

Dupree School District

2026-2027

STUDENT ACTIVITIES/EVENTS HANDBOOK



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The Dupree School District is to provide a well-balanced co-curricular program available to all students regardless of nationality, sex, or religious beliefs. All activity participation is on a voluntary basis. It is a privilege, an honor, and an earned right to represent the Dupree School District in interscholastic competition.

The Athletic Director and Superintendent will be primarily responsible for the achievement of the co-curricular program. All co-curricular staff will be directly responsible to the director of their individual program. The staff, before making a program or personnel change, will consult the director who will in turn notify the Superintendent.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Dupree School District #64-2 that no person be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, religion, sex, age, physical disabilities, or marital status in any program, service, or activity for which the school is responsible, as required by Title XIX, P.L. 93-122, Section 504, and other state and federal laws. The Dupree School Elementary Principal is the coordinator for the policy. The Elementary Principal may be reached at 365-5140 or write: Elementary Principal, Dupree School, Box 10, Dupree, SD 57623.

INTRODUCTION

This handbook is provided to give direction for all Dupree students who are involved in school activities. Because participation in activities is a voluntary privilege, students must remain in compliance with SDHSAA rules and regulations as well as the athletic department, and Board of Education policies to participate in school activities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Dupree School District, with the support of the students, parents, and community, is to enable students to become socially responsible citizens who are productive and competent lifelong learners by providing a positive, safe environment which offers innovative learning experiences, thus encouraging critical and creative thinking and respect for others in an ever-changing, culturally diverse world.

OBJECTIVES

The program for student activities will assist each student in:

1. Learning the wise use of leisure time.
2. The constructive use of their unique talents and skills.
3. Developing new recreational and vocational interests and skills.
4. Developing positive habits that will contribute to a healthy lifestyle.
5. Developing leadership and collaborative skills.
6. Developing a positive work ethic.
7. Developing a more positive attitude and increased motivation toward school.
8. Increasing their understanding and participation in the democratic process.
9. Improving their communication skills.
10. Developing a repertoire of skills—problem solving, decision making, goal setting, time management, etc.—which are marketable.
11. Achieving success that results in improved self-esteem.

SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

The State of South Dakota (SDCL 13-36-4) authorizes schools to delegate the control, supervision, and regulation of any and all high school interscholastic activities to a high school activities association. South Dakota school districts, jointly and cooperatively, created and developed a voluntary, non-profit association for the advancement of interscholastic activities. The purpose of the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) is to direct and coordinate interscholastic activities that are conducted by member high schools. The SDHSAA sanctions and regulates activity programs for athletics, music, publications, speech, and student council through a Board of Control and an executive staff. Each article of the constitution, by-law, rule, and regulation of the SDHSAA, however, was ratified by the member schools.

According to the South Dakota High School Activities Association, "A strong activities program can and should complement a school's academic program." Activities are an integral part of the total curriculum of

South Dakota schools. A well-balanced activities program provides the opportunity for physical, social, and emotional development complementing intellectual growth.

Participation in school activities encompasses all students without regard to sex, race, or creed and teaches that it is a privilege and an honor to represent one's school. Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of "growing up" experiences for students. Participants learn to accept success and failures, gain poise and confidence, achieve tolerance and understanding of others and gain the self-satisfaction of accomplishing goals. Under a well-administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observation of activities conducted under established rules.

LITTLE MOREAU CONFERENCE

Dupree High School is also a member with seven other high schools-Bison, Faith, Harding County, Lemmon, McIntosh, Newell, and Timber Lake to form the Little Moreau Conference. Member schools compete at the varsity level for championships in four (4) boys' sports and five (5) girls' sports. The LMC regulates conference scheduling, awards, and competition in each sport. Copies of the LMC Constitution are available in the athletic director's office.

FUNDAMENTALS OF SPORTSMANSHIP

All schools must be aware that they have certain required responsibilities as a member of the association as a host school, or as a visiting school. The responsibility may vary in degree but not in importance.

It is logical to establish control and clearly state all procedures essential to smooth contest management for students, student athletes, and parents/spectators. To ensure correct behavior of student athletes it is recommended that a faculty member of the school accompanies the coach. His/her duties vary with the type of activity, but primarily s/he is to assist the coach or the director of the activity.

SHOW RESPECT FOR THE OPPONENT AT ALL TIMES: The opponents should be treated as guests, greeted cordially on arriving; given the best accommodations; and accorded the tolerance, honesty, and generosity that all human beings deserve. Good sportsmanship is the golden rule in action.

SHOW RESPECT FOR THE OFFICIALS: The officials should be recognized as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job. Good sportsmanship implies the willingness to accept and abide by the decision of the officials.

KNOW, UNDERSTAND, AND APPRECIATE THE RULES OF THE CONTEST: A familiarity with the current rules of the game and the recognition of their necessity for a fair contest are essential. Good sportsmanship suggests the importance of conforming to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules.

MAINTAIN SELF-CONTROL AT ALL TIMES: A prerequisite of good sportsmanship requires one to understand his/her own bias or prejudice and to have the ability to recognize that rational behavior is more important than the desire to win. A proper perspective must be maintained if the potential educational values of athletic competition are to be realized. Good sportsmanship is concerned with the behavior of all involved in the game.

RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE SKILL IN PERFORMANCE REGARDLESS OF AFFILIATION: The ability to recognize quality in performance and the willingness to acknowledge it without regard to team membership is one of the most highly commendable gestures of good sportsmanship.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARENTS/SPECTATORS

It is expected that parents/spectators be always good role models for the student athletes/student spectators. Therefore, parents/spectators attending athletic activities shall exhibit behavior

commensurate with good sportsmanship and the rules of this Handbook. Parents/spectators who exhibit unsportsmanlike/disorderly conduct during school athletic functions may be required to leave the activity and the school grounds. Failure to leave the activity at the request of the school official responsible for the supervision of the activity may subject the spectator to forcible removal by an appropriate law enforcement official. Verbal or physical abuse of student athletes, coaches, school personnel, opposing teams and their coaches/supervisors in person, in an email, a post on social media or other means of communication shall not be tolerated and may result in the spectator being banned from attending all school related or athletic activities for the remainder of the year. Any parents/spectator ejected from an activity or banned from athletic events shall be entitled to due process and may utilize the applicable District grievance procedure.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACH

The coach bears the greatest burden of responsibility for sportsmanship. The coach has the strongest influence upon the attitudes and behavior of the players, the student body, and the community. For good sportsmanship to become a reality, it is essential that the coach subscribes to the values of sportsmanship and teaches its principles through word and deed. Specifically, it is recommended that the coach:

1. Always set good examples for others to follow. Do not use vulgar or offensive language at any time.
2. Instruct the players in their sportsmanship responsibilities.
3. Discipline students who display unsportsmanlike behavior. If necessary, take away their privileges of representing the school.
4. Be a good host to opponents. Treat them as guests.
5. Provide opportunities for social interaction among coaches and players.
6. Endorse or recommend only officials who demonstrate the highest ethical standards.
7. Respect the officials' judgments and interpretations of the rules.
8. Publicly shake hands with or acknowledge the officials and opposing coach before and after the contest.
9. Follow SDHSAA requirements set forth for the individual sport.

SDHSAA ELIGIBILITY

YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE IF:

1. You have reached your 20th birthday
2. You have attended more than four (4) first semesters and four (4) second semesters of school (any total of 8) in grades 9 through 12. Enrollment in school for fifteen (15) school days or participation in an inter-school contest shall constitute a semester.
3. You are not passing twenty (20) hours of high school work per week, in courses approved for graduation, as well as the preceding semester.
4. You have graduated from a regular four-year high school or institution of equivalent rank.
5. You have not enrolled by the sixteenth (16th) school day of the current semester. Date of regular entry into classes is considered the date of enrollment.
6. You have been absent from school more than ten (10) consecutive school days (illness of the student or a death in the immediate family excepted.)
7. You have transferred from one high school to another without a corresponding change in the residence of your parents.
8. You do not have a transcript on file in the principal's office, a signed physical examination, and parents permit form.
9. You have ever participated in an athletic contest under an assumed name.

10. You have ever participated in athletics in any institution of learning of higher rank than a standard secondary school.
11. You have violated your amateur standing.
12. During a high school sport season, you compete as an individual or a member of another team.

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Grade Level Participation/Clarification

- 1) All Elementary Activities are for grades 4th – 6th. This includes Elementary Girls Basketball and Elementary Boys Basketball.
- 2) All Junior High Activities are for grades 6th-8th. This includes all activities offered at Dupree School other than E-Sports, students cannot participate until the 7th grade.
- 3) 6th Grade students are allowed to participate in Elementary level activities as well as Junior High level activities. This will be at the discretion of the Activities Director.
- 4) 7th and 8th grade students may participate at the Varsity level at the discretion of the Activities Director.
- 5) 6th grade students cannot participate at the Varsity Level in any activity. 6th grade students are not allowed to be on the same playing surface with Varsity level students in any scheduled competition.
- 6) 5th grade students and lower cannot participate at the Junior High Level in any activity unless a specified event allows 5th grade and lower to participate. This will be at the discretion of the Activities Director.

SDHSAA POLICY

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE ELIGIBILITY SDCL 13-36-8 7th and 8th GRADE NONPUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS Any seventh or eighth grade student who attends a nonpublic elementary or middle school that is not affiliated with a nonpublic high school may participate in interscholastic activities at a nonpublic high school, at the discretion of the nonpublic school, if the student meets the same scholastic standards required by the South Dakota High School Activities Association for high school participation. Adopted 2005 Legislative Session. SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE CONTESTANTS Chapter I, Part III, Section 3, page15, of the SDHSAA Bylaws provides that member schools may use seventh and eighth grade students on high school teams, provided they meet scholastic standards fully equivalent to those required by the Association for high school contests. 7th and 8th grade students satisfy SDHSAA scholastic standards via compliance with SDCL 13-27-3 and submission of transcripts per SDCL 13-36-7. Seventh and eighth grade students who reside in a school district that does not operate a high school would be eligible to participate at the first SDHSAA member school in which they enroll. If said student was enrolled at the beginning of the school year, or at the beginning of the second semester, said student would be eligible immediately. Should said student enroll at any other time, the student would become eligible on the eleventh scheduled day of school in a school which operates a five (5) day school week or on the ninth scheduled day of school in a school which operates a four (4) day school week. Following enrollment at an SDHSAA member school, all transfer rules would be applicable. This would apply to the initial transfer only. This language coincides with SDCL 13-36-8 which was adopted by the SD Legislature during the 2005 Legislative Session. Revised 7/24 Eligibility - 5

NO SIXTH GRADE CONTESTANTS Member schools should be advised that the interpretation of Chapter I, Part IV, Section 3 of the SDHSAA Bylaws prohibits any student from participating in high school athletic contests who might be in grade six or

below. This pertains to both boys and girls athletics, and there is no exception to the rule.

A. ABSENCES AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Students who miss school on the day of a co-curricular activity or event will not be able to practice, attend, or compete that day. To participate in or attend any contest, event, or exhibition, students must be in school the entire day on the day of the contest or exhibition or have an excused absence from the principal's office. This includes all the classes conducted for that student on that day.
2. Exceptions:
 - a.) Medical reasons (With prior approval from administration)
 - b.) Prior Administrative approval
 - c.) All case-by-case basis

B. PHYSICALS

1. It is a requirement that all students from grades 6-12 who will participate in an athletic activity that Dupree School District sponsors must have a physical examination, in accordance with SDHSAA regulations and the cost of which is to be borne by the individual. Dupree School District is on an annual examination schedule. Parents/guardians will receive information regarding physicals in the summer prior to the fall sports seasons starting.
2. In the event of an injury that requires attention by a medical professional, a Return to Competition, Practice or Training form shall be completed prior to a student participating.

C. BUS

1. It is the responsibility of the students to act in a respectful, appropriate manner and follow the stated bus rules.
2. Students are to refrain from any physical forms of affection. Once warned, the students involved will sit apart for the remainder of the school year and are reported to the principal for disciplinary action.
3. It is the responsibility of the students to help keep the bus clean.
4. Students are to follow the directives of the activity sponsors and bus driver.
5. Students must ride to and from an activity with the assigned bus or school vehicle. The only exception to the policy is if a parent/guardian makes a personal request to the activity sponsor or administrators.

D. CONCUSSIONS

1. A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury. A concussion may cause multiple symptoms. Many symptoms appear immediately after the injury, while others may develop over the next several days or weeks. The symptoms may be subtle and are often difficult to fully recognize.
2. A concussion fact sheet for parents is included in the athletic packet and required forms for parental written acknowledgment
3. A concussion fact sheet for students is included in the athletic packet and required forms for parental written acknowledgment
4. A Return to Competition, Practice or Training form shall be completed prior to a student returning to participation

E. INCLEMENT WEATHER/SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES:

1. An Activity Calendar will be published, containing a schedule of all school activities to occur at the beginning of the year with the best information known

at the time. Activity sponsors are responsible for clearing activity dates with the AD and principals.

2. No school activities including open gym shall be scheduled on Wednesday night, as this is designated as Church Night.
3. On days that school is dismissed/cancelled due to inclement weather, no practices, organized school activities or games are to occur. The superintendent may override this rule under unique circumstances.

F. SUNDAY PRACTICE:

1. Sunday Practices: Rare Sunday afternoon practices/activities will be allowed for special circumstances, with prior approval from the superintendent.
2. The practices must be voluntary and have no negative impact on those players unable to attend

G. JEWELRY/VALUABLES:

1. The district is not responsible for any lost or stolen jewelry or valuables.

H. SCHEDULING THE GYMS:

1. All scheduling of the gyms for outside groups, traveling teams or open gyms must originate with the Athletic Director and be approved by the appropriate administrator.

I. FUNDRAISERS AT HOME EVENTS:

1. All groups will be given an equal opportunity for fundraising.
2. Groups must start with the Athletic Director, and all fundraisers must be approved by the principal, and communicated to the Central Office personnel to be placed on the general calendar.

TRAINING RULES

Dupree School District	NEPN Code: JFCH
Policy Manual	

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG USE BY STUDENTS

This Dupree School District policy on student use of alcohol and other drugs in the school district is in effect on premises owned, leased or maintained by the school district, at all school-related activities on and off campus, on vehicles used to transport students to and from school or at other activities and in vehicles parked on school property.

Students and parents/guardians are expected to know and understand the policy provisions and its mandatory nature. A copy of the policy will be provided to all students and parents via student handbooks.

POLICY

A student shall not possess, use, distribute, transfer, conceal, sell, attempt to sell, deliver, nor be under the influence of alcohol and/or other illegal drugs. Students shall not engage in alcohol and/or other drug use/abuse, nor possess paraphernalia specific to the use of alcohol and/or other drugs. Nothing set forth in this policy precludes school district personnel from using the power of observation and professional judgment when there is reasonable suspicion of student consumption of illegal drugs or alcohol.

Students who use prescription drugs authorized by a licensed physician do not violate this policy if the students conform to the prescription and appropriate school policies.

DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

- A. The following procedures will be used in dealing with possession, use, or being under the influence of alcohol and other drugs. State and federal regulations regarding special education students will be followed.

B.

First Offense:

1. The administration will notify the parent(s)/guardians(s) and schedule a conference.
2. The administration shall suspend the student for ten (10) days in compliance with student due process procedures.
3. The administration shall notify available law enforcement authorities.
4. The administration shall notify the parents/guardians in writing of the suspension.

The suspension of a student who completes a drug/alcohol assessment from a certified or licensed addition counselor or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency and recommended program, if any, will be commuted to three (3) days, provided the assessment and program are completed, unless good cause is shown to and approved by the administration, within twenty (20) school days. Fees for this assessment and treatment are the responsibility of the student and family.

Upon receipt of appropriate authorization, the agency or professional will notify the school administration in writing that the student has been evaluated and to comply successfully, completed any recommended treatment program.

Second Offense:

1. The administration will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) and schedule a conference.
2. The administration shall notify available law enforcement authorities.
3. The administration shall suspend for ten (10) days in compliance with student due process procedures.
4. The administration shall notify the parents/guardians in writing of the suspension.

A long-term suspension hearing shall be scheduled before the school board pursuant to due process rules for long-term suspension. The administration will recommend to the school board that the student be suspended for ninety (90) school days. The ninety (90) day suspension for a second offense may be reduced to ten (10) school days if the student completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. Fees for this assessment and/or treatment are the responsibility of the student and family.

Subsequent Offenses:

1. The administration will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) and schedule a conference.
2. The administration shall notify available law enforcement authorities.
3. The administration shall suspend for ten (10) days in compliance with student due process procedures.
4. An expulsion hearing shall be scheduled before the school board pursuant to due process rules for expulsion. The administration will recommend to the school board that the student be expelled.

B. Distributing (supplying free or selling) Alcohol and Other Drugs or Material Represented to be a Controlled Substance - (all occurrences):

1. The administration will contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) and schedule a conference.
2. The administration shall notify available law enforcement authorities.
3. The administration shall suspend for ten (10) days in compliance with student due process procedures.
4. A long-term suspension hearing shall be scheduled before the school board pursuant to due process rules for long-term suspension. The administration will recommend to the school board that the student be suspended for up to ninety (90) school days.
5. A second offense for distributing alcohol or drugs shall result in an expulsion hearing being scheduled before the school board and the administration will recommend the student be expelled for one year.
6. State and federal regulations regarding special education students will be followed.

Statement: Violations including controlled substances and drugs will follow state law or District consequences, whichever is greater. To count toward the minimum number of school activity events affected by any suspension, the student must participate in the entire season for the school activity and may not drop out or quit to avoid suspension. A suspension that is not completed by the student during one school activity season shall carry over to the next school activity season in which the student participates. If a student commits a second violation, the consequence will be that which is listed for the second violation of the most recent offense. The same rule will apply for any subsequent violations.

District Class IV Violations: Violence, spitting, fighting (instigator/participant), bullying, intimidation, tobacco/e cigarettes (vaping), alcohol, theft, physical injury/assault, destruction of property, secret societies or gang activity, harassment, hazing, sexual misconduct, engaging in illegal activities.

1st Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for five (5) consecutive calendar days or two (2) events whichever is greater.

2nd Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for ten (10) consecutive calendar days or four (4) activity events whichever is greater.

3rd Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for thirty (30) calendar days or six (6) events, whichever is greater.

4th Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for 12 calendar months.

District Class V Violations: Drugs, - using or under the influence, or possessing drug paraphernalia.

1st Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for ten (10) consecutive calendar days or four (4) events whichever is greater.

2nd Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for thirty (30) calendar days or eight (8) events, whichever is greater.

3rd Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for 12 calendar months.

District Class VI Violations: Weapons, bomb threat, fires, endangering the life of others/threats to harm or endanger the life of others.

1st Offense: Suspension from any school activity events for sixty (60) calendar days or eight (8) events, whichever is greater.

2nd Offense: The student is ineligible to participate in any school activity for the remainder of high school.

STATE LAW – SDCL 13-32-9 Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Violation: Drug conviction, adjudication, informal adjustment or court approved diversion program, or suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana or for ingesting, inhaling or otherwise taking into the body substances prohibited by law.

First Violation: Ineligible to participate in any activity sanctioned by the SDHSAA for one (1) calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, informal adjustment, suspended imposition of sentence or suspended imposition of delinquency.

Alternative: A suspension of thirty (30) calendar days, or two (2) SDHSAA events, whichever is longer. If the student participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor, and it indicates a higher level of care, completion of the prescribed program is required before becoming eligible to participate.

Second Violation: Ineligible to participate in any activity sanctioned by the SDHSAA for one (1) year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, informal adjustment, suspended imposition of sentence or suspended imposition of delinquency.

Alternative: A suspension of sixty (60) calendar days, or six (6) SDHAA events, whichever is longer, if the student completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program.

Third or Subsequent Violation: Ineligible to participate in any activity sanctioned by the SDHSAA from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, informal adjustment, suspended imposition of sentence or suspended imposition of delinquency at any secondary school accredited by the SD Department of Education.

Alternative: None

J. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

SDHSAA Statement: A strong activities program can and should complement a school's academic program. Participation in the various activity programs is predicated upon successful work in the academic classroom. Scholastics eligibility is based upon the fundamental principal that each student must earn passing marks in the academic curriculum in order to be eligible to participate in the activities curriculum that are sponsored at the secondary level. The scholastics rule, more than any other eligibility rule, is the rule that enables member schools to maintain the appropriate balance between the academic and activities programs offered at the secondary level.

1. SDHSAA Eligibility

- a.) SDHSAA requires students in grades 6-12 shall be required to complete courses during the semester equivalent to 2 credits (4 classes). Students not passing at least 2 credits (4 classes) the previous semester will be academically ineligible the following semester.

2. Local Policy

- a.) Any student who fails one or more classes within a one week's eligibility period will initially go on an ineligibility warning list for one week. While on the warning list, student(s) will be allowed to practice and participate in all activities. If, one or more, of the student(s) grades remains an "F" the following week in any class, he/she will be academically ineligible and not allowed to participate in activities for one week. (Eligibility reports will be announced every Tuesday at 12:00PM; therefore, a student is eligible or ineligible from Tuesday 12:00PM to Tuesday 12:00PM. A failing grade is an "F" (59% and below). Eligibility reports will be completed weekly and given to the coach(s), teachers, principals via the Activities Director. All students/parents on the warning/ineligibility list will be contacted by the school for notification. Ineligible participants may practice for the week of ineligibility; however, they will be required to report to classroom teacher of "F" class(s) from 3:20pm – 4:00pm daily. Alternative arrangements may be set by Coach or administration to ensure academic success. Competition may begin following the next posting of grades in which all grades are passing (i.e., the student(s) will be required to wait until the preceding eligibility report reflects all passing grades to participate in competition, which will be no sooner than the week following their ineligibility). Teachers are required to post grades weekly with at least two (2) assignments/grades added each week. Grades will only be posted one time/week or with rare administrative discretion.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE POLICY FOR STUDENT ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Actions that may be appealed through the Grievance Policy are limited solely to Student Academic Eligibility determinations. Grievances are to be addressed through three stages: 1) the appropriate Principal, 2) the Superintendent/CEO, and 3) the School Board, in the following manner:

1. Parent/Guardian/Students (Aggrieved Party) may grieve Student Academic determination by filing a written Grievance with the appropriate Principal within seven (7) school days of the determination. The Grievance shall contain the following information: 1) the date of the adverse determination, 2) names of the parties involved, 3) the names of witnesses, 4) the specific details of the Grievance, and 5) signature of the Aggrieved Party.
2. Upon receipt of the written Grievance, the Principal shall arrange for an informal hearing with the Aggrieved Party to discuss the matter. The resulting decision shall be presented in writing to the Aggrieved Party.
3. If a satisfactory determination is not agreed upon, the Aggrieved Party may file a written Grievance to the Superintendent/CEO within seven (7) school days of the written determination and provide a copy to the Principal. The Grievance shall contain the following information: 1) the date of the determination, 2) names of the parties involved, 3) the names of witnesses, 4) the specific details of the Grievance, and 5) signature of the Aggrieved Party.
4. Upon receipt of the written Grievance, the Superintendent/CEO shall arrange for an informal hearing with the Aggrieved Party to discuss the matter. The resulting determination shall be presented in writing to the Aggrieved Party.
5. If a satisfactory determination is not agreed upon, the Aggrieved Party may file a written Grievance to the School Board within seven (7) school days of the determination by depositing the same with the Dupree School Office Secretary in a sealed envelope clearly marked, "NOTICE OF GRIEVANCE", and provide a copy to the Superintendent. The Grievance shall contain the following information: 1) the date of the determination, 2) names of the parties involved, 3) the names of witnesses, 4) the specific details of the Grievance, and 5) signature of the Aggrieved Party.
6. Upon receipt of the written Grievance, the School Board shall arrange for a hearing with the Aggrieved Party to discuss the matter in executive session at the next regular School Board Meeting. During the hearing in executive session, all parties to the grievance, including Principals and the Superintendent, shall be in attendance.
7. The decision of the School Board shall be final, although its decision may be appealed to the State Board of Education or to the 4th Circuit Court.
8. The Aggrieved Party must attend all hearings and have the right to be accompanied by an attorney or representative of their choosing, at their own expense. If the Aggrieved Party does not appear or does not give sufficient notice and reason for not attending, the Grievance Procedure will end, and the findings and determinations rendered shall be final.

K. CONDUCT

Dupree School District Student Discipline Policy will be followed.

1. If a student is disciplined according to the District Policy, the principal (after consultation with the athletic director and coach) will follow District policy and may suspend the student from participation in an activity from one (1) day or event up to the remainder of the season for that activity.
2. A student is to act in a respectful, appropriate manner while representing the school, community, the coach/sponsor, and himself/herself in an activity. Any actions causing harm or embarrassment to those being represented may lead to suspension from one (1) day or event up to the remainder of the season for that activity. If it is the last event for that activity, the suspension will carry over to the next activity season. If a student receives a technical foul, an un-sportsmanlike conduct penalty, or similar infraction, the student may be removed from the contest/event immediately. The coach will determine when or if the student re-enters the contest/activity.
3. Insubordination, disrespect to coaches or players, crude language, actions, or profanity will not be tolerated. If such behavior is displayed during the season, the coach may verbally reprimand the student, temporarily bench the student, or remove the student from practice or a game. If the situation is serious enough, the student may not be allowed to participate in the next contest/event. A discipline referral may be given to the principal. If the behavior continues, the student may be terminated from the team.
4. Hazing is a Class IV violation of the Discipline Policy and not tolerated. District and Activity consequences will be applied.
5. Parental concerns on issues other than academic eligibility will follow the chain of command. The chain of command begins with the coach and AD and progresses to the principal and then the superintendent. Parents must wait 24 hours prior to contacting coaches. Coaches who are school employees will not be interrupted during their work time. Meetings with coaches who are not school employees will be scheduled around their work and other schedules. After meeting with a coach and the AD, if the situation is not resolved, a meeting with the principal is the next step.
6. A student's playing time is at the coaches' discretion and is subject to the rules of conduct, attendance, and other relevant factors.

