

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Jamestown Public School District follows the North Dakota High School Activities Associations regulations and guidelines in addition to the District's policy regarding the code of conduct. This policy is in effect for all 9th -12th grade students. An 8th grade student becomes a 9th grade student immediately after their last day as an 8th grade student.

Attendance:

Participants in the Jamestown Middle School/Senior High School activities program must be in attendance for all regular classes on the day of a game, practice, or performance.

The following examples will help to clarify this policy:

- a. A student misses school the day of a game due to illness. The student would not be allowed to play or practice that same day.
- b. Students must be making satisfactory progress towards graduation. Failure to acquire two and one half credits at the end of a semester will make student ineligible for a minimum of two weeks the following semester.
- c. A student is present during morning classes, but goes home during the day because of illness. The student would not be allowed to play/practice on that day.

It is essential that students who participate in activities maintain their very best attendance records. Excuses will be accepted for doctor appointments and/or emergencies, if approved by administration and coaches.

Infractions of any school rule which result in a student being suspended from school will also cause that student to be ineligible to practice or participate in activities for the period of suspension.

Examples of Infractions that Cause Ineligibility:

Use of tobacco, alcohol, controlled substance and possession drug paraphernalia. The use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, controlled substances as defined in North Dakota law and the possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

- a. All eligibility suspensions will start at the time of notification. In addition, the violator will be suspended for two weeks from the first authorized scheduled event/contest of the individual's respective activity. If not currently participating in an activity. Example: Student has alcohol violation in September but does not participate in any activity until spring. Student serves the 6 or 18 week suspension starting the date in which the school has been notified of the violation and then serves a two week suspension from the first authorized date of competition for the spring activity. If student chooses to participate in a school activity not previously participated by the student, the student MUST remain on the roster of the activity(ies) for the entire season otherwise the two week rule will still apply to the next activity season.
- b. Any student participating in extra-curricular activities who turns eighteen during the school year shall continue to be subject to the school activities eligibility policies notwithstanding the legal status accorded the individual under state law. Acts which may be legal under state law for eighteen year old students may still be violations of

- school
- policy/regulations students violating school policies/regulations shall be subject to sanctions under school policies and procedures.
- c. A student shall, upon his or her eighteenth birthday sign a new “Acknowledgment of Receipt of the Activities Guide for Parents and Students Handbook” form. The student shall not be allowed to nor shall the student be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity unless and until he or she has submitted to the Activities Director a signed copy of the acknowledgment executed after turning eighteen years of age. It shall be the student’s responsibility to obtain the form and submit it. The consequences for the failure to comply with this provision may be imposed by the Athletic Director at any time the fact that the student has turned 18 and has failed to comply with this provision comes to the Athletic Director’s actual knowledge.
- d. Violation of any of the above foregoing eligibility provisions, including but not limited to, the use of tobacco products by a student who is eighteen years of age shall make the student subject to the penalty portions of the requirements of the North Dakota High School Activities Association Rules and the Rules of Jamestown School District notwithstanding the fact that the act deemed a violation may be legal under the laws of the state of North Dakota. The prohibitions relative to tobacco, illegal drugs or other controlled substances or drug paraphernalia applies both on or off school property.

Consequences of Infractions;

A violator will be ineligible for any special school awards or a letter for the activity in which they served their suspension. In addition, he/she will not be able to serve in a leadership position in any activity at JHS for 12 months.

Multiple violations during a student’s high school career:

The following steps outline how violations will be handled:

1. First Offense: suspension for 6 consecutive weeks from the time of notification and the completion of a school approved intervention program. *See Administrative Guidelines for Intervention Program. Exception: any violation that takes place on school property or in connection with a school activity will immediately go to the second offense. *Student will remain ineligible until completion of the recommendations of the district designee.
2. Further Offenses: suspension for a minimum of 18 consecutive weeks from the time of notification.
3. Felonies and Misdemeanors
 1. Any participant who engages in, admits to, or is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor which would reflect on the performance, status, or personal growth of other individuals involved in the activity shall be dismissed from the extra curricular activities

Injuries:

The risk of injury is present in all activities, therefore, this should be considered before a student

decides
to join or try-out for a team. In the event of a school related injury, it is the responsibility of the injured student to report the injury to the coach/advisor in charge and to file a report with the Activities Director.
Jamestown Public Schools assumes no responsibilities for medical or other bills incurred by students.

Travel:
Students selected to take out of town trips are to travel to and from games/meets with the team. No other means of transportation is to be arranged unless approval in advance has been obtained through the Activities Director and the coach/advisor.

During the winter season, all parents should see that their children are warmly dressed when they board the school bus. There is always the possibility that the bus could be stalled for a period of time. In this event, warm coats, caps, gloves, and overshoes could avert serious consequences. Girls should not wear skirts or dresses on trips unless they have sweat pants or jeans along with them.

Regular bus rules apply to extra-curricular trips just as they do for route bus trips. For a complete list of bus rules, see the district's handbook for school transportation.

By signing this code of conduct agreement, the parent/guardian and student acknowledge understanding and support of rules and realize that a violation is a breach of the code of conduct and willingly accept consequences.

Parents/guardians and students also agree to hold the Jamestown Public School District harmless for consequences that occur as a result of violations of this agreement. All students including 18 years of age or older must sign the School Activities Code of Conduct.

Date _____

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Coaches' Signature

Activities Director's Signature