



BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

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Student Conduct: Interscholastic/Extracurricular Activities	JICDD	6/10/09
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RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:

Participation in interscholastic/extracurricular (extracurricular) activities in Cobb County School District (District) schools is a privilege. Students participating in these activities are considered to be school leaders. They are role models who represent their school and more importantly, depict its character. With leadership comes additional responsibility and student participants must adhere to high standards of conduct. When students violate these high standards, the District may withdraw the privilege to participate in interscholastic/extracurricular activities.

RULE:

A. PROCEDURES:

1. Time in Effect:

Except as specifically provided, the following behavioral expectations and prohibitions apply 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, in and out of the specific extracurricular season, and on or off school grounds.

2. Provisions:

- a. Sponsors/Coaches should investigate policy violations and report to the school administration. The Principal or designee should make all determinations of penalties, in consultation with the coaches, sponsors and the District Athletic Director, as appropriate.
- b. Unless otherwise specified, periods of suspension from activities does not include preseason workouts and other preseason activities. Such student's ability to participate in preseason activities will be determined by the Principal or designee in consultation with the coach.
- c. Students cannot attempt to evade the intent of the Rule by joining a new sport specifically to allow their suspension days to run their course. If a student athlete participates in a sport that he/she had not been previously involved with, he/she must complete the season of the new sport in good standing in order for the suspension days to count.

3. Notification:

a. Elementary/Middle Schools:

In addition to providing students with copies of Administrative [Rule JICDA-E](#) (Student Code of Conduct [Elementary]) or [JICDA-M](#) (Student Code of Conduct [Middle School]), elementary and middle schools should make participants in extracurricular activities aware of this Administrative Rule.

b. High Schools:

In addition to providing students with copies of Administrative [Rule JICDA-H](#) (Student Code of Conduct [High School]), each high school should provide written notification of this Administrative Rule to all participants in extracurricular activities.

B. ALCOHOL/ILLEGAL DRUGS/INHALANTS:

The District believes very strongly that using/possessing over the counter drugs or products to get high; using/possessing alcohol; using/possessing illegal drugs; or using/possessing prescription drugs in an unauthorized manner at any time is a serious offense. Such use or possession by extracurricular participants is banned. **All**

misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI) offenses will be dealt with according to this section. All felony DUI offenses will be dealt with under Section D, below. Offenses are cumulative at the high school level.

- **1st Offense:**
 - Suspension from extracurricular activities, including practice and regular season, for twenty-five (25) calendar days; plus
 - Suspension from a minimum of 30% of the regular season contests/performances; plus
 - Enrollment in the MACAD SUPER I Program or comparable alcohol/other drug treatment program.
- **2nd Offense:**

Suspension from extracurricular activities for one calendar year. The student will not be permitted to participate in preseason activities or practice.
- **3rd Offense:**

Permanent suspension from extracurricular activities, including preseason activities and practices.

C. TOBACCO [IN-SEASON USE]:

- **1st Offense:**

Suspension from all extracurricular activities for two (2) school days.
- **2nd Offense:**

Suspension from all extracurricular activities for five (5) school days and must sit out 10% of games/matches/performances/competitions.
- **3rd Offense:**

Suspension from all extracurricular activities for ten (10) school days, excluding Sundays, and must sit out 20% of games/matches/performances/competitions.
- **4th Offense:**

Suspension from all extracurricular activities for ninety (90) calendar days.

D. FELONY:

1. **Guidelines:**
 - a. A student who is arrested for, or charged with a felony or charged with an act that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult shall be automatically suspended from interscholastic/extracurricular activities;
 - b. Students will not be permitted to participate in preseason activities;
 - c. DUI:

All felony DUI offenses will be dealt with according to this section.
2. **Duration:**
 - a. The student shall remain suspended from extracurricular activities until:
 - (1) The charges are completely dropped;
 - (2) The charges are reduced to a misdemeanor in which case the student may be subject to penalties outlined in Section E, below, or Section B, for alcohol offenses;
 - (3) The student is found not guilty; or
 - (4) The student serves his consequences as outlined below.
 - b. Once the student successfully completes the consequences assigned by the judge or agreed to by the student, including probation or diversion, the student may be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities. Evidence that the probation period has expired, fines have been paid and/or community service has been completed is required.

E. MISDEMEANORS:

1. A student who is arrested for, charged with, or found guilty of a misdemeanor shall receive consequences as outlined below. However, minor offenses that result in fines alone may be dealt with as a violation of Section F(7) below.

- **1st and Subsequent Offenses:**

Minimum suspension from extracurricular activities for one (1) school day up to a maximum of permanent suspension from extracurricular activities.

- 2. **Drug/Alcohol/DUI:**

Any student who is accused of a misdemeanor alcohol/drug offense or a misdemeanor DUI will receive consequences as outlined in Section B above.

- 3. If the student produces proof that the charges are dropped or the student is found not guilty, these consequences may be lifted.

F. OTHER OFFENSES:

A student who commits the following offenses may be suspended or permanently dismissed from the team or activity. The head coach in conjunction with the school administration will determine consequences for the following:

- 1. Hazing:

School clubs and student organizations shall not use hazing or degradation of individual dignity (Administrative [Rule JJ](#) [Student Activities: School Clubs/Organizations and Student Organizations]);

- 2. Missing practice, rehearsal or activities (unless excused by the coach, teacher, or sponsor);
- 3. Truancy and/or skipping classes;
- 4. Acting in an unsportsmanlike manner when representing the school;
- 5. Violating curfew as established by the coach;
- 6. Any act at school or away from school, which results in any discipline by school administration; or
- 7. Any act at school or away from school which, in the opinion of the Principal reflects in a negative manner on the school, athletic program, or activity.

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