

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Participation

PROPOSED POLICY — DRAFT FOR BOARD REVIEW • NOT ADOPTED

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 of 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 of 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, associate or participate with the team or group at its scheduled event(s). Suspended students may be allowed to participate in practices/meetings; however, the principal or designee 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.

“Emergency Activity Suspension” is defined as imposition of an activity suspension by a principal or his or her designee prior to an informal hearing when it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the individual(s) involved and immediate action is appropriate.

“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).

“Knowingly Present” shall mean that a student attended a gathering of two 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 the extracurricular or co-curricular activity and which is not material or substantial. Students will be given notification of the first minor infraction. Students and parents 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.

“Major Infraction” shall mean a material or substantial deviation from acceptable behavior or stated student expectations which occurs while the student is engaged in the extracurricular or co-curricular activity, including but not limited to insubordination toward or non-compliance with the person in charge of the activity, verbal or physical abuse, hazing, fighting, and refusal of a student to identify him or herself to school personnel upon request.

“On any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location” includes, but not is limited to buildings, facilities, and grounds on the school campus, school buses, school parking areas; and the location of any school sponsored activity. “On any school premises or at any school sponsored activity, regardless of location” also includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the school premises but impacts a school related activity.

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

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

Eligibility Requirements for Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Participation

For extra and co-curricular participants in grades 6-12, the Bruneau–Grand View Joint School District No. 365 will follow IHSAA guidelines in regards to academic eligibility. The guidelines state that a student must be passing a minimum of 5 classes and also be receiving a 2.0 GPA or better in all of his/her classes. Grades will be examined weekly to make sure that eligibility requirements have been met by each participant.

Participants that are deemed ineligible will remain so until the next grade check. During the ineligible period, participants are expected to continue normal functions with the team/program, continue to follow co-curricular guidelines, and attend all functions related with the program. They will not, however, be able to represent the school, team or program in any competition during the ineligible period.

Participants that are ineligible for three weeks during the season will be removed from the team activity for the remainder of the activity or season for that school year.

Incoming 9th graders that are participating in a fall activity will be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities until grade checks occur. Quarter grades from the Middle School will not be used to determine eligibility requirements for 9th graders at Rimrock High School.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

A. It is the intention of this policy to establish guidelines which are protective of the rights of Bruneau–Grand View School District students in learning the values of self-discipline and individual responsibility. The students, parents, administrators, coaches and advisors of the Bruneau–Grand View School District believe the activities program exists to build important life skills and strong personal character. The opportunity to participate in the activities program is a privilege granted to all students of the Bruneau–Grand View Joint School District No. 365. In order to exercise this privilege, the student must adhere to all guidelines and expectations set forth in the Student Handbook, the Co-Curricular Code, and Team Rules. However, before these skills and personal character qualities can be developed, a student must make a commitment to follow some basic rules. These rules are set not only to improve personal performance, but also because students represent their school, their community, their families and themselves.

I. CO-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

A. All forms for participation in co-curricular activities can be found on the Bruneau–Grand View High School web site. All forms are due by the end of the first week of practice.

B. A medical physical must be completed prior to the first practice and will be on file in the school office. Athletes, cheerleaders, and dance team members must have new physicals for their 6th grade, 7th, 8th, and freshman and junior years. (Note: Physicals are only valid for two years) Non-athletic events do not require a medical physical.

All participants must have a current “Emergency Card” signed, dated, and on file in the school office in order to participate.

School sponsored athletic activity insurance will be purchased or an insurance waiver signed and dated by a parent or guardian will be on file in the school office before the student can participate in the activity.

A valid Rimrock Junior High School or Senior High Student body card may be purchased at any time and will provide free admission (high school) or reduced admission (middle school) to all regular season high school games and all student activity and club membership fees must be paid current.

Participants are required to read, sign and date the board approved drug policy prior to the first scheduled practice. All athletes may be drug tested before the first competition. (Drug Policy Attached)

All participants are required to pay the co-curricular fee, or make arrangements for payment with the principal prior to the first competition. Refer to the current Parent-Student Handbook for updated fees.

Participants, by school board policy, will ride to all activities on the activity bus/van unless arrangements are made with the principal in advance. If the principal is unavailable, permission can be granted by the Head Coach, Advisor, or Athletic Director. When extenuating circumstances exist, the principal may grant permission to release the student to his/her parent or guardian who will provide transportation to the game/competition. The parent/guardian must sign a release of responsibility. It is recommended that participants travel home by activity bus/van with teammates after the game/competition is finished. The Coach/Advisor may require team members/participants to ride the activity bus/van home with the team. If participants do not, they must have a parent or guardian written communication with the Coach/Advisor advising that the student will be riding home with them.

