. A student will regain eligibility if, at the end of the next three-week evaluation period, he or she is passing all classes. Because of the shorter sports seasons, middle school students' grades will be evaluated weekly.
3. If, at the end of an evaluation period, a student is failing one (1) class, he or she will be placed on academic probation. At the end of the next three-week evaluation period, if the student is not passing all classes, he or she will be academically ineligible.
4. Study sessions will be made available for students who are academically ineligible or on academic probation.
5. Upon appeal, the principal will consider hardship cases.

## **COMMISSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION**

1. A student shall not use, consume, possess, transmit, or sell any controlled substance, tobacco, or alcohol product.
2. A student shall not be present at a party or other gathering where one (1) or more individuals are illegally using controlled substances.

3. A student, within the constraints of safety, shall not knowingly drive or remain in a vehicle where controlled substances are possessed or being used by one or more minors.

## **PENALTIES**

### **1. First Violation:**

- A. The student shall be continuously suspended from participating in any game, contest, competition or event for a period of time equal to 50% of the total regularly-scheduled season games, contests, competitions, or events.
- B. In the event that a student self-reports the violation, the student shall be continuously suspended from participating in any game, contest, competition or event for a period of time equal to 25% of the total regularly-scheduled season games, contests, competitions, or events.
- C. If a citation related to controlled substances is issued to a student that student must disclose the citation to a school administrator or coach on the next school day or earliest school event or no reduction for self-reporting will be considered.
- D. For controlled substance violations, the student must also attend a controlled substance education program approved by the District before he or she is eligible for reinstatement. The cost of the program will be the responsibility of the participant and/or his or her parents. In the event of a hardship, the District may help offset expenses. Failure to complete the program will result in continued suspension from activities.
- E. For activities with performances/contests, students must attend all practices and performances/contests while suspended. Failure to do so will result in continued suspension from activities. For all other activities, students will not be allowed to participate while suspended. If a student is academically ineligible, he or she will not be allowed to travel to away games.
- F. When the full penalty cannot be imposed, the remaining portion of the suspension will be carried over and served during the next activity participated in by the student.
- G. A student must conclude the season with any activity that is used to finish a penalty from a previous season. Failure to complete the

activity will result in the penalty being carried over to the next activity participated in by the student.

- H. When a student commits a violation during the school year during a period of time when he or she is not involved in any activity covered by this Policy, the violation will be recorded but no punishment rendered. However, when the student subsequently becomes involved in an activity, the student will begin the activity with one violation on his or her record. The first violation that occurs while involved in an activity will then automatically be treated as a second violation. If a student commits two (2) or more violations while not involved in an activity, or as a combination of out-of-season and in-season violations, the student will have two (2) violations recorded on the record as he/she enters a new activity. A subsequent in-season violation will result in the offense being treated as a third violation.

## **2. Second Violation:**

- A. A student who commits a second violation during the school year shall be suspended from all participation in co-curricular activities for the rest of that season and the next two seasons.
- B. In addition, for a second alcohol or drug violation, the student must undergo a drug and alcohol assessment program approved by the District, comply with the recommendations of the professional conducting the test assessment, and provide documentation of the assessment and compliance with the recommendations in order to be eligible for reinstatement at the end of the calendar year. The expenses of the assessment and any actions necessary to comply with the recommendations must be borne by the student and his or her parents. In the event of a hardship, St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 may help offset expenses.

## **3. Third Violation:**

- A. If a student in grades 6-12 commits a third violation during the school year, or while under suspension from a second violation, he or she will be suspended from participation in activities for the remainder of his or her high school career, unless reinstated by the Board of Trustees.

## **4. Reinstatement After Third Offense:**

- A. A student who has successfully completed an approved treatment program and provides a written report from the treatment provider may apply to the Board of Trustees for reinstatement after a minimum

ineligibility period of one (1) calendar year. As a condition prior to reinstatement, the Board of Trustees may require an individualized plan, including but not limited to sanctions, community service, or other requirements.

### **DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS - STUDENT'S RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS**

1. When there is reasonable cause to believe that a student has violated this Policy by committing any of the above acts, the principal and/or activities director will conduct an investigation.
2. As a part of the investigation process, the student will receive notice of the allegation that he or she violated the Policy, and will be given an informal hearing with the investigator. Parents/guardians and the head coach/advisor will be informed of this hearing.
3. At the hearing, the reasons for possible suspension from activities will be stated, and the student will be given an opportunity to provide evidence.
4. The investigator may determine if a violation of the Policy has occurred from examination of the facts, information, and/or evidence from any source the investigator finds reasonably credible.

### **APPEALS**

1. A student may appeal the determination that he or she has violated this Policy and/or the penalty imposed by filing a written request with the principal within ten (10) days of the date the determination is made. The request for an appeal must clearly state the reasons why the review is being requested. The review will be an informal meeting of the student, parents/guardians if desired, and a panel consisting of the principal, activities director, and head coach/advisor. The panel will issue a written decision within five (5) school days of the date of the review.
2. If the student's appeal to the panel is not successful, the student has the right to appeal to the St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 Board of Trustees by filing a written request with the Superintendent within ten (10) days of the date the determination is made. The request for an appeal must clearly state the reasons why the review is being requested. The Board of Trustees will issue a written decision within five (5) school days of the date of the review. The decision of the Board of Trustees is final.
3. Students shall abide by all other terms of their suspension until a final determination is made regarding their appeal.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Students are required to ride the bus to and from school activities. Following an activity, students may be released to parent/guardian only with written authorization.

**CITIZENSHIP**

All students should model good citizenship in the community, school buildings, classrooms, and co-curricular activity programs. Any student convicted of a crime and/or referred to the administration for disruptive behavior (such as fighting, overt defiance, and other violations of a serious nature) will be made aware of the possible consequences of his or her action and may receive a penalty. If a student is suspended, he or she will be ineligible for one (1) athletic event for each day suspended from school.

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I understand that my performance as a participant and the reputation of my school are dependent, in part, on my conduct as an individual. I hereby agree to accept and abide by the standards, rules, and regulations set forth by St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 and the sponsors of the activity in which I participate.

This shall be deemed consent pursuant to the Family Education Right to Privacy Act for the release of the above information to the parties named above.

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Student Signature

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Print Name

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Print Name

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Date

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