

South Winneshiek CSD Good Conduct Policy

The South Winneshiek Community School District offers a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors. The principal shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Policy.

Any student who is found to have violated the following provisions or admits to have violated the following provisions shall be declared ineligible and suspended from all interscholastic activities, whether listed here or not.

A. Good Conduct Provisions

1. A student will not use, possess, or purchase tobacco/nicotine products (smoking or chewing) regardless of age. Nor will a student use or possess alcohol, controlled substances, prescription pills without a prescription, mind-altering substances, or drug paraphernalia as defined by Iowa Code
2. A student will not violate any Iowa Criminal Code, excluding minor traffic violations.
3. A student will not engage in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system, excluding minor traffic offenses, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted or adjudicated for the act (s).
4. A student who places or forwards inappropriate posts on social media.
5. If a student is (suspended/expelled from school) for violation of the harassment/bullying policy, it will serve as a good conduct violation.

B. Penalties—Athletics, Cheerleading, and Trap Shooting. Time served is not credited toward the total until completion of the season/s to the satisfaction of the coach or sponsor. In the case of a third offense, the student need not attend practice through the twelve (12) month suspension.

1. First Offense --The student will serve a three (3) week suspension from interscholastic competition. *The penalty will be enforced starting on the date of the first scheduled interscholastic event; it will only apply to weeks wherein at least one event is scheduled.

Things like soap games, jamborees, and team scrimmages are not considered interscholastic competitions and do not count.

2. Second Offense – The student will serve a suspension of eight (8) weeks from interscholastic competition, starting on the date of the first scheduled interscholastic event.

3. **Third Offense** – The student will be suspended from interscholastic competition for one (1) calendar year from the date of the reported violation. The penalty will be enforced starting on the date of the first scheduled interscholastic event.

4. **Fourth Offense** – The student will not be allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition for the duration of their high school career.

*In the event of a violation, students may present the results of a breathalyzer test of zero to receive a reduction in penalty. This only applies to first offenses; there is no reduction of penalty for subsequent offenses. First violation will be one (1) week rather than three (3) weeks. A breathalyzer test from a law enforcement official is the only accepted evidence to receive a reduced penalty.

C. Penalties – FFA and Fine Arts (including the musical, the play, large group speech, individual speech, pit band, honor band, jazz band, color guard, solo/ensemble contest, show choir, honor choir, and All State Musical Festival). Time served is not credited toward the total until completion of the season/s to the satisfaction of the coach or sponsor.

1. **First Offense** – The student will serve a suspension of two (2) events with time credited from the first extracurricular fine arts/FFA event/contest in which he/she is participating.*

2. **Second Offense** – The student will serve a suspension of eight (8) weeks with time credited from the first extracurricular fine arts event/contest in which he/she is participating.

3. **Third Offense** – The student will serve a twelve (12) month suspension with time credited from the first extracurricular fine arts event/contest in which he/she is participating.

4. **Fourth Offense** – The student is suspended from fine arts/FFA extracurriculars for the duration of their high school career.

*In the event of a citation, students may present results of a breathalyzer test of zero to receive a reduction in penalty. This only applies to first offenses, there is no reduction of penalty for subsequent offenses. First violation will be a suspension of one (1) event rather than two (2) events with time credited from the first extracurricular fine arts/FFA event/contest in which he/she is participating. A breathalyzer test from a law enforcement official is the only accepted evidence to receive a reduction penalty.

D. In the event a student is involved in fine arts/FFA and athletics, he/she will remain ineligible in both areas until he/she has fulfilled the penalty for one.

E. Process for Assigning Penalties

1. The AD and/or principal can become aware of violations by:

a. Student self reports

b. Report by school district personnel

c. Notification from law enforcement, juvenile court services, or any other court

process.

d. Report by parents or other community members (s).

2. The AD or principal will inform students of the alleged violation of the Good Conduct Code and assign the suspension.

F. Due Process

1. The student will be provided a hearing if there are concerns on the charge or penalties imposed by the AD or principal. An appeal will start with a written request to the principal. The principal will then call together a committee composed of the principal, AD, and a coach/sponsor/director not currently involved with the student's sport or activity. This committee will conduct an appeal hearing within three (3) working days after receipt of the appeal request. Charges will be explained to the student, and the student will be given an opportunity to respond. The committee will submit a decision in writing within three (3) working days, which may affirm or modify the previous decision.

2. The student and parent/guardian may appeal within three (3) working days to the superintendent or his designee by delivering a written notice of appeal. The superintendent will conduct an appeal hearing within three (3) working days, which may affirm or modify the prior decision.

3. The superintendent's decision may be appealed within three (3) working days to the Board of Education by delivering a written notice of appeal to the board secretary. The secretary will schedule the appeal for a regular or special meeting of the Board, which will be held within three (3) working days after receipt of the appeal notice. The decision of the Board of Education will be set forth in the written minutes of the Board and may affirm or modify the previous decision.

All suspensions will be in force through the appeal process.

EXTRACURRICULAR POLICY AWARENESS FROM-SIGNATURE PAGE

Please read this policy. Students in activities must have this form signed and turned in to participate.

In signing this form and returning it to the school, we confirm to the school that we as parent/guardian and student have read and are aware of what the policy entails. **Failure to sign this form does not exclude a student from the above provisions.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE RECEIVED

Board Approved: