

Dell Rapids Public School District Philosophy for Students Participating in Activities

We Believe:

- In developing success through hard work, good attitude, good training, and heart and desire.
- In giving students the opportunity to select activities to which they can dedicate themselves.
- In students abiding by rules of conduct at all times once they have joined an activity.
- In promoting a Quarrier Spirit... which consists of courtesy, pride, sportsmanship, and loyalty.
- In treating officials, opponents and fans with respect.
- In controlling our temper and being a good sport whether in victory or defeat.
- In joining in our school song and cheers.
- In respecting the property of others.

We Do Not Believe:

- In activities consuming a student, but rather providing balance.
- In interfering with our opponent's cheers.
- In using profane language.
- In using negative chants or comments toward our opponents.
- In throwing objects, physically confronting others, or behaving in a reckless or dangerous way.
- In using social media to criticize teammates, coaches, opponents, or programs.

Any student/athlete whose conduct during the school year is such to make him/her unworthy to represent the school may be ruled ineligible in extracurricular activities. Any such ruling of ineligibility will be determined by the administrators and/or coach/advisor.

Dell Rapids School District Parent/Coach Communication Q & A

What is appropriate behavior at an event or activity?

- Avoid all demeaning and derogatory comments toward officials, coaches, and players.
- Encourage and be positive with your child and his/her Quarrier teammates.
- Avoid any use of foul language.
- Represent Dell Rapids School District with class and integrity.

What type of communication should parents expect from their child's coach?

- Philosophy of the coach (goals, objectives, expectations, discipline, special rules, etc.).
- Location and times of all practices and contests.
- Special team requirements (fees, special equipment, conditioning, team roles, etc.).
- Policies regarding transportation, practice, vacations, lettering, etc.

What kind of communication do coaches expect from parents?

- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific information relating to the physical health and emotional well-being of your child.

What should parents do if they have specific sport/activity related concerns?

- Student athlete/participant should first meet with the coach/advisor.
- If resolution is not achieved, the parent should contact the coach during school hours. Please ***do not*** attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice.
- If resolution is not achieved, the parent should contact the athletic director during school hours.

What are some issues which are not appropriate to discuss with coaches?

Coaches are professionals, hired to manage their teams. The following are topics which are left to the discretion of the coach.

- Playing time, starters, etc.
- Specific offenses and defenses
- Information about other students

Please remember the fields or gymnasiums are your child's classrooms. Many valuable lessons are learned within these athletic arenas. Our program is an educational one in which students will grow from both positive and adverse situations.

Dell Rapids School District Code of Conduct for Students in Athletic Activities

Student participation in athletic activities is a privilege, not a right. Students who choose to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are expected to positively represent their school by demonstrating appropriate behavior year round and also by adhering to the following training rules.

Any middle school or high school student wishing to participate in school co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities must adhere to the following training rules. Students cannot:

- **possess, sell, dispense, or use tobacco.**
- **possess, sell, dispense, or use a controlled or mood-altering substance, such as steroids, marijuana, inhalants, alcohol and other drugs.**
- **commit any crime against a person or against property.**

These training rules will be enforced year-round regardless of whether or not the student is participating in an activity at the time. Students who violate these rules will be ineligible to participate according to the activity consequences listed below.

School District Consequences for Violations:

1. **First Violation:** The athlete will be suspended for ten percent of the regular scheduled season of athletic events during the athletic season in which they are a participant or the upcoming athletic activity season in which they would be a participant. The number of suspended games may carry over into the next season that the athlete is a participant.
2. **Second Violation:** The athlete will be suspended for forty percent of the regular scheduled season of athletic events during the athletic season in which they are a participant or the upcoming athletic activity season in which they would be a participant. The number of suspended games may carry over into the next season that the athlete is a participant.
3. **Third Violation and every subsequent violation:** The student will not participate in any school athletic activity for twelve calendar months. The student will not be eligible for athletic activity awards during the twelve-month period.

School District Rules Regarding Violations:

1. Student conduct rules and training rules for students will begin on the first day of class (or athletic activity, if the activity starts before the first day of class) of student's seventh grade or the first day of enrollment to the district after that time.
2. Conduct violations accumulate over a student's 7-12 grade middle school and high school career; however, students who have had only one violation and then remain violation-free for twelve consecutive months from the date of the last violation, start over with a clean record. This opportunity applies only once during a student's 7-12 grade school career.
3. The consequences listed above are minimums only. The Activities Director, Principal, Superintendent and/or School Board may prohibit participation from athletic activities for a greater period of time and/or impose penalties in addition to suspension from the activity.
4. If the violation occurs at school, at a school event, on school property, or while under the supervision of the activity advisor, the district rules of student conduct and discipline will also be applied. If the student is also in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, the District's Code of Conduct for Students in Non-Athletic Events will be applied separately and in addition to this policy.

5. The following steps will be taken when suspending a student from an activity event:
 - The Activities Director and/or Principal will inform the student of the rule, regulation, or policy which has been allegedly violated and how the rule, regulation or policy was allegedly violated.
 - The student will be given an opportunity to answer the charges and present evidence on his or her behalf.
 - The Activities Director and/or Principal will render a decision as soon as possible after reviewing the case and inform the student and student's parents of the decision.
 - Upon suspending a student the Activities Director and/or Principal will provide oral or written notice of the suspension to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s).
4. In the event the student or parents believe that the student has been suspended from an athletic activity or event without just cause, the student or parent may appeal the decision within five school days to the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. The Superintendent or designee has five school days to respond to the appeal. The student will remain ineligible during the appeal process. Should the parent or student disagree with the Superintendent's or Superintendent's designee's decision, the parent or student may appeal the decision within five school days to the Board of Education. The School Board will schedule an executive session at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting, at which time the student, parent, and such other persons as may be deemed necessary must be present, and the Board will address the appeal.
5. Suspension begins with the date the student is informed by the Activities Director of the suspension.
6. Evidence of a violation may be the result of:
 - information received from law enforcement or court services personnel provides reasonable cause to believe that an infraction has occurred.
 - a student found guilty, pled guilty, or enters a no contest plea in either Juvenile court or adult criminal court.
 - a self-reported violation by either the parent or student.
 - an observed violation reported by a staff member.
 - an observed violation reported by a person not a school district employee, provided the information has been verified to the satisfaction of the Activities Director.
7. Student-athletes with pre-existing training rule violations will be allowed to join a sport/activity once its first official day of practice (as outlined by the SDHSAA Calendar) has passed. However, if they join a sport already in progress, the penalty/suspension from contests will be determined by the Athletic Director and coaches involved.
8. Student-athletes with pre-existing training rules violations may join a sport if its first official day of practice has not passed (as outlined by the SDHSAA Calendar), but he/she must complete that sport in good-standing of that sport's head coach in order for the suspensions served to be binding and not carry over to the next season.
9. Students in violation of athletic activity rules during their season of participation will not be eligible for any district post-season or year-end awards.
10. Students serving in-school or out-of-school suspension may not be eligible to participate in athletic activities or activity events on days they are suspended. This will be determined by the building principal and Athletic Director.

State Law Violation and Consequences Pursuant to SDCL 13-32-9:

In addition to school district consequences, state law (SDCL 13-32-9) can also result in the student not being able to participate in any activity sanctioned by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA). SDCL 13-32-9 requires:

- **First Violation:** SDCL 13-32-9 states that any person adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court approved juvenile diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in SDCL 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by SDCL 22-42-15, is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the DOE for one calendar year from the date of adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence. The one year suspension may be reduced to thirty calendar days (which must include two SDHSAA sanctioned events) 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 high level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. In order for events to count toward the minimum number of events for which the student is ineligible following a reduction in the suspension, the student must participate in the entire activity season.
- **Second Violation:** SDCL 13-32-9 states that any person adjudicated, convicted, the subject of an informal adjustment or court approved juvenile diversion program, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in SDCL 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by SDCL 22-42-15, is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity at any secondary school accredited by the DOE 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 calendar days (which must include six SDHSAA sanctioned events) 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 high level of care, the student is required to complete the prescribed program before becoming eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. In order for events to count toward the minimum number of events for which the student is ineligible following a reduction in the suspension, the student must participate in the entire activity season.
- **Subsequent Violation:** SDCL 13-32-9 states that 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 SDCL 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by SDCL 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.

[The school will not reduce twelve-month suspensions from activities of students who have a second or third adjudication, conviction, diversion, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled drugs or substances or marijuana as defined in SDCL 22-42, or for ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise taking into the body any substances as prohibited by SDCL 22-42-15.]

Definitions:

1. **School Athletic Activities:** All school sanctioned student athletic activities, including but not limited to football, cross country, golf, basketball, wrestling, volleyball, track & field, and cheerleading
2. **School Athletic Activity Event:** A public presentation, performance, competition, or trip associated with participation in a school athletic activity
3. **Year-round:** 24-hours a day, 365 days a year

Dell Rapids School District Code of Conduct for Students in Non-Athletic Activities (Co-Curricular / Extra-Curricular / Student Body)

Student participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Students who choose to participate in co-curricular, extra-curricular, and student body activities are expected to positively represent their school by demonstrating appropriate behavior year round and also by adhering to the following training rules.

Any middle school or high school student wishing to participate in school co-curricular, extra-curricular and/or student body activities must adhere to the following training rules. Students cannot:

- **possess, sell, dispense, or use tobacco.**
- **possess, sell, dispense, or use a controlled or mood-altering substance, such as steroids, marijuana, inhalants, alcohol and other drugs.**
- **commit any crime against a person or against property.**

These training rules will be enforced year-round regardless of whether or not the student is participating in an activity at the time. Students who violate these rules will be ineligible to participate according to the activity consequences listed below.