L. CONDUCT: SOCIAL MEDIA

1. Dupree recognizes the rights of students to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the right of the use of social networks/media. Students involved in activities represent the Dupree Tigers and are expected to portray themselves, their team, their coaches, and their district in a positive manner always.
2. Parents should educate students generally about posting online. A few reminders:
 - a. Everything that gets posted is public information.
 - b. Texts and photos are out of your control once they are sent.
 - c. Use caution when inviting or adding friends to your media.
 - d. Limit personal information about your location or plans.
3. Activity that is not tolerated:
 - a. Comments or photos or posts that depict unlawful or prohibited conduct.
 - b. Derogatory, defamatory, harassing, or discriminatory posts related to teammates, coaches, Dupree staff or administration, parents or community members, and the school.

- c. Comments that create a danger or a threat to the safety of another person or that constitute a credible threat of emotional or physical injury to another person.
- 4. Involvement in any of the above activity that defames or threatens another person, or adversely affects team unity and chemistry will result in a disciplinary meeting. Proven involvement will result in disciplinary action determined by administration with input from the coach(es)/Athletic Director.

M. ACTIVITY OBLIGATIONS

- 1. **All athletes, parents, and/or legal guardians must attend a mandated sports meeting before athlete(s) is allowed to participate in a scheduled activity.**
- 2. Student participation in school activities is a privilege, not a right. Students who choose to participate in school activities represent their school and community.
- 3. Families should make prior arrangements for transportation to and from practices or events. Coaches will provide practice and event schedules prior to the season starting.
- 4. A student is required to meet all activity obligations (attendance, practice, games, etc.) set by the Dupree coaching staff, athletic director and administration. Prior notices before an absence will be given full consideration. Three unexcused absences will result in being dismissed from the activity.
- 5. If students participate in two sports during the same season, a team sport will take precedence. Coaches of the two conflicting sports will coordinate practice schedules and participation for the students to be able to compete in both activities.

N. AWARDS

- 1. Individuals will receive a school letter "D" for meeting the requirements of lettering for the first time plus a pin for the activity. They will receive only one letter while attending Dupree High School. All awards after the first letter will be an activity pin and/or bar.
 - a.) Students must complete their seasons to receive a letter.
 - b.) Lettering requirements are as follows:
 - Football: 90% practice attendance and starting 2 Varsity games or 90% practice attendance and playing 9 quarters of Varsity play;
 - Volleyball: 90% practice attendance and starting 2 Varsity games or 90% practice attendance and playing in 16 sets of Varsity play.
 - Cross Country: 90% practice attendance and placing at one Varsity meet or 90% practice attendance and running as part of the varsity team at 5 meets.

Cheerleading:	90% practice and game attendance.
Basketball:	90% practice attendance and starting 2 Varsity games or 90% practice attendance and 16 quarters of Varsity play.
Track:	90% practice attendance and placing at 2 Varsity meets.
Wrestling:	90% practice attendance and compete at 2 Varsity matches
Golf:	90% practice attendance and placing at 2 Varsity meets
E-Sports:	90% practice attendance and placing in 2 individual Varsity matches.

2. Award requirements will be set by each activity sponsor, with approval by the Athletic Director and Principal.
3. Most valuable, Hustler, and Most Improved for both varsity and Jr. Varsity may be awarded.
4. Each activity sponsor and the Athletic Director will determine other end-of-the-year awards.
5. No awards will be presented until students have returned all uniforms, equipment, and school property.

O. GUIDELINES FOR HISTORY DAY NATIONAL COMPETITION

After discussion with concerned parents, students, staff and school board, the school board instructed the administration to develop these guidelines as they see fit. The following are guidelines for students participating in History Day national competition:

The administration will determine the number of chaperones that will be needed. The district will pay travel expenses for the chaperone(s). The advisor will be one of the chaperones.

1. The district will only pay the participating student's registration fee, lodging, meals, and travel expenses. The student is responsible to pay for any sightseeing tours, bus tickets, etc.
2. Chaperone(s) must travel with their students.
3. Students must always be with their chaperone unless the student's parent(s) has notified the chaperone that he/she will be taking their child for a certain amount of time.
4. The student and parent must sign the rules of behavior form if they are allowed to participate in the national competition. The rules of behavior form is attached to these guidelines.
5. Any student who does not follow the rules or behaves inappropriately will be sent back home as soon as possible. The parent(s) will be called, and the parent(s) will be responsible for any extra traveling charges. The parent(s) will be responsible for picking up their student from the airport.
6. If parents are going to take their child while at the competition they must be checked in and out with the chaperone.
7. Students need to be back at the dorm or their hotel before dark.

8. Students and at least one of their parents must attend the mandatory meeting following state competition.
9. The advisor must be at all practices, or they will cancel practice.
10. Once a group has begun their project, other students cannot be added to that group.
11. Students who know that they will not attend the national competition will be assigned projects that do not involve students who want to attend the national competition if they qualify.

RULES OF BEHAVIOR – School policy and student discipline policy will be followed.

The following rules of behavior must be followed while attending school sponsored national competition.

1. Students must always behave in an appropriate manner.
2. No inappropriate language will be allowed.
3. Students must wear appropriate dress.
4. Students must always respect the chaperone and all adults.
5. Insubordination will not be tolerated. Students are to do what the chaperone tells them to do without any discussion.
6. Students must always stay with the chaperone unless they have permission to be with their parent(s).
7. No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco will be allowed.

It will be the decision of the chaperone and advisor to dismiss a student for behavior. The parent(s) or guardian will be notified when their child will be returning from the trip. It is the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian to pay for any extra cost and to pick up their child at the airport.

