

DAYTON HS/JH ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

Philosophy

Dayton High School provides a comprehensive activity program in a variety of areas: student government, clubs/organizations and academic competitions, athletics and cheerleading. These programs provide additional learning opportunities for our students and allow them to develop strengths beyond the classroom. The diversity in our activity program allows us to meet the needs of our entire student body.

Introduction

Dayton High School is proud of its athletic and activity programs and the students involved in them. Representing the school in these programs is a privilege, and the school has high expectations for the behavior of these students.

This policy represents the minimum conduct code for student athletics/activities. This policy shall be in force from the first day of participation in high school and will remain in force 24 hours a day through all subsequent years of the participant's attendance at Dayton High School, including periods of non-participation such as summer break, school holidays, etc. This policy shall be administered by the coach/advisors in conjunction with the building administration. This policy does not supersede the district's Student Discipline Policy.

This policy applies to any student participating in an OSAA authorized sport as well as activities including cheerleading, student body and class officers. It shall also apply to co-curricular groups such as band, choir, drama and FFA when they are involved in inter-school performances and/or competitions at the league, district, state and national level.

Before participating in a sport or activity, the student and his/her parents are expected to sign this rule. By their signature, the student and parent indicate that they have received, read, understand and will abide by all terms and conditions of this rule.

Academics and Activities

To be minimally eligible to participate in OSAA activities, students must be enrolled full time **and making satisfactory progress** as defined in OSAA rule. Dayton High School requires additional academic/behavioral standards as defined within the pages of this Handbook. The complete OSAA Academic Eligibility can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

The objective of the OSAA (Oregon Schools Activities Association) **academic eligibility** rule is to complement member schools' curriculum programs in recognition of the fact that interscholastic activity programs are an extension of the classroom. Academic standards help ensure a balance between activities and academic performance, promote the objective of graduation from high school, ensure that student participants are truly representing the academic mission of the institution, and allow the use of interscholastic participation as a motivator for academic excellence. It is in the interests of the member schools and the students participating in

athletics and interscholastic activities that these objectives be promoted during the entire school year.

OSAA Full Time Enrollment Defined: For purposes of this rule, a full time student is one who is enrolled in high school, attending regularly and passing in ***courses offered by a high school, college, work-experience or other school-approved educational activities (including summer school or night-school)*** ***In addition,*** a full time student shall have been enrolled in school, attended regularly and passed 5 out of 7 classes, during the immediate preceding ***transcripted grading period.***

OSAA Satisfactory Progress Toward Graduation: In addition to the specific credit requirement identified in Rule 8.1.1., to be scholastically eligible, a student must be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements by earning a minimum of the quantity of credits indicated on the chart below prior to the start of the specified year.

OSAA Minimum Satisfactory Progress Requirements

Credits to Graduate	27
Credits Per Year	6.5
Required Prior to Year 2 (75%)	5
Required Prior to Year 3 (85%)	11
Required Prior to Year 4 (95%)	19

Dayton HS Eligibility Requirements Defined: In addition, Dayton students must meet a higher standard, beyond OSAA, and receive a passing grade in all classes from the previous Semester. Transfer students will be governed by OSAA academic standards until they have attended Dayton High School for a full grading term.

Dayton students attending alternative education programs, for reasons other than expulsion are allowed to participate in Dayton school athletics/activities and must meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility

Interim Progress Report

Students with an “F” on any Intermediate Progress Report (IPR) will be placed on probation for one week. The probationary period allows students one week to reconcile any “F’s” to avoid ineligibility. Students may practice and compete during the probationary period. If at the end of the one week probationary period the student:

1. Continues to have an “F”, they will become ineligible for competition. (JH for 1 week/HS for 2 weeks) During this time students may practice and travel with the team as long as attendance in school is not affected.
2. Has a grade of ”A”, “B”, “C”, or “D”, in all classes they will remain eligible.

