



Cache County School District

Policy Series 3000: Students

Policy No. 3520 P1

Student Activities: Eligibility for Student Activities

Academic Eligibility

Schools and coaches may establish higher standards; however, students must meet the following minimum requirements to be eligible to participate. A student:

- A. Must be a full-time student. The minimum requirements of a full-time student require enrollment in at least four credit-bearing classes in a five-period trimester schedule, or 80%. A senior may be enrolled in fewer than four credit-bearing classes as long as he/she is on track to graduate;
- B. Cannot fail any course in the preceding grading period;
- C. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 based on a 4.0 scale in the prior grading period.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements:

- D. Incompletes (I), no grades (NG), and no credits (NC) are considered failures and must be factored into the GPA until made up. Once made up, the GPA must be recalculated with the new grade replacing the deficiency.
- E. A recalculation of the GPA would also be done if deficiencies were replaced during the summer grading period.
- F. To replace the deficiency obtained during the final grading period, the new grade must be earned in the same subject area and must come from a summer program approved by the Cache County School District.
- G. Incoming 9th-grade students or transferring students are responsible for meeting the requirements of A and B listed above.
- H. Students who are scholastically ineligible for a grading period are not permitted to represent their school.

Student Disciplinary Sanctions

A. Drugs and Alcohol:

- 1. First Offense – Suspension from two weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions, or performances. Practice may be continued following a personal assessment of the student by a licensed substance abuse intervention or treatment program and/or participation in a district-level approved intervention program.
- 2. Second Offense – Suspension from six weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions, or performances. Student participation in an assessment by a licensed substance intervention or treatment program with prescribed follow-up is required. Practice may continue only after the assessment has been completed and positive participation in the prescribed follow-up is occurring.

3. Third Offense – Suspension from eighteen weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions, performances, and practices. Reinstatement of eligibility at the end of the eighteen-week suspension is predicated upon successful completion of a formal assessment intervention and treatment program.

B. Tobacco Use/Possession/Sale/Distribution

1. First Offense – Use, possession, sale, or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products, in any form, is prohibited. The consequence for the first violation will be suspension from all extra-curricular programs/athletic competitions for one week.
2. Second Offense – The consequence for a second violation will be a two-week suspension.
3. Third Offense – The school administration will determine the consequences for a third offense and beyond. The penalty will be determined based on the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to a person or property, the remorse of the student, and any other relevant factors.

C. Additional Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Guidelines

1. Violations carry over year-to-year and sport/activity to sport/activity in a participant's career (there is no "fresh start" each school year);
2. Any penalties for violation follow the student to any Cache District school to which he/she transfers;
3. Any violation beyond the third offense carries the same penalty as the third offense; and
4. As needed, a Cache District discipline screening committee may be assembled to impose a sanction greater than those described for each offense if there are extenuating circumstances.

D. Violation of Team Rules and Regulations

Coaches may establish reasonable rules and regulations, subject to the approval of school administration, for behavior not otherwise specified in the code of conduct. Coaches may determine reasonable penalties for violations of team rules and regulations, subject to review by school administration.

E. Attendance – Truancy

"Truancy," as outlined in Board Policy 3400, means a student is absent without a valid excuse.

Student attendance is critical to a student's success in the classroom; similarly, attendance at practice is essential. Students involved in extracurricular programs are expected to attend all of their classes on time and avoid truancy.

1. Students who receive a truancy citation letter shall be suspended from participation in extracurricular programs for one week for a first offense.
2. A second truancy citation letter during a student's high school enrollment shall result in a two-week suspension.
3. Subsequent truancy citations will result in additional suspensions; the school administration will determine the consequences in consultation with coaches and the athletic director.

F. School Suspension

Students who are suspended from school under either school or school district policy are prohibited from participation in practices, games, meets, matches, competitions, or performances during the length of the suspension.

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G. Academic Fraud

Students who admit to and/or who are caught cheating in their classes will be subject to disciplinary action. The impact on participation in extracurricular programs will be determined by school administration in consultation with the classroom teacher in whose class the cheating occurred and the coach/advisor of the program the student is participating in, but shall in no case be less than a one-week removal from participation.

H. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct and other unacceptable behaviors not explicitly covered in this code of conduct, but which are contrary to the spirit of being a role model to others, are subject to an appropriate penalty at the discretion of the school administration, taking into consideration the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the remorse of the athlete, and any other relevant factors.

I. Unlawful Behavior

If a student has committed an unlawful or delinquent act as defined by Utah State Code, regardless of where or when the unlawful or delinquent act occurred, an appropriate penalty will be determined based on the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, and any other relevant factors, such as previous acts of misconduct. In all such cases, the school administration reserves the right to suspend a student's extracurricular privileges until all charges have been resolved in court. The school administration also reserves the right to suspend extracurricular privileges once the court has rendered a guilty verdict, the student has pleaded guilty or no contest, or a disposition has been reached through a settlement.

(Please note that specific consequences for Drug/Alcohol and Tobacco infractions are detailed in an earlier portion of this document.)

J. New Enrollees/Transfer Students

New enrollees, including transfer students with prior violations at other schools, will be considered to have violated the Cache County Student Code of Conduct and, therefore, will be subject to applicable consequences for any additional violations as provided in this Code of Conduct.

Grievance Procedure Guidelines

If a student or parent(s)/guardian(s) has a grievance based on an outcome of the Cache County School District *Student Code of Conduct*, the following procedures are to be followed:

- A. Request a meeting with the person who gave a consequence.
- B. If not resolved, request a meeting with the school's assistant principal responsible for athletics and activities.
- C. If not resolved, request a hearing with the Extra-Curricular Participation Review Board. This Board will consist of the following individuals: the School Athletic Director, the School Principal, and the Executive Director of Student Services for Cache County Schools. The decision of this board is final and exhausts all grievance processes.

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Utah High School Activities Handbook

For matters not defined above, the Utah High School Activities Handbook will be used to determine appropriate outcomes.

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