

School Board Seeks Input on Potential Policy Changes/Implementation

The Parkston School Board is seeking input for the following policies. If you have thoughts, concerns, or questions regarding the adoption and/or implementation of these policies, please contact a board member or Superintendent McIntosh.

Background

Training Rules Revision –The administration provided a revised training rules policy to the board for their consideration. The policy that the administration recommends provides for an option of an assessment and treatment for the first drug use offense rather than simply being ineligible for a calendar year. This change reflects the same language as South Dakota Codified Law. The administration feels that this change provides a stronger policy, and is student centered, providing a student with option of therapy and counseling. The revision also addresses mood altering substances that the current policy omits all together. The administration is asking for three readings and adoption in December. This seems to be the item of greatest debate regarding the revision. Should the policy be adopted mid-year, or should it wait until next year? If you recall, last year we revised this policy and waited until the new school year to implement it. The thought process is that since we did it this way the last time, we should follow suit with this revision. By doing something to the contrary, it may look as if certain students are receiving preferential treatment. The administration recommended implementation in December for two reasons. Last year when the policy was delayed to be implemented until the next school year, it was recommended as such because we wanted to avoid the possibility of having different students (who committed the same violation) receive different penalties during the same school year. That would not be the case this time for it was recommended that every student would receive the same penalty this school year, the revised policy. Secondly, the administration wants to close as quickly as possible, the “loop-hole” that our current policy omits when it comes to synthetic drugs, steroids, inhalants, and other mood altering substances. Currently, there is no penalty for using those things. The board is asking for input on the matter.

The following policy is a revised policy. ~~Strikethrough~~ will be omitted, underlined portions added.

PARKSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
GUIDELINES FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education has set up a policy on rules and regulations for extra-curricular participants so that all interested parties have knowledge of said rules at Parkston High School. Below you will find listed what the school board feels are a reasonable set of rules that participating students should and will be required to follow: These guidelines apply to: All Sports, Cheerleading, Band, Chorus, Play, Journalism, FBLA, Art Club, National Honor Society and FCCLA. (Band and Chorus season will be based on a 9-week period of time.)

Guidelines for all Extra-Curricular Participants are in effect from the first practice in August until participants return from State Track Meet.

NO GAPS BETWEEN SEASONS

Guideline 1: Participants shall not use or possess illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia and/or commit any type of felony.

~~1st Offense~~—Participants will be prohibited from participating in all activities for one (1) calendar year.

1st Offense – Will follow SDCL 13-32-9

SDCL 13-32-9 SUSPENSION FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS.

Section 1. That § 13-32-9 be amended to read as follows: 13-32-9. Any person adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence or suspended adjudication of delinquency for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education for one calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one-year suspension may be reduced to sixty school days if the person participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Upon a subsequent adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in chapter 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by § 22-42-15, by a court of competent jurisdiction, that person is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education. Upon such a determination in any juvenile court proceeding the Unified Judicial System shall give notice of that determination to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity. The Unified Judicial System shall give notice to the chief administrators of secondary schools accredited by the Department of Education for any such determination in a court proceeding for any person eighteen to twenty-one years of age without regard to current status in school or involvement in extracurricular activities. The notice shall include name, date of birth, city of residence, and offense. The chief administrator shall give notice to the South Dakota High School Activities Association if any such person is participating in extracurricular activities. Upon placement of the person in an informal adjustment or court-approved diversion program, the state's attorney who placed the person in that program shall give notice of that placement to the South Dakota High School Activities Association and chief administrator of the school in which the person is participating in any extracurricular activity.

As used in this section, the term, extracurricular activity, means any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

REVISED 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

AMENDED 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Parkston School District is willing to assist students who seek help for a chemical dependency problem. Students with no identified violations will not be penalized if they voluntarily enter a treatment program and abstain from using any substances which are in violation of this policy. If while in this program, they violate the rules, they will be penalized the same as any other student.

Guideline 2: Participants shall not use or possess alcohol, tobacco, or mood-altering substance, such as but not limited to steroids and inhalants.

a. *Applies specifically to all sports, cheerleading, band, chorus, play and journalism participants.*

1st Offense – Participants will be withheld from competition from that sport or activity for a minimum of (10) calendar days including at least two (2) regularly scheduled event in that sport or activity. If the season ends and the suspension is not completed, the remaining penalty will then be served when the next seasonal activity in which the student participates begins. If the student is not currently participating in any seasonal activity, then the entire penalty will be served when the next activity in which the student participates begins. The penalty carries over from one (1) year to the next, if necessary to complete the penalty. **STUDENTS MUST PRACTICE.**

2nd Offense – Participants will be withheld from competition that sport or activity for a minimum of (20) calendar days including at least two (4) regularly scheduled events in the sport or activity. **SAME CARRY OVER AS ON THE 1ST OFFENSE.**

2nd Offense – for use or possession of tobacco Participants will be with held from competition in that sport or activity for a minimum of (20) calendar days including at least four (4) regularly scheduled events in that sport or activity.