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date

**DUPREE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITY
PARTICIPANT DRUG TESTING POLICY**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Dupree School Board desires that all students receive a quality education and positive reinforcement to live a healthy lifestyle. The Dupree School Board also recognizes that peer pressure and student examples are very important to children, and all efforts should be expended to encourage positive role modeling. In addition, the Dupree School Board recognizes that student athletics and other student activities and/or rewards play an essential role in promoting academic excellence and healthy lifestyles. Therefore, the Dupree School Board has adopted the following drug-testing program for all students in grades 6-12 who

wish to participate in all extra-curricular Athletics/Activities sponsored by the school. The focus and intent of this policy is:

A. DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES

Appropriate measures shall be taken to protect student confidentiality throughout the testing process and in the handling of test results.

1. Dupree conducts a drug-screening program for SDHSAA and all school-sponsored activity participants. The focus and intent of the program is as follows:
 - a. To provide for the health and safety of all participants
 - b. To undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for activity participants to refuse to use illegal drugs/tobacco/alcohol.
 - c. To encourage students who use illegal drugs/tobacco/alcohol to be substance-free.
 - d. To encourage activity participants who use illegal drugs/tobacco/alcohol to participate in treatment programs.
2. Students wishing to participate in any SDHSAA program or school activities are required to have legal parent/guardian consent in writing for drug screening.
 - a. The SDHSAA consent form is included in the packet of required forms for participation and medical examination.
 - b. No student can participate in any interscholastic program without such consent.
3. All students participating in the SDHSAA or school-sponsored competitive program will be required to participate in drug screening prior to participation.
 - a. Screenings will be done prior to each sport/activity season.
 - b. Students will be required to do a screen prior to participating in any SDHSAA sanctioned or school-sponsored activity.
 - c. The collection of urine specimens shall be conducted on school premises. If a test result is found to have been altered, the student will be required to be retested to participate in school sponsored activities.
4. Reasonable Suspicion/Random sampling will result in a drug test during the season following the initial pre-season test.
 - a. Tests may be conducted by a random sampling, reasonable suspicion or may consist of testing all the members of a team or organization.
 - b. Administration may choose to test all students involved in any SDHSAA sanctioned or school-sponsored activity.
 - c. Selection for random testing will be from a "pool" of all students who plan on participating in school sponsored activities.
 - d. Student participants selected for a previous test will not have their names removed from the random selection process and may be selected for another random test.
5. The school district will utilize trained personnel for sample collections.

- a. Samples will be collected at the assigned time the student is selected and placed in a sealed envelope by the student with the staff present.
- b. Students will have up to one hour to provide the sample.
- c. Any student refusing to provide the sample will be treated as if he/she had completed the sample and failed the drug screening.
- d. Students on prescription medication should provide the screener either a copy of the prescription or a doctor's verification in a sealed envelope at the time a sample is collected. This information will be kept confidential.
- e. Students who refuse to provide verification of prescription drugs and screen positive will be subject to sanctions for a positive screen.

B. PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE RESULT:

- 1. Each specimen shall initially be tested using a highly accurate field test.
- 2. Initial positive results must be confirmed by a clinical laboratory, subject to current testing protocols.
- 3. **If the initial presumptive positive result is not confirmed by the clinical laboratory testing, the test shall be deemed negative, no further action will be taken. Any clinical laboratory test result coming back with a score of 40ng-ml or less will be deemed secondhand intake and assumed by the Dupree School as a negative result.**
- 4. Only after clinical laboratory confirmation shall a test result be reported to the District as positive.
- 5. If a student's urine specimen produces a positive result (after the professional testing company's confirmation), the Principal, the Advisor and/or Head Coach shall meet with the student and the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to disclose and discuss the test results. At this meeting, the Principal or Head Coach or Advisor shall advise the student and the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of further procedural rights under this policy.
- 6. Any student who has tested positive or the student's parents or legal guardians may contest the confirmed positive test result by informing the Principal within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of written notice of the positive test result. The student and parent shall be entitled to present any evidence they desire to defend the charge of violation of this policy prior to implementation of consequences. The Principal may require written documentation (such as a doctor's statement) of any evidence the student may wish to present that the student feels may have affected the test results. Failure to present written documentation to support the student's defense of the case shall result in the student being subject to the consequences provided in this procedure for a positive test result. Upon request by the student's parents or legal guardians, further laboratory analysis shall be conducted with the student's remaining urine specimen preserved by the professional testing company at the student's expense.
- 7. The final determination of the student's eligibility shall be made at the school level by the Principal. Consequences for a positive result will be administered according to District policy, the discipline policy and activity training rules.

DUPREE SCHOOL DISTRICT 64-2
STUDENT DRUG TESTING
Informed Consent Agreement - SAMPLE

Student Name: _____ N/A _____ Grade: _____

The Dupree School District's desire is to provide an excellent educational opportunity for all students. In order for our students to achieve their highest level of ability, each student needs to be alert and focused in the classroom. A healthy living style will help students accomplish their goals. The District also believes that students that participate in voluntary extracurricular school sponsored activities are held in high esteem by both the student body as well as the general community. The District believes that positive role modeling by activity/athletic student participants is an essential aspect of a student's education process. Therefore, the Dupree School District has adopted a random drug testing program for all student activity/athletic participants.

STUDENT/PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

As a student and parent/guardian:

- We understand and agree that the right of a student to participate in school sponsored extracurricular activities is completely at the discretion of the Dupree School District and may be withdrawn for violations of the Drug Testing Policy.
- We have read the Drug Testing Policy and thoroughly understand the responsibilities and consequences as a student at Dupree School.
- We understand that as a student who wishes to participate in any school sponsored activity at Dupree School, he/she will be subjected to an initial and further random urine drug testing and if they refuse, they will not be allowed to participate in the school sponsored activity at the Dupree School District. We specifically state that we have read the consent statement and agree to its terms.
- We understand this Consent Form is binding for the entire school year while the student is enrolled at Dupree School.
- We understand this Consent may be revoked at any time by filing a written revocation with the Superintendent, however we further understand that such revocation of this Consent shall result in the prohibition of any participation in any school sponsored activity for above named student.

CONSENT TO PERFORM URINALYSIS FOR DRUG TESTING

We hereby consent to allow the above-named student to undergo urinalysis testing for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances in accordance with the Policy and Procedure for Random Urine Drug Testing of Dupree School students.

We understand that the collection process will be overseen by the District Administration in an appropriate manner.

We understand that any positive urine samples will be sent, in accordance to the district's drug testing policy, to a certified medical laboratory to perform urinalysis testing for the detection of illegal drugs or banned substances.

We authorize the Dupree School District to designate a clinical laboratory to release all results of such students to the medical personnel working for the clinical laboratory. We understand these results will be forwarded to the Superintendent or designee and will also be made available to us.

We hereby authorize the Dupree School District to perform drug testing on the above-named student and further release the Dupree School Board and its employees from any legal responsibility for the testing procedure, test results, and release of such information and records.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Student Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

Please notify me, the parent/guardian, if the field test is positive. Remember this is not a confirmed positive drug test. The field test sample will still need to be sent into the laboratory for confirmation. No action will be taken until the lab results confirm a positive test result.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

Prior to participation for any organization or team, the District shall provide all participating students and their parents or legal guardian with a written copy of this policy. Each student who chooses to participate and a parent or legal guardian of that student shall be required to sign a statement indicating that the student and the student's parent or legal guardian have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the policy and procedure.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/ATHLETICS

Students who are involved in any organized Dupree school-sponsored activity are governed by the rules and regulations that have been established in the **DUPREE SCHOOL ACTIVITY HANDBOOK**.

SPECIAL NOTE: Year-long activities will be considered active from the first day of school (or practice) until the conclusion of the school year (or final performance).

2026-2027 ACTIVITY SPONSORS

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: Brent Mareska

ASSISTANT ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:

Jeremy Meeks

WRESTLING:

Head - Josh Schrempp – CEB

Assistant - Janessa Schrempp – Dupree

JH – Nate Grueb – Dupree

Football:

Head - Mike Busch

Assistant – Morgan Harkless

JH – John Hudson

BASKETBALL-BOYS:

Head Boys – Mike Busch

Assistant Boys – Jeremy Meeks

JH Boys - Hosteen Rave

4-6 Grade Boys – Morgan Harkless

BASKETBALL-GIRLS:

Head - Robyn Dupree

Assistant – Jayden Shoemaker

JH Girls – Jimmie Ward

4-6 Grade Girls - Jayden Shoemaker

TRACK-BOYS & GIRLS:

Head – Andy Corley

JV/JH – John Hudson

JV/JH -

VOLLEYBALL:

Head - Chelsey Kelly

Assistant – Kennedy McLellan

Junior Varsity – Bridgett Lemmel

CHEERLEADING:

HS Football – Cathy Martin

HS Boys/Girls BB- Cathy Martin

CROSS COUNTRY:

Head – Andy Corley

JH – Jimmie Ward

GOLF: Head – Brent Mareksa

Assistant – Klayte McLellan

ESPORTS:

Joseph Gould

Conditioning/ Strength:

Shannon Hinrichs

One Act Play Competition: Patty Peacock

6th Grade Class Advisors: John

Hudson/Jenny Rose Rabang

7th Grade Class Advisors: Mark

Peacock/Denise Perryman

8th Grade Class Advisors: Amy

Bochman/Morgan Harkless

Freshman Class Advisors: Kelly

Shoemaker/Susie DeLaRosa

Sophomore Class Advisors: Kodi

Pharris/Cassy Woodward

Junior Class Advisors: Angela Grace

Libertad/BreAnn Stevens/Gnene Fordyce

Senior Class Advisors: Gnene

Fordyce/Jimmie Ward

Yearbook: Patty Peacock

Student Council Advisors:

High School-Mark and Patty Peacock

Elementary-Cathy Martin and Terri McLellan

National Honor Society Advisors: Susie

DeLaRosa/ /Gnene Fordyce

*Up to 5 coaching activities

- **I UNDERSTAND AS A PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN THAT I MUST ATTEND A MANDATED SPORTS MEETING PRIOR TO MY STUDENT ATHLETE PARTICIPATING. A SIGNATURE PAGE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE SPORTS MEETING**

Dupree Parent/Guardian Agreement Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: ____ Age: ____

Activity(ies): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Student Primary Address:

Please read the statements below and sign:

Student:

I have read the Dupree Tigers Activity Handbook and will abide by the rules, procedures, and policies.

Student Signature _____

Date: _____ Phone _____

I/we have read the Dupree Tigers Activity Handbook and will abide by the rules, procedures, and policies.

Parent/Guardian:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____ Phone _____