

Participation Rules and Expectations

High-School Activities Participation Rules & Expectations

As a representative of DCSD's activity programs, I understand and accept that:

- It is my privilege and honor to wear my school colors
- I am a leader in and out of uniform
- My actions are a reflection of myself, my family, my school, and community
- I'm accountable for my performance in the classroom and my conduct in the community.

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in DCSD interscholastic activities and in accordance with Policy JJI, I agree to the following:

Scope of Rules

From the day a student first participates in a DCSD high-school Activity until that student graduates from high school, these rules remain in effect, throughout the school year, during summer, fall, winter and spring breaks, including weekends, vacations, and holidays, and regardless if the student is on or off DCSD property.

The consequences outlined here are in addition to, not instead of, those the student may receive under the DCSD's Code of Conduct, the Colorado High School Activities Association By-laws, sponsors' activity rules, or other sources. They represent minimum sanctions; the Principal or designee may increase or modify these consequences in particular cases or in general as he or she deems appropriate.

Although some prohibited behaviors listed below refer to DCSD's Code of Conduct, because these training rules are in effect at times and in places when the Code of Conduct may not be, and because students who participate in Activities are held to higher behavioral expectations than other students, the Principal or designee may determine that a student's conduct constitutes grounds for imposing an Activity penalty under these rules even when that conduct does not result in suspension or expulsion under the Code of Conduct.

Prohibited Behaviors

- Violating DCSD's policies regarding drugs & alcohol (JICH)
- Violating DCSD's weapons policy (JICI)
- Violating DCSD's gang-related behaviors and dress policy (JICF)
- Violating any criminal law
- Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority
- Willful destruction or defacing of school property
- Behavior detrimental to the student's, other students', or school personnel's welfare, health, or safety
- Any other conduct that would constitute grounds for suspension under DCSD policy JKD/JKE.

Consequences

The following minimum consequences will result whenever the Principal or designee concludes that a student has engaged in any of the prohibited behaviors listed above.

- First offense: Activities student will be suspended from a current or future event.
- Second offense: The student will be suspended from all Activities throughout DCSD for 1 full year from the date of the infraction.
 - If, however, a student initiates contact with school authorities to voluntarily report his or her involvement in conduct prohibited by these rules, then the student will be eligible for the following lesser second offense penalty: The student will be suspended from the remainder of the season of the Activity he or she was participating in at the time of the conduct and, upon proof that the student has successfully completed an intervention class chosen by the school activities director, the student will only be suspended from the first 50% of the regularly scheduled contests of the next Activity that the student participates in for an entire season.
- Third offense: The student will be suspended from all Activities throughout DCSD for 1 full year from the date of the infraction, except that if a second offense suspension is still in effect, then the date of the third offense suspension will not begin on the date of the infraction, but rather will begin on the day after the second offense suspension ends.

Tobacco Consequence Only:

- First offense: The student receives a warning and must attend site based tobacco education or community service.
- Second offense: Activities student will be suspended from a current or future event.
- Third offense: The student will be suspended from all Activities throughout DCSD for 1 full year from the date of the infraction, except that if a second offense suspension is still in effect, then the date of the third offense suspension will not begin on the date of the infraction, but rather will begin on the day after the second offense suspension ends.

Nothing in these rules prohibits the Principal, designee, or individual coaches from establishing and enforcing additional rules applicable to Activities, such as lesser or different penalties for failing to exercise good sportsmanship at practices or competitions or for failing to demonstrate good citizenship at school or school-sponsored events.

I have read and agree to follow these rules:

Student's Name (print)

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Name (print)

Signature

Date