



Policy Title: Student Good Conduct Rule Code No. 503.9

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and abilities in the students during their school years and for a lifetime. Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures. Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District offers a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors. The Principal shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule.

The following activities are covered by the board's policy and these rules:

Athletics, instruments and vocal music performances, drama productions, speech contests, FFA, National Honor Society, all co-curricular clubs (e.g., Art Club, French Club), all honorary and elected offices (e.g., Homecoming King/Queen/Court, class officer, student government officer or representative), state contests and performances for cheerleading, or any other activity where the student represents the school outside the classroom.

To retain eligibility for participation in Clarion-Goldfield -Dows High School extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to the community.

Academic Eligibility - To be eligible for an activity, students participating must:

1. Be enrolled or dual-enrolled in school
2. Have earned passing grades in at least four full-time classes the previous semester
3. Be earning passing grade in at least four full-time classes in the current semester

If a student is required to perform as part of a grade (e.g., band or chorus) and that student violates the Good Conduct Rule, the student will be withheld from participation but without any impact on the student's grade for the course. Special education students or students covered by a Section 504 plan shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by the student's team, towards the goals and objectives on the student's IEP or 504 Plan.

GOOD CONDUCT RULE VIOLATION - Students are said to be in violation of the Good Conduct Rule if:

1. Found so by a court of law
2. Admits to violating the rule
3. A staff member witnesses a student breaking a guideline
4. When the administration believes it is more likely than not that the student violated the Good Conduct Rule.

DUE PROCESS

Any student who is found by the administration and hearing committee to have violated the Good Conduct Rule may obtain review of this determination to the superintendent by contacting the superintendent within 3 days of being advised of the violation. The penalty will be in effect until reversed.

If the student is still dissatisfied, he or she may seek further review by the school board by filing a written appeal with the board secretary at least 24 hours prior to the next board meeting. A special meeting of the board will not be called. The grounds for review by the school board are limited to the following: the student did not violate the Good Conduct Rule; the student was given inadequate due process in the investigation and determination; or the penalty is in violation of the Handbook Rule or Board Policy. The penalty will remain in effect pending the outcome of the meeting with the board.

If the school board reverses the decision of the administration and hearing committee, the student shall be immediately eligible and shall have any record of the ineligibility period and violation deleted from the student's record

Any student, who after a hearing at which the student shall be confronted with the allegation, the basis of the allegation, and given an opportunity to tell the student's side, is found to have violated the school's Good Conduct Rule, will be deemed ineligible for a period of time as described below. A student may lose eligibility under the Good Conduct Rule for any of the following behaviors:

1. Possession, use, or purchase of tobacco or look alike products
2. Possession, use, or purchase of alcoholic beverages, look alike beverages, including beer and wine
3. Being in attendance at a function or party where alcohol or other drugs are being consumed illegally
4. Possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of illegal drugs, or the unauthorized possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of otherwise lawful drugs or look alike drugs.

5. Engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor offense such as traffic or hunting/fishing, violations) regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s)
6. Exceedingly inappropriate or offensive conduct such as assaulting staff or students, gross insubordination (talking back or refusing to cooperate with authorities/school personnel), serious hazing or harassment of others.

If a student transfers in from another school or school district and the student had not yet completed a period of ineligibility for a violation of a Good Conduct Rule in the previous school, the student shall be ineligible for an amount of time that would fulfill the student's current ineligibility. This will be determined by the Principal.

PENALTIES

Any student, after a hearing before the hearing committee, who is found to have violated the Good Conduct Rule, during the school year or summer, is subject to a loss of eligibility as follows: **First Offense: Four (4) Designated Events** Second Offense: Eight (8) Designated Events or 12 consecutive months, whichever has the least impact** Third Offense: Twelve consecutive months**

USE OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATION**

Students shall not use or possess alcohol and shall not use, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any controlled substance or look-alike controlled substance as defined by Iowa law. This includes being in a car or attendance at a party or social function where alcohol or other drugs are being consumed illegally by minors.

In the event that a student is charged with possession of alcohol pursuant to Code of Iowa, the following steps may be taken by the student to distinguish the possession of alcohol charge from the consumption of alcohol charge and their resulting penalties.

1. The student must immediately, upon being charged with possession of alcohol, request and submit to a test which measures alcohol content (commonly known as a breathalyzer test)
2. The student must report said incident to his/her coach, activity director, or principal; the next school day.

Upon completing steps 1 and 2 above and evidence from the breathalyzer test showing no alcohol was consumed, the student shall be subject to penalty of being ineligible and excluded from 1 designated event.

Failure to request and submit to breathalyzer test, when charged with possession of alcohol, has same resulting penalties as consumption of alcohol.

REDUCTION IN PENALTY

1. Evaluation and Treatment: The penalty for a violation in use of alcohol or controlled substance may be reduced in half if the student enrolls in and makes satisfactory progress towards the successful completion of an approved program designed for the treatment of persons abusing alcohol, marijuana or controlled substances. The administration reserves the right to determine what satisfactory progress is. If it is not possible to complete the program before the student's eligibility is finished, this option may not be extended to the student.
2. Behavior Agreement: A student who has been found to have violated the Good Conduct Policy through an act that would be grounds for arrest or citation, or conduct that is grossly inappropriate or offensive, may seek to reduce the penalty by entering into a behavior Agreement. The Agreement shall be in writing and shall include, but not be limited to, an oral apology for the student's behavior to affected parties, restitution where appropriate, and a presentation before students in the elementary and middle schools regarding the inappropriateness of the student's behavior. The degree of reduction of the penalty in such situations shall rest with the administrator, but in no event shall the reduction exceed one-third of the penalty.

RULES GOVERNING INELIGIBILITY SUSPENSIONS

1. A student who is in violation of the policy shall be withheld from the specified number of extracurricular appearance/competitions beginning with his/her next scheduled appearance/competition immediately following the violation and from each appearance/competition immediately thereafter until the specified number has been satisfied.
2. However, if the period of time between a violation and an activity is twelve calendar months or more, the student shall not serve an ineligibility period for the violation.
3. An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals but may not suit up nor perform/participate. The ineligibility period shall not be considered served until the student completes the season in which the ineligibility period is served.
4. If a student drops out of an activity prior to completion of the ineligibility period, the remainder of the penalty will attach when the student next seeks to go out for an activity, subject to the 12-month limitation above.
5. If a student violates the Good Conduct Rule while ineligible due to an earlier violation or academic reasons, the penalty for the subsequent offense will attach at the completion of the earlier penalty.