

Student Activities (Cocurricular and Extracurricular) (Code of Conduct)

Individuals participating in the interscholastic activities program at Highland High School are highly visible to the student body, the community and the communities with which we compete. The opportunity of participation carries the responsibility of adherence to a code of conduct which reflects the role model status of athletes and other participants in student activities and which will bring credit to the participant and to Highland High School.

The following paragraphs relate to specific actions or behaviors designating the disciplinary action to be invoked. Actions not specifically covered but clearly contrary to expected behavior are subject to review by the head coach/sponsor, athletic director and principal. Their decisions are binding.

1. Suspension from school

Students who are suspended from school are prohibited from participating in sports or other activities during the length of the suspension.

2. Theft, vandalism or destruction of property

Participants involved either directly or as an accomplice in theft, vandalism or destruction of property will receive a one-game/activity suspension. Subsequent involvement will be subject to review by the athletic/activity council.

3. Substance abuse

During the competitive season (defined as the first official day of practice until the final contest), regardless of the quantity, a student will not:

- a. Use or consume, have in possession, sell or give away a beverage containing alcohol
- b. Use or consume, have in possession, sell or give away a product containing tobacco
- c. Use or consume, have in possession, sell or give away marijuana or any controlled substance.
It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally-defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his doctor.

First violation

After confirmation of the first violation, the student will be suspended from all activities for one 20% of the regularly scheduled contests. If the full suspension is not completed, the remaining days will be applied to the next sport or activity in which the student is involved. Suspensions will be applied to post-season contests as well as regular season contests.

Example 1: A football player would be suspended for 2 games (9 regular season contests x 20% = 1.8 contests. This number will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Example 2: A volleyball, basketball or baseball player would be suspended for 4 games (19 regular season contests x 20% = 3.8 contests. The number will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

Second violation

After confirmation of the second violation (during one school year), the student will be suspended from all activities for 50% of the regularly scheduled contests. If the full suspension is not completed, the remaining days will be applied to the next sport in which the student is involved. Suspensions will be applied to post-season contests as well as regular season contests.

Third violation

After the third confirmation of a violation, the student will be suspended from all activities for one calendar year.

Student athletes will be granted a one-time self-reporting reduction in the length of their suspension from athletic contests. First time offenders would receive a suspension of 10% of the regularly scheduled contests if they self-report their violation. Self-reporting is defined as reporting the violation of the code of conduct. Student athletes will only be able to receive the self-reporting reduction one time during their high school career.

4. Conduct and training codes

- a. Athletes and other activity participants as well as parents and coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a commendable manner at all times in the school, the classroom, during contests and toward opponents, officials and spectators. Use of profane language is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- b. No athlete may quit one sport and turn out for another after the season has begun without the mutual consent of both coaches.
- c. Student participants must travel to and from contests or activities in transportation provided by the school. The only exceptions are:
 - (1) Injury to a participant which would require alternate transportation.
 - (2) Students should not request permission to ride home with anyone other than their parents or guardians on out-of-town activities. A student may be released to the parent or guardian after an activity if the parent or guardian signs for the student with the sponsor.

5. Dress code

Each head coach or activity sponsor is responsible for each athlete or activity participant adhering to the appropriate dress code as listed in the student hand-book. Acceptable appearance reflecting good taste and judgment includes not only proper selection and wearing of clothing but also personal grooming. Some coaches may require dress shirt and tie or dress clothes on game or activity days.

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