2nd Offense – for use or possession of Alcohol or other mood-altering substance Participants will be withheld from competition that sport or activity for a minimum of (20) calendar days including at least four (4) regularly scheduled events in the sport or activity and the person must participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. This assessment will be at the cost of the participant. **SAME CARRY OVER AS THE 1ST OFFENSE**

3rd Offense – Participants who commit a 3rd offense will be prohibited from participating in all sports, cheerleading, band, chorus, plays and journalism for one (1) calendar year.

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b. *Applies specifically to student organization to include FBLA, Art club, National Honor Society, and FCCLA participants.*

1st Offense – Students will be withheld from an club-out-of school activities that takes place during the 9 week period in which the student committed the offense.

~~2nd Offense~~— Student will be withheld from any club out-of-school activity that takes place during the 9 week in which the student committed the offense and the next 9 week period. The suspension will carry over to the next school year if the offense is committed during the last 9 week period of the school year.

2nd Offense for possession or use of tobacco – Student will be with held from any club out-of-school activity that takes place during the 9 week in which the student committed the offense and the next 9 week period.

2nd Offense for possession or use of alcohol or other mood-altering substance. Student will be withheld from any club out-of-school activity that takes place during the 9 week in which the student committed the offense and the next 9 week period. The suspension will carry over to the next school year if the offense is committed during the last 9-week period of the school year, and the person must participates in an assessment with a certified chemical dependency counselor or completes an accredited intensive prevention or treatment program. If the assessment indicates the need for a higher level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. This assessment will be at the cost of the participant.

3rd Offense – Student will be prohibited from participating in all club activities for one (1) calendar year.

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Guideline 3: Participants shall observe a curfew of 11:00 p.m. on weekdays (Sunday through Thursday) and 1:00 a.m. on weekends (Friday and Saturday). Curfew will be observed only during each activity season. (Activity Directors may deviate from the above stated curfew at their own discretion.)

a. *Applies specifically to all sports, cheerleading, band, chorus, play and journalism participants.*

1st Offense – Probation

2nd Offense - Participants will be removed for five (5) calendar days including (1) regularly scheduled event in that sport or activity. **STUDENT MUST PRACTICE.**

3rd Offense – Participants will be removed from the activity for the remaining days of the season.

b. *Applies specifically to student organizations to include FBLA, Art Club, National Honor Society, and FCCLA participants:*

Curfew will be imposed according to state guidelines for the individual organizations.

Guideline 4: Students are encouraged to attend all practice sessions. Director's need not accept any Unexcused Absence. Excused Absence would be an illness or injury of the participant and/or church, school, and family reason. Excuses must be given to the Director before practice – no missing practice and then getting an excuse from your parents.

Applies to all sports, cheerleading, band, chorus, play, journalism, FBLA, Art Club, National Honor Society, and FCCLA participants.

Directors will decide the consequences for violation of this guideline.

Guideline 5: All Activity Directors may have other rules and regulations in addition to the above guidelines for their sport or activity.

Applies to all sports, cheerleading, band, chorus, play, journalism, FBLA, Art Club, National Honor Society and FCCLA participants.

Guideline 6: The above rules apply if the report is made by adult who witnessed a violation by the participants and is willing to testify.

Applies to all sports, cheerleading, band, chorus, play, journalism, FBLA, Art Club, National Honor Society, and FCCLA participants.

Guideline 7: Training rules governing the time from the day after and the State Track Meet until the first day of practice in August shall be as follows: Any student who is adjudicated or a drug-related offense, or any felony conviction during the summer months, shall serve the above listed penalty during their first activity season the following school year. These offenses would include, but not limited to DUI and possession or sale of drugs or drug paraphernalia. This would serve as a student's "first offense" for the coming school year.

Applies to all sports, cheerleading, band, chorus, play, journalism, FBLA, Art Club, National Honor Society, and FCCLA participants.

 Student

 Parent/Guardian

TRAINING RULES FORM

I have read the training rules and understand all the rules and regulations. I realize the faculty and administration are here to help me in any way necessary. I will feel free to come to the faculty and/or administration with any problems.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

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STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____