School District Consequences for Violations:

1. **First Violation:** The student will be suspended for the next one (1) event, performance, or competition following the violation.
2. **Second Violation:** The student will be suspended for the next two (2) events, performances, or competition following the violation.
3. **Third Violation and every subsequent violation:** The student will be suspended for the next three (3) events, performances, or competitions following the most recent violation.

School District Rules Regarding Violations:

1. Student conduct rules and training rules for students will begin on the first day of class (or activity, if the activity starts before the first day of class) of student's seventh grade or the first day of enrollment to the district after that time.
2. Conduct violations accumulate over a student's 7-12 grade middle school and high school career; however, students who have had only one violation and then remain violation-free for twelve consecutive months from the date of the last violation, start over with a clean record. This opportunity applies only once during a student's 7-12 grade school career.
3. The consequences listed above are minimums only. The Activities Director, Principal, Superintendent and/or School Board may prohibit participation from activities for a greater period of time and/or impose penalties in addition to suspension from the activity.
4. If the violation occurs at school, at a school event, on school property, or while under the supervision of the activity advisor, the district rules of student conduct and discipline (PDP) will also be applied. If the student is also in athletic activities, the District's Code of Conduct for Students in Athletic Events will be applied separately and in addition to this policy.

5. The following steps will be taken when suspending a student from an event:
 - a. The Activities Director and/or Principal will inform the student of the rule, regulation, or policy which has been allegedly violated and how the rule, regulation or policy was allegedly violated.
 - b. The student will be given an opportunity to answer the charges and present evidence on his or her behalf.
 - c. The Activities Director and/or Principal will render a decision as soon as possible after reviewing the case and inform the student and student's parents of the decision.
 - d. Upon suspending a student the Activities Director and/or Principal will provide oral or written notice of the suspension to the student's parent(s) or guardian(s).
 - e. If suspension from a co-curricular activity is for more than ten school days or if expulsion from a co-curricular activity is recommended by the Activities Director, the rules related to long-term suspension and expulsion (ARSD 24:07:03 and ARSD 24:07>04) will apply.
6. In the event the student or parents believe that the student has been suspended from an activity or event without just cause, the student or parent may appeal the decision within five school days to the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee. The Superintendent or designee has five school days to respond to the appeal. The student will remain ineligible during the appeal process. Should the parent or student disagree with the Superintendent's or Superintendent's designee's decision, the parent or student may appeal the decision within five school days to the Board of Education. The School Board will schedule an executive session at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting, at which time the student, parent, and such other persons as may be deemed necessary must be present, and the Board will address the appeal.
7. Suspension begins with the date the student is informed by the Activities Director and/or building principal of the suspension.
8. Evidence of a violation may be the result of:
 - a. information received from law enforcement or court services personnel provides reasonable cause to believe that an infraction has occurred.
 - b. a student found guilty, pled guilty, or enters a no contest plea in either Juvenile court or adult criminal court.
 - c. a self-reported violation by either the parent or student.
 - d. an observed violation reported by a staff member.
 - e. an observed violation reported by a person not a school district employee, provided the information has been verified to the satisfaction of the Activities Director.
9. Students with pre-existing training rule violations will be allowed to join a activity once its first official day has passed. However, if they join an activity already in progress, the penalty/suspension will be determined by the Athletic Director and advisors involved.
10. Students with pre-existing training rules violations may join an activity if its first official day has not passed (as outlined by the SDHSAA Calendar), but he/she must complete that activity in good-standing of that activity's advisor in order for the suspensions served to be binding.
11. Students in violation of activity rules during their season of participation will not be eligible for any district year-end awards.
12. Students serving in-school or out-of-school suspension may not be eligible to participate in activity events on days they are suspended. This will be determined by the building principal and Athletic Director.

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Definitions

1. **Co-curricular Activities:** Activities directly related to a class and for which a student receives a grade or points which result in a grade. Co-curricular activities include, but are not limited to band and vocal activities.
2. **Extracurricular Activities:** School-related activities, other than athletics, which are not directly related to a class and do not result in a grade or points which result in a class grade. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to one act play, three act play, improve, oral interpretation, royalty candidates, clubs, dances, student council, National Honor Society,

journalism, FFA, FCCLA.

3. School Co-curricular or Extra-curricular Activity Event: A public presentation, performance, competition, or trip associated with participation in a school activity.
4. Year round: 24-hours a day, 365 days a year

**Dell Rapids School District
Student and Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement**

Please read and discuss the appropriate Codes of Conduct with your child.

- Code of Conduct for Students in Athletic Activities
- Code of Conduct for Students in Non-Athletic Activities

This form must be returned to the Middle School Office (for grades 7-8) or High School Office (for grades 9-12) prior to any practice, game or meeting.

Your signature indicates both you and your child understand the school district's expectations and the consequences for violation of these expectations.

Date:

Student Signature:

Parent / Guardian Signature:
