

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT 2007 - 2008 CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Extra-curricular activities require a great commitment from students, advisors, coaches and parents. Programs in the Camas School District stress personal dedication, drive, and determination while teaching the participant to accept obligations to the group, teammates, advisors, coaches, the student body and the community.

Extra-curricular activity programs in the Camas School District are a privilege and are completely voluntary for students. Students participating in extra-curricular programs are considered to be in positions of leadership. They represent the school and the community, and as leaders we expect they will do nothing that reflects negatively on the school or the community.

This Athletics/Activities Code is designed to establish reasonable, high standards for students who aspire to participate in all extra-curricular activities, which include all optional, non-credit, school-approved student activities, which are personal, social, recreational, or athletic in nature. This code is designed to help students choose not to participate in illegal or unhealthy activities. It is also designed to help support parents in their efforts to guide their children towards healthy lifestyles.

Procedures for administering the Athletics/Activities Code and the appeal process are consistent with the Washington Administrative Codes that address student conduct.

General Rules

All students participating in extra-curricular activities or planning to participate in an activity at some point during the school year, shall abide by the following rules at all times including school vacations, weekends, and non-school hours:

1. Participants, parents, guardians, and/or legal custodians will agree in writing to abide by all rules set forth.
2. Athletes will have valid medical and dental insurance prior to being allowed to practice/participate for the first time.
3. Participants will purchase an ASB card as a condition of taking part in extra-curricular activities.
4. Participants will maintain a 2.0 GPA and pass at least five classes in the grading period immediately prior to the activity or season. ASB and Class officers must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
5. Participants will be present the entire school day in order to be eligible for practice or competition. Students who miss school during the day because of illness, suspension of any kind, or unexcused absences are not allowed to participate in after-school activities. Students must be present in school for the full day in order to practice/compete in athletics/activities. Exceptions will be made for family bereavement or true emergencies, medical/dental appointments, legal appointments, and school-related activities. Other excused absences, arranged in advance through a building administrator, may be accepted. Parent requests and/or illness are NOT exceptions to this rule. If an athletic team arrives back to school after midnight athletes may be excused from attending their first period class; they are still responsible for the work in that class.
6. Participants shall not possess, use, or transmit tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs of any kind. Further, participants shall not engage in behavior that enables others to illegally use these substances. Examples include serving as a designated driver for others and attending parties or events where these substances are used.
7. Participants are expected to attend all scheduled practices, meetings, contests, and performances. If it becomes necessary to miss such an activity, prior arrangements must be made with the advisor/coach.
8. School-owned equipment checked out to a participant is his/her responsibility. Loss of equipment or damage resulting from misuse will be the financial responsibility of the participant. Individuals will not be allowed to participate in subsequent activities or receive awards until this obligation is taken care of. All fines and fees must be paid in order for a student to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
9. An athlete who has been injured and has seen a physician may not return to activity until a signed release from a physician is presented to the head coach.
10. Completion of the activity season is required in order for the participant to be eligible for a letter or other team/individual awards. The exception to this is a student whose participation was limited due to an injury.

11. Participants must travel to and from events via school-provided transportation. Exceptions are injury to a participant that would require special transportation and prior arrangements approved by a building administrator. Head coaches/advisors need to make personal contact with a parent when a participant requests to ride home from an event with the parent.
12. Coaches/advisors may establish stricter standards for safety, morale, or other reasons; therefore, participants are expected to adhere to any specific rules for each activity not stated in the Code of Conduct.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Participants will maintain a 2.0 g.p.a. in classes in which they are enrolled during the grading period immediately prior to the activity or season. Those who do not meet this requirement will be placed on academic probation:

1. Participant will be declared ineligible until a progress report indicates that he/she is meeting the minimum standard. For Fall Semester progress reports will be assessed on the eighth (8th) day of school with follow-ups weekly for a period of two weeks.
2. Participant will be expected to attend after-school conference period for a minimum of three weeks.
3. Participant will continue to turn in weekly progress reports until no longer directed to do so.
4. Participants placed on academic probation will not be eligible to participate in at least one regular season athletic event. Participants are allowed to practice during the ineligible period of time. Participants who are put on academic probation for any two consecutive grading periods or more than two grading periods in a school year will be suspended for 20% of the current or upcoming activity season. They will need to meet all the requirements of academic probation during the suspension period.

Alternate Eligibility

The 2.0 g.p.a. may be waived by the Principal or Athletic Director based on the following criteria:

1. The participant is of average ability and he/she has completed 95% of his/her assignments. If the teacher were to give an effort grade for the participant it would be at least a "B".
2. The participant may be academically disadvantaged (Special Education or 504 Plan) and may be working near his/her potential.

Participants who meet this alternate eligibility standard are required to turn in weekly progress reports for the entire season in which they are competing.

Tobacco, Alcohol, Inhalants and Illegal Drugs: Violation and Corrective Action

Participants shall not knowingly possess, use, or transmit tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or any illegal drugs. Participants shall not engage in behavior that enables other students to illegally use tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs. Examples of this behavior are:

1. Attending an event, for even a short time, where tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs are present or being used. When attending an event there is a reasonable expectation that the student make him/herself aware of what is happening in the surroundings and that he/she immediately remove him/herself if illegal substances are present or substances are being used illegally.
2. Holding an event where tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs are being used.
3. Acting as a designated driver for students who are using tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs.

