



Book	Policy Manual
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Authority

The Burgettstown Area School District recognizes the value of interscholastic athletics and extracurricular activities as an integral part of the total school experience for all students and as a conduit for community involvement.

The district believes that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential for students and considers participation in extracurricular/interscholastic activities, which include, but are not limited to, interscholastic athletics; student organizations; attendance at school functions, such as sporting events, dances, musical and theatrical performances; and participation in commencement ceremonies (school activities) to be a privilege and not a right.

The district recognizes the importance of students making healthy and safe choices, when in a position to make a decision about risky social behaviors. The Burgettstown Area School District has the right to adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding participation in extracurricular/interscholastic activities.

Delegation of Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the administration to communicate and enforce the policy as prescribed.

Objective

It is the objective of this policy to establish fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules and regulations regarding off-campus, nonschool-related conduct for all students and provide the student and his/her parent/guardian with notice that such off-campus, nonschool-related conduct will be subject to discipline by the school district in the form of restrictions from school activities.

Students will be restricted from school activities for a prescribed period of time for any of the following conduct that is confirmed to have occurred off-campus at a nonschool-related function: Use, possession, sale, distribution, or procurement of any amount of alcohol, drugs, other-controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications) or drug paraphernalia or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications).

Confirmation of such conduct may originate through information lawfully received by the district from law enforcement or judicial sources, such as notice of the issuance of a citation, through the student's own admission, or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) through acknowledgment. This policy is applicable to all school activities.

This policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any school district policies, codes of conduct, student handbooks, or other rules concerning discipline and restriction from school activities for drug and alcohol offenses occurring on school district property or at school-related events. This policy shall not apply to religious events or ceremonies or circumstances where the student's use, possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs is not in violation of the law.

Guidelines

First Offense

Use, possession, sale, distribution, or procurement of any amount of alcohol, drugs, other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications) or drug paraphernalia or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications) by a student off-campus at a nonschool-related function results in a restriction from school activities for thirty (30) calendar days.

The balance of the consequence will be rescinded for the first offense only if the student undergoes a drug and alcohol evaluation by a licensed drug and alcohol counselor, which shall not be at the district's expense.

Upon written confirmation that the drug and alcohol evaluation was completed and satisfactory evidence is provided that the student has complied/will comply with all recommendations contained within the evaluation, the student can resume participation in extracurricular activities and events.

Satisfactory evidence from the licensed drug and alcohol counselor must indicate that the student has complied with and/or made arrangements to comply with all treatment recommendations resulting from the assessment (i.e., counseling sessions, inpatient treatment, etc.)

Prior to rescinding the restriction from school activities, the student will need to complete a minimum three (3) hour community service project as determined by the coach/club sponsor, if applicable, and the principal or his/her designee.

Second Offense

Use, possession, sale, distribution, or procurement of any amount of alcohol, drugs, other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications) or drug paraphernalia or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications) by a student off-campus at a nonschool-related function results in a restriction from school activities for thirty (30) calendar days.

Subsequent Offenses

Use, possession, sale, distribution, or procurement of any amount of alcohol, drugs, other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications) or drug paraphernalia or being under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances (other than legally prescribed medications) by a student off-campus at a nonschool-related function results in a restriction from school activities for sixty (60) calendar days, excluding summer break.

Procedures

Timely, factual communication between the sponsors, where applicable, and school administration is critical. If a teacher, coach, club sponsor, Athletic Director, or administrator is informed of a drug and/or alcohol offense, s/he will inform the principal or his/her designee. If the information is provided to the principal or his/her designee, the administrator will inform other involved parties (assistant principal, Athletic Director, club sponsor or coach).

The principal or his/her designee will schedule a meeting with the parents(s)/guardian(s) and student to discuss the consequence(s) as it relates to the offense and afford the appropriate due process as reasonably determined by the principal or his/her designee.