## Policy 3380: Extracurricular and Co-curricular Participation Policy

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Extracurricular or co-curricular activities are supplements to the regular instructional programs and afford students opportunities for enrichment. However, participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right, as pursuant to Idaho Code. As representatives of their school and district, students participating in such activities are expected to meet high standards of behavior.

General Definitions for Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Participation Policy
Unless the context otherwise requires, in this policy:

"Extracurricular Activities" means District and/or school-authorized activities which take place outside the regular school day and do not involve class credit, including, but not limited to, athletics, student groups or organizations, and community activities for which high school letters are awarded.

"Co-Curricular Activities" are District and/or school-authorized activities held in conjunction with a for-credit class, but taking place outside the regular school day, including, but not limited to, debate, drama, drill team, band, or choir.

"Activity Suspension or Suspension from Extracurricular or Co-Curricular Activities" means that suspended students shall not travel, dress in uniform, or associate or participate with the team or group at its scheduled event(s).

Suspended students may be allowed to participate in practices and meetings. However, the principal, coach or athletic director may deem it necessary for students to be withheld from practices or meetings for the duration of the suspension.

"Controlled Substances" include, but are not limited to, opiates; opium derivatives; hallucinogenic substances, including cocaine; and cannabis and synthetic equivalents or the substances contained in the plant; any material, compound mixture, or preparation with substances having a depressant effect on the central nervous system; and stimulants.

"Drugs" include any alcohol or malt beverage, any inhalant, any tobacco product, any controlled substances, any illegal substance, any abused substance, any look-alike or counterfeit drug, any medication not approved and registered by the school authorities and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood, and/or any substance which is misrepresented and sold or distributed as a restricted or illegal drug.

"Drug Paraphernalia" is defined as any or all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivation, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance as defined in this policy.

"Event" is defined as a match, game, meet, or other competitive event, including regional and/or state tournaments, and competitions. "Event" is also defined as any band or choir performance(s), including ASB School events.

"Knowingly Present" shall mean that a student attended a gathering of two (2) or more individuals at which one or more of the attendees, other than the student at issue, were using or in possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substances, drugs, pornography, alcohol, or tobacco and the student knew or reasonably should have known that such use or possession was occurring.

"Minor Infraction" shall mean a minor deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student expectations which occurs while the student is engaged in extracurricular or co-curricular activity. Students will be given notification of the first minor infraction. Students, parents or guardians will be given notification of the second minor infraction through a conference and will be informed that a third minor infraction may result in activity suspension as defined by each school behavior matrix.

"Major Infraction" shall mean a major deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student-athlete expectations which occurs while the student is engaged in extracurricular or co-curricular activity. Parents/guardians will be given notification of the first major infraction through a phone call or through a conference. The major infractions are defined in the school behavior matrix and the student discipline policy 3330.

Should a student get suspended during the school day or a school-sponsored event/activity like a field trip, the consequences stated below apply to any extracurricular or co-curricular event/competition/activity.

School suspensions and extracurricular suspension consequences will follow the same progression (i.e. when a student-athlete is suspended from school for three days, the student-athlete is suspended from the extracurricular practices/activities/events for the same duration. If a student-athlete is suspended from school for five days, the student-athlete is suspended from the extracurricular practices/activities/events for the same duration.

Drug, alcohol and criminal citations follow a different set of consequences. Refer to Board Policy No. 3400 for these violations and citations.

“Scholastic Year” is defined as the period of time beginning with the first day of the athlete's extracurricular and co-curricular season and ending with the last day of school.

“School Days” include only those days when school is in session.

"Summer" is defined as the day after the last school student attendance day and the last day before the first day of the school student attendance day.

Academic Expectations

1. It is expected that students participating in co-curricular activities will be enrolled as a student and will pass all classes. According to I.H.S.A.A. rules, if, at the end of a semester, a student is failing more than two (2) classes, he or she will be academically ineligible for the next semester. Parent or guardian will provide a progress report when asked or as scheduled for any courses not provided by St. Maries Joint School District No. 41.
2. In addition, during the school year, student grades will be evaluated every three (3) weeks. If, at that time, a student is failing two (2) or more classes, he or she will become academically ineligible. A student will regain eligibility if, at the end of the next three-week evaluation period, he or she has passed all classes. Because of the shorter sports seasons, middle school students’ grades will be evaluated weekly.
3. If, at the end of an evaluation period, a student is failing one (1) class, he or she will be placed on academic probation. At the end of the next three (3) week evaluation period, if the student is not passing all classes, he or she will be academically ineligible.
4. Study sessions will be made available for students who are academically ineligible or on academic probation.

Extracurricular or Co-curricular Activity Suspension

The Board believes that the safety and welfare of other students may be adversely affected when students who are involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities commit major infractions or repeated minor infractions at school or during school activities, and/or are involved in criminal conduct or drug use in any location.

1. Activity Suspension as a Result of a School Suspension: A student will be immediately suspended from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities when he or she receives a suspension from school.

   **Consequences of a first violation and a second violation**:

   A. The activity suspension is automatic. It is for the duration of the school suspension, and runs concurrent with the school suspension, whether practices or competitions. (i.e. a two (2) day school suspension equates to a two (2) day activity suspension: a five (5) day school suspension equates to a five (5) day activity suspension). The range of the activity suspension could include practices and competitions/games.
   B. This type of activity suspension cannot be appealed.
   C. In School Suspension (ISS) or detention also means a suspension with no practice or participation. A student-athlete will be suspended from the practice/event/or competition on the same day as the ISS, the office referral, or a Detention Day.