If any participant realizes he/she has a problem with the use of tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs, and of his/her own volition, seeks treatment (prior to his/her first assessment) he/she may not be subject to disciplinary action.

Repeated offenses are cumulative during the participant's time in school.

Clubs, ASB office, leadership, and other extra-curricular activities other than athletics have a 180 day season.

Upon confirmation that a participant has violated the policy regarding tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs, the following steps will take place:

1. Parents will be informed of findings by phone and letter home.
2. Law enforcement officials may be notified.
3. Participant will be informed of options for consequences.

At the discretion of an administrator, any or all discipline steps may be skipped depending upon the severity of the violation related to alcohol, inhalants, and illegal drugs.

First Offense- Alcohol, Inhalants, and Illegal Drugs

Choice 1: Suspension from the equivalent of one sports season/90 school days of extra-curricular activity or ASB position.

Choice 2: Suspension from the equivalent of 20% of the sport season/extra-curricular activity/ASB position if:

1. Parents and student meet with administrator and an appointed Intervention Specialist.
2. Student participates in a drug/alcohol assessment administered by a certified outside agency.
3. Student completes mandatory AODA (Alcohol and Other Drugs Assessment) education program.

Second Offense- Alcohol, Inhalants, and Illegal Drugs

Choice 1: One-year (180 school days) suspension from athletics/extra-curricular activities/ASB position.

Choice 2: Suspension for equivalent of one sport season/one half of school year (90 school days) for extra-curricular activities or ASB position if:

1. Parents and student meet with an administrator and appointed Intervention Specialist.
2. Student participates in a drug/alcohol assessment administered by a certified outside agency.
3. Student completes second phase of mandatory AODA education program.

Third Offense- Alcohol, Inhalants, and Illegal Drugs

Choice 1: Expulsion from all extra-curricular activities for remainder of student career.

Choice 2: Suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the length of one school year (180 school days) if:

1. Student participates in a drug/alcohol assessment administered by a certified outside agency.
2. Student follows up with Intervention Specialist on an out-patient basis.

Fourth Offense- Alcohol, Inhalants, and Illegal Drugs

Expulsion from all extra-curricular activities for remainder of student career.

First Offense- Tobacco

Choice 1: Suspension from entire current sports season/extra-curricular activity. Suspension from ASB position for 90 school days.

Choice 2: Suspension from the equivalent of 20% of the sport season/extra-curricular activity/ASB position if:

1. Parents and student meet with administrator and an appointed Intervention Specialist.

Choice 2: Suspension for equivalent of one sports season/one half of school year (90 school days) for extra-curricular activities/ASB position if:

1. Parents and student meet with administrator and an appointed Intervention Specialist.
Student completes mandatory tobacco education program.

Second Offense –Tobacco

Choice 1: One-year (180 school days) suspension from athletics/extra-curricular activities/ASB position.

Choice 2: Suspension for equivalent of one sports season one half of school year (90 school days) for extra-curricular activities/ASB position. If

Third Offense- Tobacco

Choice 1: Expulsion from all extra-curricular activities for remainder of student career.

Choice 2: Suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the length of one-half school year (90 school days)

If:

1. Student completes second phase of mandatory tobacco education program.

Fourth Offense- Tobacco

Choice 1: Expulsion from all extra-curricular activities for remainder of student career.

Choice 2: Suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the length of one school year (180 school days) if:

1. Student completes second phase of mandatory tobacco education program.

Fifth Offense- Tobacco

Expulsion from all extra-curricular activities for remainder of student career.

NOTE: PARTICIPANTS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL RULES STATED IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK WHILE AT SCHOOL OR INVOLVED IN SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES. Participants using, possessing, or selling tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, or illegal drugs are also subject to the discipline as described in the Student Handbook.

Final step for reinstatement

In order to be eligible to participate in an activity or athletic event following a violation/consequences the student shall meet with the school eligibility board consisting of coaches/advisors and administrators selected by the principal, to request approval to participate. The school eligibility board will recommend to the principal appropriate action to be taken in the student's case. The school principal shall have the final authority as to the student's participation in the interscholastic sports/activity program. (18.22.0 – WIAA)

Grievance Procedure

A participant or parent/guardian who is aggrieved by disciplinary action taken related to this code of conduct has the right to take the following steps:

Step 1: Informal Conference- A request for an informal conference must be made within 5 days of written notification of disciplinary consequences. At the informal conference the participant and the parent/guardian will be questioned by the principal or his/her designee and will be entitled to question school employees in the matter being grieved.

Step 2: Formal Conference- If the participant and parent/guardian are not satisfied with the results of the informal conference, they may, upon three days prior notice, present a written and/or oral grievance to the Superintendent or to his/her designee. If the participant and parent/guardian are still not satisfied, upon three days notice, they may present a written and/or oral grievance to the Board of Directors to be dealt with at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. The Board of Directors will notify the participant and parent/guardian in writing of its decision within ten school days following the meeting.

The disciplinary consequences will be upheld during the grievance process.

In the event the grievance deadlines are not met, it shall be determined that the participant and parent/guardian have waived their rights to the grievance process.

If on any away school sponsored event a student breaks the code of conduct he/she will be fined the costs involved in sending the student to the event i.e. food, room, etc.