Semester Report Card

Students with an "F" on any Final Semester Report Card will become ineligible for competition in athletics/activities. Eligibility for competition may be regained under the following circumstances:

1. The student is passing all classes at IPR 1 (or a minimum of four school weeks) of the current semester.

Academic Probation

To be minimally eligible to participate in OSAA activities, students must be enrolled full time **and making satisfactory progress** as defined in OSAA rule. Dayton High School requires additional academic/behavioral standards. If you fall into this category a meeting will take place with the administration team to discuss the terms of probation.

Activities Away from School

All participants in activities away from school will be provided school transportation. Parents, employees and other designated adults may be permitted to use private vehicles to transport students on field trips or other school activities by following district policies. Students missing school transportation and going by private transportation, other than according to district policy, shall not participate in the activity. School insurance does not cover private transportation.

OSAA Article 7, Section 13 states, "Any school whose students, supporters, rooters, or participants who take part in riots, fights, pilfering, painting or unsportsmanlike conduct against any other school in the association shall forfeit any games played and won; and shall be automatically suspended for an indefinite period from the association."

All students attending school activities both home and away, are subject to the guidelines in the Student Conduct Code.

The district will provide school bus and/or van transportation to all OSAA (Oregon School Activity Association) sponsored post-season competitions. Should a team or group wish to use commercial transportation (charter bus, etc.) to such competition the team or group must offset the difference in costs between OSAA reimbursement and the additional expense.

In the event that overnight lodging is necessary due to the location of a post-season OSAA sponsored competition, the district will fund lodging as per the OSAA reimbursement schedule. Any additional lodging must have administrative approval and be funded by the team or group.

Any overnight/out of state trip must have school board approval. All fund-raising efforts must have prior approval of the administration.

Activity Guidelines

If there is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, the consequences specified by the district shall be applied. Students attending a school activity, either at home or away are subject to the school discipline policies outlined in this handbook.

Athletic Equipment

Generally all competitive equipment is supplied by the Dayton School District with the exception of personal items and shoes. The team coach or designee will issue all equipment. NO equipment is to be used or worn off the school campus unless officially competing or practicing. Jerseys, jackets, etc., may be worn to school on game days to help boost school spirit. Competition uniforms are not to be worn for physical education classes. Any student who fails to return school equipment will be assessed replacement value for equipment and must take care of the financial obligation before turning out for another sport.

Attendance

All participants must attend a half day of school (Four classes) to be eligible to practice that day. All participants must be in school the entire day in order to participate in an activity and/or game. Students are encouraged to contact the building principal or athletic/activities director via phone, as soon as possible, in emergency cases.

Any exceptions to these attendance guidelines must be pre-arranged in the office at least one day in advance and approved by an administrator. Other exceptions for extreme emergencies may be approved by the administration.

Awards

A school letter can be earned through both athletics and activities. Participants who qualify for a letter shall receive one the first time only. Subsequent awards will be certificates and emblems in lieu of a letter. Varsity squad participants who do not meet award qualifications will be awarded certificates for participation. Coaches and advisors may recommend any member of their squads for a letter if they firmly believe that the student is entitled to such an award. Athletic award ceremonies are the responsibility of the athletic director, athletic secretary and coach.

Coaches' & Advisor's Prerogative

All coaches and advisors have the responsibility to the student-athlete to withhold him/her from any event when it is deemed the student-athlete is not fully prepared. Coaches and advisors can make special requests of dress and grooming when the students represent the school in an activity.

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Violations

No student involved in an interscholastic athletic/activity program shall knowingly possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of alcohol, any tobacco product, performance enhancing drugs, inhalants or controlled substances of any kind (except as prescribed by a medical professional).

Any student participant who finds himself/herself in the company of persons who illegally use, possess, transmit or are under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, inhalants or performance drugs, is expected to leave within a reasonable period of time. Failure to leave within the reasonable period of time will result in violation of this policy.

