

STUDENTS

Extra- and Co-Curricular Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use

Students participating in extra- and co-curricular activities, whether or not sponsored by the MHSA, will not use, have in possession, sell, or distribute alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs or abuse prescription or nonprescription drugs, or be in attendance where alcohol, tobacco, or drugs are being used during their extra- and co-curricular activities. These rules are in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day. If a student is seen using, or in attendance where, tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs are being used, the student will be disciplined in accordance with the activities and student handbooks.

Policy Coverage

This policy applies to high school students involved in the extra- and co-curricular activities program.

Policy Duration

This policy is in effect each school year, from the first date of the first (1st) practice for fall activities until the last day of school or activities, whichever is later. The participation rules and disciplinary measures will be published annually in the activities and student handbooks.

Student and Parent/Legal Guardian Due Process

Once a determination that a violation of this policy has occurred, the student and parent/legal guardian will be notified by telephone where possible and also by mail. Notification will include the violation and the time set for a conference with the principal. Any decision to suspend the student from an extra- or co-curricular event may be appealed to the Superintendent. The student and/or parent/legal guardian may appeal the decision of the Superintendent to the Board.

Only the trustees of a high school district may **exclude** a high school student from participating in school activities.

Legal Reference: §20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions

Policy History

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