

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3	NEPN Code: JICDA
STUDENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

ACTIVITY CODE

PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

The Marion School District 60-3 recognizes the need to instill students with a Code of Conduct that reinforces behaviors that reflect positively on the individual, school, and community. The Code of Conduct's body of rules is in force year-round for all students in grades K-12 within the Marion Public School System. The Code of Conduct involves all activities including, but not limited to, athletics, music, drama, National Honor Society, Homecoming Royalty, clubs, student government and any other student activity.

The purpose of the Marion School District 60-3 adopting the Code of Conduct is to encourage the growth of responsible citizenship, assist in the development good health habits, promote a sense of order, and instill self-discipline in our students.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

General Eligibility

According to the SDHSAA, only undergraduates or students who have not fulfilled requirements for graduation by attending high school for four first and four second semesters of high school and no more than eight semesters in all are eligible to participate in interscholastic activities. The student must be under twenty (20) years of age at the time of participation and have enrolled not later than the sixteenth (16th) school day of the current semester.

Attendance

Students must be in attendance no later than 8:30am immediately preceding the scheduled activity practice or contest in order to participate. The standard may be waived due to uncontrollable circumstances, emergencies, and/or verified medical appointments.

Scholastic Eligibility

A student must be enrolled in at least 5 full-credit courses to be eligible to participate in an activity. To be eligible for participation, the student must also be passing all of these courses. If a student should receive a failing grade during a two week reporting they will be ineligible until the next two week reporting period. Incompletes will be treated as failing grades until all work has been satisfactorily completed. Ineligible athletes may continue to practice but cannot participate in public performances. Notice of failing grades and ineligibility will be mailed every two weeks and students will be notified during the school day. The ineligibility list will be distributed to the personnel handling the extra-curricular activities.

Semester Rule

A student who has not passed a minimum of 4 classes at the semester will be ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for the following semester. Notice of failing grades and ineligibility will be mailed and students will be notified. The ineligibility list will be distributed to the personnel handling the extra-curricular activities. Ineligible athletes may continue to practice but cannot participate in public performances

Code of Conduct

The possession or use of alcohol and/or tobacco is a violation of the Code of Conduct, as is possession, use or distribution of mood altering substances, i.e. prescription drugs, marijuana, etc. , a violation of the Code of Conduct and/or SDCL 13-32-9. Crimes against person or property are a violation of the Code of Conduct. Conduct by a student that is inconsistent with the philosophy and purpose of the Marion School District is considered a violation of the Activity Code. Students in violation of the Code of Conduct are subject to the consequences outlined below.

1st Offense – A suspension of 10 consecutive school days shall be invoked during which time the student may not participate in practices or contests.

2nd Offense – A suspension of one semester or ninety (90) consecutive school days, whichever is greater during which time the student may not participate in practices or contests. The student will lose all recognition and statistics acquired during the season.

3rd offense – A suspension of one calendar year (365 days) shall be invoked during which time the student is ineligible to participate in any school sponsored activity. The student will be referred to counseling.

*If a student attends and completes an approved counseling program the consequences for 2nd and 3rd offenses may be reduced by up to one half if allowed by SDHSAA regulations.

DUE PROCESS

1. The principal/athletic/activities director shall inform the student/parents/guardian of the rule, regulation or policy that has been violated.
2. The student will be given an opportunity to answer the charges.
3. The principal/athletic/activities director will render a decision as soon as possible after reviewing the case followed by written confirmation.
4. Decisions made by the principal/athletic/activities director may be appealed in writing to the superintendent within ten (10) days of the decision.
5. During the appeals process the penalty will be in effect. The Superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five (5) days.

SDCL 13-32-9

SUSPENSION FROM EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS

Any person adjudicated, convicted, or the subject of a suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances of marijuana, as defined in Chapter 22-42, is ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities at any secondary school accredited by the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs for up to one (1) calendar year. Upon a subsequent adjudication, conviction, or suspended imposition of sentence for possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances or marijuana, that person is ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity under the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the entire period of time said student attends a school under the accreditation of the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs.

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