The violation of the drug, alcohol, & tobacco portion of this policy shall result in the following consequences in addition to the school disciplinary procedure:

First Offense in the student's High school career:

1. Three-week suspension from participation in athletic contests/activities, beginning with the date that the violation first became known to school officials. Note: Vacation days or non-school days do not count as a portion of the three-week time period unless contests occur within that time period.
2. Complete a current drug/alcohol assessment at a community agency.
3. Follow the written recommendations made by the assessment report including participation in an approved community alcohol/drug education program.
4. Comply with any recommendations made by a substance abuse counselor or other appropriate person.
5. Successful completion of any recommendations by a substance abuse counselor or other appropriate official will be evaluated and approved by the administration prior to allowing the student to resume practicing in the school's athletic/activity programs.

Failure to comply with the recommendations following a first offense will result in the imposition of the second offense sanctions.

Second Offense in the student's high school career:

1. Six weeks suspension from participation in athletic contests/activities, beginning with the date that the violation first became known to school officials.
2. Complete a current drug/alcohol assessment; follow the assessment report recommendations; comply with substance abuse counselor recommendations; and obtain administrative approval for reinstatement.
3. Failure to comply with the recommendations following a second offense will result in imposition of the third offense sanctions.

Participants on suspension shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. Suspension shall occur during the present season/activity or during the next sport/activity participated in if the violation occurred during a period of non-participation.
2. Participants shall miss scheduled games/contests/activities during the suspension.
3. Participants may resume practice as soon as proof of an assessment appointment is furnished by the administration.
4. Participants may practice, at

Third offense in a student's high school career will result in full suspension from all athletic/activity programs for the remainder of the student's high school career.

The intent of this policy is to assist the student who truly has a long-term drug/alcohol problem. Therefore, a student may voluntarily request assistance from school officials without sanction or consequences once in his/her high school career. However, the request must be prior to investigation or apprehension for a violation of the drug, alcohol, or tobacco portion of this policy.

Due Process for Athletics/Activities

If a student faces disciplinary action that could result in suspension or dismissal from a team/activity the following due process follows district policy.

Fees

There is a fee to participate in athletics. If a family is unable to afford the fee please contact the athletic department.

Fines issued by OSAA

Fines issued to players or coaches, under the guidelines of the OSAA, will result in the recipient of such fines to reimburse the school no less than \$50/incident for the first offense, \$100 for 2nd offense, and \$150 for the 3rd offense, regardless of the fine imposed upon the school district.

Inclement Weather Procedures

No co-curricular or extra-curricular activities will occur on days that school is closed due to inclement weather. A delayed school opening means practices may occur only after the delayed opening time. If any school, of a scheduled opponent, is closed we will not compete on that date. If a school of a scheduled opponent has a delayed opening, the schedule will be decided by the administration and communicated to the coach.

Insurance

The Dayton School District does not carry medical/accident insurance on its students. It is strongly recommended that optional student insurance be purchased in the Main Office if the student is not covered by private insurance. Students participating in extracurricular athletic programs must purchase "School Medical Accident Insurance" or sign an insurance waiver assuring the school of private coverage.

Misbehavior

Out of School Suspension/ In School Suspension/Lunch Detention

Students who receive any form of suspension or detention will not be allowed to participate in contests for the duration of the day(s) served. In addition, students who receive out of school suspension shall not be allowed to participate in the next performance/competition if it falls within 5 days of the participant's return to school.

The admission of facts which constitute a criminal offense or conviction of a criminal offense, either felony or misdemeanor, (excluding minor traffic violations) shall result in suspension from performances/competition for a minimum of two weeks from the date of the admission of the facts or the conviction or the beginning of the competition season.

Physicals

Students in grades 9 and 11 (and any first year HS participant) must have a physical examination performed by a physician prior to practice and competition in athletics and shall additionally have a further examination once every two years and after either a significant illness or a major surgery prior to further participation. The physical examination is the responsibility of the parent/student and is to be paid for by the parent/student. Record of the examination must be submitted to the district, and will be kept on file and reviewed by the coach prior to the start of any sports season. No student, regardless of grade level shall participate in school-sponsored athletics without a completed school sports pre-participation examination form on file with the district.

Practices

Dayton High School has separate sport seasons. Coaches are allowed to hold practice sessions and promote their sport during the designated school sport season only. Although the decision to participate in a "club sport" while involved in a school sport rests solely with the athlete and his/her parents, all coaches are to practice the philosophy that they will not become a distraction to another coach or his/her players during their season. No team practices, open gyms, or use of facilities will be allowed on Sundays without the approval of the building administrator.

Quitting a Team

Any student who quits a team is suspended from participation in any sports program for the duration of that sport season and will not receive a letter or certificate. A student may transfer from one sport to another with the consent of both coaches involved and the administration.

Scheduling of Activities

A school activities calendar is maintained in the school's main office and includes a listing of all scheduled athletic events, plays, musical productions, parties, trips, holidays, etc. No student or staff member will place events on the calendar without completing an activity request form to obtain approval for the event. Activity requests must be submitted at least one week prior to the date of the requested event. School parties, social functions and dances will be held on Friday or Saturday nights. Overnight trip or events, must be approved by the Dayton School Board at least one month prior to the activity, except in cases that result from OSAA-sponsored playoffs or other required competitive events where results are not known in advance.

CORE COVENANTS FOR DAYTON ATHLETES

Pirate Athlete Core Covenants	ENTHUSIASM	INTEGRITY	RESPECT	ACCOUNTABILITY
Definition	An intense, eager, or spirited interest in a cause	Building and guarding your character by consistently being honest, sincere, reliable, humble, and loyal	Showing value or esteem for others by being polite and/or considerate	Being responsible and/or liable for one's personal actions
What Does The Core Covenant Look Like in School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respected by teachers, staff, peers • Present and actively engaged • Put needs of others first • Finish tasks on time • On time, on task 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earns a positive reputation • Trustworthy • Doesn't let their teammates down • Predictable • Does their own work • Say what they mean, mean what they say 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Values needs of others • Respectful to peers, staff, visitors • Often says: "please", "thank you" and "you're welcome" • Helps keep facilities neat/clean • Respects all participants • good listener 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands their actions and performance in school helps determine one's privilege to participate in events in which they represent the school • Takes responsibility for their actions • Admits their faults
What Does The Core Covenant Look Like Away From School	Proudly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes Dayton activities • Acknowledges all participants • Appreciates coaches dedication • Recognizes support from fans • Wears Dayton apparel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earns a positive reputation • An esteemed community member • Valued by others as a competitor • Supports success of teammates • Uses positive language • Wholesome and genuine in their actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive role model, looked up to • Often says: "please", "thank you" and "you're welcome" • Uses positive language • Thankful to fans and student body 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understands their actions in the community and beyond will help determine one's privilege to participate in events in which they represent the school
What Does The Core Covenant Look Like in Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embraces good competition • Play hard, have fun • does best in all situations • Support success of teammates • "Never give up" attitude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earns a positive reputation • Honorable competitor • Plays clean/fair • Keeps emotions under control • Displays good sportsmanship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strives for respect from opponents, coaches, fans and officials. • Honors the spirit of competition with fair play and good sportsmanship • Demonstrates self-control at all times • Shakes hands with opponents before and after competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accountable athlete understands that everything they do is being watched, measured, and judged • Accepts consequences and props for actions
What Does The Core Covenant Look Like In Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embraces their role • Appreciates coaches' feedback • Learns game plan • strives to make teammates better • Looks forward to the next drill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practices and play the same • Demonstrates their expectations • Improves daily • Wants to be coached • Gives an honest effort • Expects what is expected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive to improve is valued by teammates and coaches. • Values improvement in self/team • Values all roles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility for improvement • Takes responsibility for performance • Takes responsibility for effort • Takes responsibility for attitude

**Dayton Athletes shall Do What's Right, Do What's Best,
and Treat Others As They Want To Be Treated**

Core Covenants will be seen throughout a participant's everyday life

Student's Printed Name: _____

By their signature, the student/athlete and parent indicate that they have either read and/or can access the Dayton Athletics/Activities Policy online. By signing they agree to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Policy.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date