Code of Conduct Policy

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR PHILOSOPHY

Sherrard Jr/Sr High School is dedicated to extracurricular/co-curricular activities as a vital component of the overall education of a student. These activities will be a positive learning experience for the students if they can recognize that they may achieve their highest potential by embracing a lifestyle dedicated to participation, competition, integrity and self-discipline. In addition, participation in an activity is both an honor and a privilege, and such carries responsibilities commensurate with leadership roles. As participants, and as very visible representatives of Sherrard Jr/Sr High School, students have an obligation to represent themselves in an exemplary manner in extracurricular/co-curricular activities.

We would have our students recognized for the good, which they accomplish, but also made aware of the results of their actions, which would be detrimental to themselves or those they represent. They must realize that decisions and consequences are part of the learning of responsibility. Parents, community members, and law enforcement agencies should have as much of a commitment as school officials to enforce the code in order to make it effective and a part of the educational process.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

Pursuant to Board Policy 7:240 the following general code of conduct for extracurricular and co-curricular activities at Sherrard Jr/Sr High School subjects a student to disciplinary action if he/she commits any of the following violations:

1. While in competition, act(s) of unsportsmanlike conduct such as cheating, fighting, or verbal abuse of officials, contestants, coaches, or spectators.
2. Use of/or possession of tobacco, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or vapor pens.
3. Use of/or possession of alcohol and any unauthorized substance, including look-alikes, and/or paraphernalia associated with these substances. In addition, a student who is present and remains where these substances are consumed/used will also be in violation of this code of conduct.
4. Use of/or possession of sports enhancement substances and/or performance enhancing drugs, including but not limited to anabolic-androgenic steroids.

There could be incidents of a legal nature at any time that could cause a student to be considered ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities over and above the penalties listed above.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM

The Board of Education believes that the use of alcohol or drugs by students presents a particular hazard to health, safety, and welfare. The Board encourages the students to participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, but it believes the opportunity to try-out and participate in school-sponsored extracurricular/co-curricular activities is not an absolute right. Rather, it is a privilege offered to eligible students on an equal opportunity basis. In addition, it is also a privilege to obtain a parking pass to drive to school.

To be eligible to try out for, or to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular/co-curricular activities program and/or drive to school, students must agree to submit to testing for the use of drugs and alcohol, if selected, in accordance with Board Policy 7:240.

DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES

1. Rosters of student ID numbers are developed at the beginning of each sport season (Fall, Winter, Spring), these rosters include: students who drive to school, students that are on an athletic team or listed with an organization sponsored by the school.
2. Rosters of student ID's are then sent to a third party drug testing agency for them to complete a random selection of (10) high school students and (2) junior high students.
3. On the day of testing, the third party agency conducts the testing at a location at Sherrard Jr./Sr. High. The administrator in charge will inform the student they will be drug tested and take them to the location where the third party agency will conduct the test. School administration and personnel do not conduct the tests.
4. The third party agency will conduct a urinalysis. The provided specimen will then be sent to the agency's lab for testing.
5. If the sample comes back positive from the lab, the agency will contact the student's parents/guardians directly about the results.
6. The lab will also notify the administrator in charge of the positive test. The school administrator will contact the student and parents/guardians about a code of conduct violation on page 29 & 30 of the student handbook.

By agreeing to the student handbook, parents and/or guardians are giving consent for their student to be part of the random drug testing policy at Sherrard Jr./Sr. High School. For students to be able to participate in extra or co-curricular activities or the privilege to drive to school agreement to this policy is required.

If a parent or guardian chooses to opt-out of the random drug testing policy, they should contact the Activities Director. This would forfeit the opportunity for that student to participate in extra or co-curricular activities or the privilege to drive to school for that school year.

Students that refuse to give a sample will be in violation of the school's code of conduct policy.

Students that attempt to tamper with the sample will be in violation of the school's code of conduct policy.