2. Activity Suspension for Repeated Minor Infractions or a Major Infraction During an Activity: A student may be suspended from an extracurricular or co-curricular activity when he or she commits a third minor infraction, or one major infraction, while engaging in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity on any school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, regardless of location. The coach or advisor will recommend suspension to the principal and the athletic director.

   **Consequences of a third violation:**

1. Suspension for the remainder of that particular athletic/sport season;
2. Meeting with current coach, athletic director, parent or guardian, and principal;
3. Create a behavior plan for subsequent seasons;
4. If the athlete violates the behavior plan in the subsequent season, they are suspended from extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year (i.e. if the athlete violates the behavior plan in the 2024-2025 school year, the athlete will be suspended from extracurricular activities for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year).

If there is drug or alcohol use at school, and there is a citation, the school follows the drug/alcohol consequences as outlined in Board Policy No. 3400.

The consequences are progressive for a student-athlete's middle school career. The consequences are progressive for a student-athlete's high school career. The consequences will be reset when student-athletes transition from middle school to high school.

1. **Infractions Which Occur on Out-of-School Trips:** During an out-of-school trip, if the authorized person in charge of the activity determines that a student should be sent home early because of criminal conduct, drug use, or a major infraction, the authorized person will notify the parent or guardian, and ask him or her to take charge of the return of the student. The parent or guardian will assume any expenses incurred for the return of the student.
2. **Informal Hearing Process**: Prior to giving an activity suspension to a student, the principal or athletic director shall grant the student an informal hearing on the reasons for the activity suspension and the opportunity to challenge those reasons unless an emergency activity suspension is necessary. If an emergency activity suspension is necessary, an informal hearing will be held as soon as possible after the emergency ceases to exist.
3. Students **travel** to or from an extracurricular or co-curricular activity. Unless other travel arrangements are authorized, students will board the bus at the school designated as point of origin for the trip and will return to the point of origin on the bus. There will be no stops along the designated route to pick up or discharge students, unless pre-approved by the administration and transportation department manager.

The only variation allowed in this regulation is the release of students to parents or guardians in a face-to-face situation at the close of the activity before buses begin the return trip. Such a release will require a signed, dated note from the parent or guardian.

The activity must provide at least one (1) school employee (coach, teacher, or administrator) for each bus on a special trip. The bus driver will be responsible for the safe operation of the bus. The sponsor will be responsible for supervision of students and enforcement of bus rules. Any adult designated by the principal as a sponsor will have such authority.

Students must follow all school bus rules as stated in Board Policy No. 8100 - Transportation, with this exception: food and drink not in glass containers will be allowed on the bus. However, any debris must be cleaned up at the end of the trip and before students leave the bus. If food, containers, and trash are left on the bus, this privilege can be revoked by the coach, athletic director, and principal.

If a student violates a transportation rule, the coach, the athletic director and the bus driver will investigate the situation. If the panel finds there was an infraction of bus rules, the following action will apply:

A. On the first infraction, the student will be warned that, following any further infraction, he or she will be declared ineligible for transportation to extracurricular or co-curricular activities for one event;
B. On the second infraction during a semester, the student will be declared ineligible for transportation to the extracurricular or co-curricular activity for two (2) events; and
C. On the third infraction during a semester, the student will be declared ineligible for transportation to extracurricular or co-curricular activities for the remainder of the semester.

<u>Appeal Process</u>

1. This appeal process may be used by students and their parents or guardians only in those instances where an activity suspension or transportation to extracurricular or co-curricular activities exceeds nine (9) school days.
2. The parent or guardian must request an appeal in writing within one (1) week of the notification of the activity suspension decision.
3. A student may appeal the determination that he or she has violated this Policy and/or the penalty imposed by filing a written request with the principal within ten (10) days of the date the determination is made. The request for an appeal must clearly state the reasons why the review is being requested. The review will be an

informal meeting of the student, parents or guardian if desired, and a panel consisting of the principal, activities director, and head coach/advisor. The panel will issue a written decision within five (5) school days of the date of the review.
4. As a part of the investigation process, the student will receive notice of the allegation that he or she violated the policy, and will be given an informal hearing with the investigator. Parents or guardians and the head coach/advisor will be informed of this hearing.
5. At the hearing, the reasons for possible suspension from activities will be stated, and the student will be given an opportunity to provide evidence.
6. The investigator may determine if a violation of the policy has occurred from examination of the facts, information, and/or evidence from any source the investigator finds reasonably credible.
7. If the student's appeal to the panel is not successful, the student has the right to appeal to the St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 Board of Trustees by filing a written request with the Superintendent within ten (10) days of the date the determination is made. The request for an appeal must clearly state the reasons why the review is being requested. The Board of Trustees will issue a written decision within five (5) school days of the date of the review. The decision of the Board of Trustees is final.
8. Students shall abide by all other terms of their suspension until a final determination is made regarding their appeal.

**Cross-Reference Policies:**

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| 502.01 | Maintenance Conduct Orderly |
| 502.02 | Suspension and Expulsion |
| 502.03 | Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use |
| 502.14 | Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Cyber Bullying |
| 502.16 | Student Assault and Battery |
| 3330 | Student Discipline |
| 3400 | Extracurricular Activities Drug-Testing Program |

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**ST. MARIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41**
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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**STUDENT/PARENT/GUARDIAN**
**GOOD CONDUCT FORM**

I understand that my performance as a participant and the reputation of my school are dependent, in part, on my conduct as an individual. I hereby agree to accept and abide by the standards, rules, and regulations set forth by St. Maries Joint School District No. 41 and the sponsors of the activity in which I participate.

This shall be deemed consent pursuant to the Family Education Right to Privacy Act for the release of the above information to the parties named above.

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| Student Signature | Parent or Guardian Signature |
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| Print Name | Print Name |
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