

Student Activity Code of Conduct

Participation in such activities is a privilege, not a right. Student performances and/or competition in extracurricular activities that contribute to a grade in an academic class are not subject to the provisions of this Code.

This Code is in effect on a year-round (12-month) basis and applies to both on and off campus conduct. Students and their parents/guardians are required to sign and submit the Athletic Code of Conduct and Participation Contract as a precondition to the student's participation in extracurricular activities and/or athletics. By signing the Participation Contract, the student and his/her parents/guardians acknowledge and agree to the eligibility requirements set forth in the Athletic Handbook, as well as RRPS Board Policies, the Student Code of Conduct for the school in which the student is enrolled, the NMAA rules and regulations, and other state and local laws and regulations.

In addition to the consequences imposed by this Code, students may be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Code of Conduct for the school the student attends if the prohibited activity takes place at school or in connection with the student's participation in a school-sponsored activity. If the student's conduct violates state or federal law, the student may additionally be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.

Conduct which violates this Code includes, but is not limited to, conduct or behavior in which the student:

1. Possesses, uses, consumes or distributes any tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or other controlled substances (collectively referred to as "Prohibited Substances").
2. Engages in any Prohibited Activities; such as alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription drugs and/or steroids.
3. Engages or participates in conduct or behavior which may result in the arrest or conviction of a misdemeanor or felony. The failure of the legal system to arrest or prosecute a misdemeanor or felony does not preclude disciplinary consequences imposed pursuant to this Code; and
4. Engages in any other conduct or behavior which the student's coach or sponsor, Athletic Director, or Superintendent deems to be in violation of this Code or the spirit of interscholastic competition.

Violation Discovery

Conduct violating this contract may be investigated on receipt of a notice from any one or more of the following:

- Police arrest or report
- Identification of the violation by school district personnel
- Self-admission or parent notification of the child's violation
- School investigation based on other reliable source

All violations have consequences that will be imposed. Examples of consequences are on pages 15 and 16.

Prohibited Conduct

The types of prohibited conduct and consequences described herein are merely examples and described in order to provide guidance regarding the types of conduct which are prohibited and the types of discipline which may be imposed. Depending on the circumstances, coaches, sponsors, and administrators may impose different and/or higher consequence.

Level 1:		
1. Possession, use, consumption, or distribution of tobacco products		
First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
One (1) game suspension	Three (3) game suspension	Dismissal from sport

Level 2:

1. Knowingly attending or remaining at parties or events where Prohibited Substances, as defined in this Code, are being consumed. This provision does not apply to a student's mere attendance at family gatherings or social events where the student is under direct supervision of his/her parent or guardian. However, if it is determined that the student has consumed Prohibited Substances, the student will be subject to consequences based on the substance consumed and the provision of the Code.

First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Ten (10 consecutive activity day* suspension from extracurricular activities beginning on the week of the first competition. It is the discretion of the head coach or sponsor when students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.	Forty-five (45) consecutive activity day* suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning on the week of the first competition. In the discretion of the coach or sponsor students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.	One Calendar year suspension from all extracurricular activities (practices and competitions), beginning from the date sanctions are imposed.

Level 3: Possession, use, consumption or distribution of Prohibited Substances outside of school and not connected to a school-sponsored activity.

1. Engaging in conduct which would constitute a misdemeanor or higher offense, as defined by federal or state law. However, actual arrest, prosecution, or conviction of the student is not necessary in order for the student to be subject to discipline under this Code.

First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Twenty (20) consecutive activity days* of suspension from extracurricular activities which will begin the Monday of the first competition. At the discretion of the coach or	Forty-five (45) consecutive activity days* suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning on the Monday of the first competition. At the discretion of the coach or	Permanent suspension from all extracurricular activities or sports. For students in grades 7-8, coaches and sponsors have discretion to modify this consequence after one full year of suspension, starting from the date on which the student was

<p>sponsor, students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.</p>	<p>sponsor, students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.</p>	<p>suspended, if the student and parent/guardian can demonstrate that the student has changed his/her behavior and can participate successfully in the sport or activity.</p>
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<p>Level 4:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Driving while intoxicated as defined under state law 2. Possession, use, consumption, or distribution of Prohibited Substances at school or in connection with a school-sponsored activity 3. Weapons possession as defined by federal law and RRPS Policy #347 4. Engaging in conduct which would constitute a felony, as defined by federal or state law. However, actual arrest, prosecution, or conviction of the student is not necessary in order for the student to be subject to discipline under this Code. 		
First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
<p>Forty-five (45) consecutive activity days* minimum suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning on the week of the first competition. In the discretion of the coach or sponsor students may participate in practices and may try out for other sports and activities during the suspension period, but cannot participate in games or competitions.</p>	<p>One calendar year suspension from all extracurricular activities, beginning from the date sanctions are imposed.</p>	<p>Permanent suspension from all extracurricular activities or sports. For students in grades 7-8, coaches and sponsors have discretion to modify this consequence after one full year of suspension, starting from the date on which the student was suspended, if the student and parent/guardian can demonstrate that the student has changed his/her behavior and can participate successfully in the sport or activity.</p>

*An activity day is a day on which a student is scheduled to participate in practices, rehearsals, meetings, games, performances, competitions, or other events connected to his/her participation in the extracurricular activity.

If there is not a sufficient amount of time remaining in the scheduled season to fulfill the terms of the disciplinary consequence imposed, the penalty carries over to the next sport in which the student would otherwise participate. If a student engages in prohibited conduct when school is not in session, or if the student is not currently participating in an extracurricular activity or sport at the time that a student's violation of Prohibited Conduct is determined to have occurred, the disciplinary consequences will be carried over and apply to the next sport in which the student wishes to participate. **It is the student's sole responsibility to notify his/her coach that the violation occurred prior to the start of the season or when school is not in session.**

If a student is disciplined by RRPS for reasons other than conduct that is covered by this Code, the student shall be suspended from his/her extracurricular activity or sport for the same duration as the discipline imposed by the RRPS authority.

The consequences described herein represent the MINIMUM disciplinary consequences imposed by RRPS. Greater disciplinary consequence may be imposed by the athletic coordinator or principal, including expulsion from the extracurricular activity or sport, based upon the severity of the student's violation.

Code of Conduct Appeal

Once an investigation is completed, the athletic coordinator will meet with the student. The student will be allowed to provide an explanation of his/her conduct. If the athletic coordinator concludes the explanation is not satisfactory, the student shall be suspended from the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities. The student and parents will receive written notification.

If the student or parents of the student are not satisfied with the disciplinary action of the Athletic Coordinator at the school, they may visit with the District Athletic Director. The District Athletic Director's decision is final.

Violations of Team Rules

Team rules and requirements for individual sports may include additional prohibited conduct and different sanctions than described in this Code of Conduct. Team Rules shall be provided in writing to student team members at the beginning of each sport season. Team rule penalties may be imposed by the team head coach without referral to the Athletic Coordinator for investigation. Prior to imposition of a penalty for violation of a team rule, the team head coach shall allow the student to provide an oral explanation of his or her conduct but no meeting or hearing is required. Penalties imposed for violation of team rules only are not subject to appeal.