

Denver Secondary School
Good Conduct Policy
for Extra-Curricular Participation

Extra-curricular activities are a major part of the secondary school experience. Things learned in these activities are applicable to many aspects of life. Denver has a commitment to excellence in our activity program. However, it should be noted that these extra-curricular activities are voluntary. Hence, they are a privilege, not a right. Consequently, participants in activities are bound to follow certain rules. The student is responsible for following rules/regulations of the individual director/coach.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. The determination of eligibility shall rest with the principal or his/her designee.
2. Eligibility guidelines are applied to all of the extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Denver Community School District. Discretionary ineligibility may still apply to any activities sponsored by the district, including but not limited to, homecoming activities, prom, and/or the graduation ceremony.
3. The eligibility guidelines are to be followed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
4. A student cannot join an activity after the first official sign-up date or practice for the purpose of working off ineligibility.
5. Students who begin an activity or are sanctioned during an activity must complete the activity in good standing.
6. If a student is not participating in any extra-curricular activity at the time of the infraction, the student will be ineligible for the next activity in which the student participates.
7. If the violation occurs near the end of one extra-curricular activity, and the assigned penalty cannot be fulfilled during that activity, the additional assigned penalty will be carried over to the next extra-curricular activity that the student participates in while attending high school.
8. All community service time will be evaluated and approved by the principal.
9. All community service time is to be completed under the supervision of an adult not in the student's immediate family, during out-of-school hours.

VIOLATIONS

I. Mandatory Ineligibility

1. Violations of local, state, or federal law except minor traffic, hunting, or fishing offenses, regardless of formal charges or convictions.
2. Use, possession, or sale of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or drug paraphernalia.
3. Presence at a setting where illegal consumption/use of drugs or alcohol by minors, or other illegal activity is occurring. A student in attendance where illegal consumption of alcohol/drugs occurs, becomes aware of such illegal consumption on arrival, and immediately leaves the site will retain eligibility.
4. Vandalize, destroy, damage, or steal school property or the property of others.
5. Fight, assault physically, abuse, or repeatedly threaten injury to another person while in school, at school sponsored events, or on school vehicles.
6. Excessive unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, verbal abuse, or threats toward persons, including players, coaches, fans, game officials, or site administrators.
7. Participation in a non-school sponsored event during a same sport season without the permission of the the Athletic Director, Principal, and coach as spelled out in board policy 504.6.

II. Discretionary Ineligibility

The school reserves the right to declare a student ineligible for participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities as a result of frequent violations of school rules.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The following community service hours will be assigned for students who violate the Good Conduct Policy. These required hours must be served before the student will be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities.

1. Consequence for 1st Violation: 10 hours of community service.
2. Consequence for 2nd Violation: 20 hours of community service.
3. Consequence for 3rd Violation: 30 hours of community service.

If juvenile court services also assigns community service hours, the student will be able to use the hours to fulfill both requirements.

DUE PROCESS

The Due Process guaranteed when a student is facing a loss of eligibility is as follows:

Step 1: The student is informed of the suspected infraction of the Good Conduct Rule and the basis for the accusation.

Step 2: The student will be given an opportunity to state his or her version of events.

Step 3: The principal determines whether a violation has occurred.

Step 4: If the principal believes a violation of the Good Conduct Rule has occurred, the student is notified, either orally or in writing, that the penalty will be imposed, effective immediately.

Step 5: The principal will notify the student's parent or guardian of the decision and penalty.

PROCESS TO APPEAL

If a student or parent wishes to appeal the principal's decision regarding a violation of the Good Conduct Rule, he or she may do so by notifying the superintendent in writing within three (3) days. An appeals board consisting of the superintendent, one coach or activities director, and 2 volunteers from the policy review committee, will be convened within 5 school days to hear the appeal.

The penalty will remain in force during the appeal process unless and until the principal's decision is overturned.

If the student, parent or guardian is still not satisfied, the superintendent's decision can be appealed to the school board by notifying the board secretary in writing of a request for review by the board. The board's decision is final.

This policy drafted by a committee was approved by the Board of Education June 21, 2004.

Good Conduct Committee Members Included: Darrin Berggren (staff member), Dan Cooper (staff member), Lisa Worner (parent), Barb Gielau (parent), Liz Strempe (parent), Jo Butler (MS Principal), Mark Guenther (Activities Director), and Paul Gebel (HS Principal).

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATIONS

When a student has been determined to be in violation of the Good Conduct Policy, he/she will be faced with the following penalties:

Sport	Consequence for 1 st Violation	Consequence for 2 nd Violation	Consequence for 3 rd Violation	Consequence of 4 th Violation
Football	3 calendar dates	6 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Cross Country	3 calendar dates	6 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Volleyball	4 calendar dates	9 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Basketball	6 calendar dates	13 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Wrestling	5 calendar dates	10 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Track	4 calendar dates	8 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Golf	4 calendar dates	8 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Baseball	8 calendar dates	16 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Softball	8 calendar dates	16 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Cheerleading	3 calendar dates	6 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Football	5 calendar dates	10 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Wrestling	6 calendar dates	13 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Basketball				
Soccer	4 calendar dates	8 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career
Speech, Drama, Variety Show	1 calendar date	2 calendar dates	365 calendar days from date of communication with school official	Prohibited from participating for remainder of high school career

*the amount of assigned consequence time will be reviewed yearly and may be subject to change

Note: Any student who is participating in multiple extra-curricular activities at the same time will serve the consequence time for violating the good conduct policy that is greatest in duration. For example, a student participating in football and drama at the same time, and commits a 1st time good conduct violation, that individual will be required to miss the next 3 calendar dates that any extra-curricular activities take place.