Parents of participants will be responsible for transporting their student(s) to practices and home from practices. They will also be responsible for transporting their student(s) home after home contests and after away contests once students are delivered by bus/van back to Rimrock Junior High School/High School or parent designated drop off area.

II CODE OF OFFENSES AND CONSEQUENCES

A. Scope of code:

This code will apply to all athletes, cheerleaders and dance team members, athletic team managers/trainers, academic bowl, student council, drama, clubs, organizations, and performing music students, or other co-curricular activities sponsored by Rimrock Junior High School/High School, and will be in effect for their entire Junior High School/High School experience.

Reporting of infractions: All known infractions may be investigated. If a student is cited by law enforcement for a violation, the student will be placed on immediate suspension from all activities until the violation is adjudicated by a court of law. All students will be accorded minimum due process rights. When an incident or misconduct occurs, a student will be given written or oral notice of any charges against him/her and an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident in question to the Coach, Activity Director and/or the Building Principal. If the student admits the charges, penalties will be imposed according to the guidelines set forth in the Co-Curricular Code. Students are expected to be truthful in all instances. Therefore, if the student denies the charges, their word will be accepted. However, if a student denies the charges, and the charges are later substantiated, the penalty will be doubled. The Coach/Advisor, Activity Director, or the Building Principal will give each student the opportunity, either written or oral, to defend himself/herself against the charges of expulsion. Such procedures will be reasonable, fair and lead to reliable determination of the factual issues involved.

Appealing the accusation and consequence:

1. Co-curricular students may appeal a decision by the coach/advisor of the activity to the athletic/activity directors. The coach/advisor will report the infraction to the building principal.
2. If the student is not satisfied with the decision, he/she may appeal to the building principal.
3. If the student is not satisfied with the decision, he/she may appeal to the superintendent.
4. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent, he/she may appeal to the school board. The decision of the school board will be final without further appeal.

Each head coach/advisor will have team rules in addition to the Co-Curricular Code which will be distributed at the first meeting of the team and school policy which will be followed by all involved in that sport/activity. Signed and dated copies of the team rules and Co-Curricular Code will be returned to the coach/advisor prior to the student's participation in practice or the club activity.

Co-Curricular Code Violations:

1. Criminal misconduct when determined by a court of law.
2. Possession, use, or sale of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances (drugs).
 - a. Tobacco--smoking or chewing (use, possession, or sale/free dispensing of)
 - b. Alcohol--use, possession of, or sale/free dispensing of
 - c. Controlled substances--use, possession, or sale/free dispensing of

No student shall intentionally commit, or conspire to commit, an act of harassment, intimidation, or bullying against another student. (IC 18- 917A)

Penalties for Infractions by All Co-Curricular Activity Participants will be carried over for the student's entire High School career. If a participant is in violation of the co-curricular code, the following punishments will be enforced unless the coach's/advisor's team rules are greater, in such instances, the more stringent rules will be enforced. During the suspension, unless it is greater than one season, he/she will attend and actively participate in all practices. During home and away games, he/she will sit on the team bench in street clothes and help the team by being a manager or supporting the team in other fashions. During the suspension he/she will follow all team rules and co-curricular rules.

Level 1; A student athlete or athlete's parent goes to the coach or school administration and tells him/her they have been involved in violation of the co-curricular code.

1. First offense = A plan of action is to be developed and implemented. If the plan is followed the student athlete will be allowed to participate in co-curricular programs.
2. Second offense = 2-week suspension from co-curricular programs, with a new plan of action to be developed and implemented.
3. Third offense = Ineligible to participate in co-curricular programs and a new plan of action will be developed and implemented. After one calendar year from the infraction the student athlete may apply to the committee for reinstatement.

Level 2: A concerned person goes to the coach or school administration and mentions they suspect a participant is involved in or in violation of the co-curricular code. The coach or school administration asks the participant about it. They tell the administration about their involvement.

1. First offense = 2 week suspension from co-curricular programs, with a plan of action to be developed and implemented.
2. Second offense = 5 week suspension from co-curricular programs with a new plan of action to be developed and implemented.
3. Third offense = Ineligible to participate in co-curricular programs and a new plan of action will be developed and implemented. After one calendar year from the infraction the student athlete may apply to the committee for reinstatement.

Level 3: A school staff member or law enforcement officer finds a participant to have been in violation of the co-curricular code.

1. First offense = One calendar year suspension from co-curricular programs with a plan of action will be developed and implemented. After eight weeks from the infraction the student athlete may apply to the committee for reinstatement provided they can show that they have implemented and/or completed the plan of action. After the plan of action has been implemented and/or completed the student may apply to be reinstated into co-curricular activities.
2. Second offense = One calendar year suspension from co-curricular programs and a new plan of action will be developed and implemented. After one calendar year from the infraction the student athlete may apply to the committee for reinstatement, provided they can show that they have implemented and/or completed the plan of action.
3. Third offense = The student athlete is permanently ineligible for co-curricular programs.

Offenses will fall at the level they occur unless the student is currently under a plan of action that specifically addresses subsequent offenses. For example, if a student athlete has a first offense at Level 1, but the second offense is at Level 2, they will be dealt with as second offense Level 2, because the second offense was reported under Level 2. Any time a student athlete is on a plan of action, failure to follow the plan to the satisfaction of the Committee will result in suspension from the interscholastic athletic program until the plan has been completed.

Conduct

Participants are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and good conduct at all times. The coach/advisor or administrator will suspend a participant for improper conduct and notify the parent/guardian verbally and/or in writing.

Due Process

All known infractions may be investigated. If a student is cited by law enforcement for a violation, the student will be placed on immediate suspension from all activities until the violation is adjudicated by a court of law. All students will be accorded minimum due process rights. When an incident or misconduct occurs, a student will be given written or oral notice of any charges against him/her and an opportunity to present his/her version of the incident in question. If the student admits the charges, penalties will be imposed according to the guidelines set forth in the Co-Curricular Code, Team Rules, and Student

Handbook. Students are expected to be truthful in all instances. Therefore, if the student denies the charges, their word will be accepted. However, if a student denies the charges, and the charges are later substantiated, the penalty will be doubled. The Coach/Advisor, Activity Director and/or the Building Principal will give each student the opportunity, either written or oral, to defend himself/herself against the charges of expulsion. Such procedures will be reasonable, fair and lead to reliable determination of the factual issues involved.

VI. PARTICIPANTS DROPPED OR RESIGNING FROM A TEAM OR ACTIVITY

A. Participants who voluntarily remove themselves from an activity without permission from the Coach/Advisor or Building Principal will be ineligible for any other co-curricular activity during that season.

B. Participants who are serving a code violation and starting into a new season will be required to participate and complete the season. Violators will not be allowed to serve their penalty and then drop the activity.

C. A participant who is dropped from a team by the coach/advisor or administrator for disciplinary reasons will not be eligible for another activity during that season.

D. A participant who resigns from a team during a season will not be eligible to play during next season.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A. Due to the types of schedules of the various activities, each coach, advisor or administrator will set his/her activity's specific curfew. Curfew violations will result in disciplinary action by the participant's coach/advisor or administrator.

B. All co-curricular participants will refrain from displays of poor sportsmanship at all times. Poor sportsmanship violations will result in disciplinary action by the participant's coach/advisor, the Athletic/Activities Director, or the administrator. State law allows the IHSAA to issue fines to individuals and requirement of an on-line sportsmanship course if an athlete, fan or Coach is removed from an athletic contest. The fine would be the responsibility of the coach or athlete.

C. Students who are absent or who arrive at school later than 10 minutes of first period are not eligible to compete or practice in co-curricular activities on that day unless permission is granted by the principal or athletic director. A note from the doctor or dentist may be required. Scheduled appointments should be made known prior to the absence.

Students must be in attendance for the entire school day immediately following a co-curricular competition or they will not be eligible for the next competition unless permission is granted by the principal or athletic director. A note from the doctor or dentist may be required.

If a student is absent the school day following a competition, where one or more BG“non-school days” fall between the competition and the absence, the absence must be excused, according to the definition of “excused absence” in the student handbook, before the next competition. Failure to get the absence excused will result in the student being ineligible to compete. Scheduled appointments should be made known prior to the absence.

For students involved in more than one activity during a season, coaches/advisors will do their best to coordinate practices to most benefit the participant. Students will not be allowed to participate/compete on two athletic teams at the same time.

D. All competitors representing Rimrock Junior High School/High School are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and good conduct at all times. In particular, they will not be in attendance at “parties” or participate in “party activities” where alcohol or other drugs are being consumed by minors. Nor will they be in the company of other minors that are consuming/have recently consumed alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or other controlled substances. The administration may suspend any co-curricular participant from games/competition/conferences for improper conduct.

E. After minimal due process review, the administration reserves the right to administer any reasonable consequence that is not covered by this document for any violation not covered.

F. By signing the student/parent handbook, I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the co-curricular code for students.

Legal Reference: 1.C. § 33-512(12) Governance of Schools

Cross References

Code Description 8400 Activity Trips

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