



Memorandum

*To: Chris Brown
From: Brian Kesel
Date: October 15, 2008
Subject: WGCS D Drug and Alcohol Policies*

For your Chiefs' meeting:

- 1) your district's drug and alcohol policies
- 2) your districts code of conduct

I put the BOE Policy Manual and the District's Code of Conduct in DOALL/Chris Drop folder. Drug and Alcohol Policy is 5312.1.

- 3) answers to the following questions:
What penalties do you impose for drug and alcohol offenses?

Immediate 5 day suspension and Superintendent's Hearing. Although, the practice has been NOT to go to SH for first alcohol offense at the High School.

Do you use breathalyzers or other testing mechanisms?

No. Although CPD will breathalyze students at major functions if admin's suspect alcohol use and/or parents request the test. We don't like using it in case student blows a 0.0.

Do you impose penalties that impact extracurricular activities: athletics, proms, graduations, etc.? Under what circumstances?

Students suspended from school may not participate in any school functions, on- or off-campus, during suspension.

Students "in-season" (sports/marching band) are removed from the activity for drug and alcohol offenses. BOE Policy 5280 and 5280.1

Do you have any counseling requirements that you have as part of your drug and alcohol?

Per Policy 5314, there is no counseling requirement, but a list of counselors is maintained by district officials for referral.

STUDENT POLICIES

STUDENT CONDUCT

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

POLICY STATEMENT

The use and unlawful possession of illicit drugs and alcohol by students of the District is wrong, harmful, and inconsistent with the District's primary mission of educating students. The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of alcohol and illicit drug use/abuse. Throughout this policy, the phrase "alcohol, illicit drugs, and other substances" shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following substances: alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alikes, and those substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs".

In implementing this Policy, the District will be guided by the following principles:

- Substance abuse is preventable and treatable.
- Substance abuse inhibits the District from successfully pursuing its primary mission of educating students.
- The goal of preventing and remedying substance abuse will be accomplished only through coordinated and collaborative efforts with parents, students, staff, support agencies, and the community as a whole.

To further this Policy, student compliance with the Standards of Conduct described in Section III is mandatory.

CURRICULUM

The District shall implement an age-appropriate, developmentally based substance abuse education and prevention program for grades K-12. This shall be part of the health education curriculum. It shall address the health, social, and legal consequences of drug and alcohol use, and shall provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

A. General

No student shall use, possess, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol, illicit drugs, or other substances while on school grounds or at school-sponsored events. The use or possession of drug paraphernalia, and the unauthorized or inappropriate use, sale, or distribution of prescription and over-the-counter drugs on school grounds or at school-sponsored events by student is also prohibited.

B. Medication

The District has a separate policy regarding administration of medications to students. Medications held and administered according to Policy # 5420 are not considered a violation of this policy on substance abuse.

CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCEA. Student Discipline

Students found to have violated the Standards of Conduct will be disciplined. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from school, or from certain school activities. Among the circumstances considered will be the nature and quantity of the substance involved, the student's role in the incident, and the student's record of prior conduct. The procedures in the District's policies regarding Student Discipline will be followed.

B. Referral to Law Enforcement Agencies

The District will report to appropriate law enforcement agencies incidents that appear to involve a violation of local, state, or federal law.

COUNSELING PROGRAMSA. Roster

The principal of each school will maintain a list of substance abuse counseling and rehabilitation/re-entry programs that are obtainable by students and/or parents.

B. Referral

District personnel shall provide information to students, who violate the Standards of Conduct, and their parents, concerning appropriate community counseling and treatment centers.

COMMUNICATION TO STUDENTS

At the beginning of each academic year, all students and their parents shall be provided with a copy of this Policy.

REVIEW

At least every two years, this Policy and its implementation will be reviewed to determine its effectiveness and to insure that sanctions are consistently enforced.

Cross Reference: 5280/5280-E/Student Policies/CoCurricular and ExtraCurricular Programs/Interscholastic Athletics / Athletic Code of Conduct
5280.1/5280.1-E/Student Policies/CoCurricular and ExtraCurricular Programs/Marching Band / Marching Band Code of Conduct

Presentation: 10/2/91

First
Vote: 10/16/91

Second
Vote: 11/6/91

STUDENT POLICIESSTUDENT CONDUCTPENALTIESSuspension and Expulsion

The Superintendent of Schools may suspend a student charged with a violation pending determination of the offense whenever, in the Superintendent's judgment, the continued presence of such student would constitute a clear danger to the safety, morale, health, or welfare of the student or other persons, or property on the premises of the school. A student may also be suspended if the student would pose an immediate threat of disruptive interference with the normal conduct of the school's activities and functions. In cases involving suspension for longer than five (5) days, the chief administrative officer or designee shall, upon responsible notice, grant a hearing with respect to the basis for such suspension. Students with disabilities will be suspended in accordance with the procedures established under applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

Ref: Education Law 3214
5311, Student Rights and Responsibilities

Update
Presentation: 12/19/01

First
Vote: 1/2/02

Second
Vote: 1/16/02

STUDENT NAME (PRINT) _____

GRADE _____

SPORT _____

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student Athlete:

Participation on a West Genesee School District Athletic Team is a privilege which should elicit great pride in you, your family, and your school. A willingness to abide by training regulations and behave as a good citizen is necessary for the success of our student athletes and our athletic program.

Every student athlete is required to sign this statement of personal commitment. The student signature signifies a willingness to set a positive example, adhere to basic concepts of good citizenship, and follow proper training practices. The parent signature acknowledges the commitment of the athlete.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the athletic department. The community, school administrators, and coaching staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program of athletics.

All athletes shall abide by a code of ethics which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition provides through the interscholastic athletic program. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, hazing, disrespect, immorality, insubordination, or violations of law, tarnish the integrity of everyone associated with the athletic programs and will not be tolerated.

Violation of this athletic code will result in a restriction from participation, a suspension for a period of time, or a loss of eligibility based on the severity of the infraction.

Based on the severity of the infraction of the Code of Conduct, the Athletic Director may convene a meeting of the Coach involved, the Athletic Director, and Principal to meet and determine the penalty according to the degree of the infraction.

TRAINING REGULATIONS

1. Each coach may specify definite rest programs and hours when team members must be in their homes. Any adjustments must be approved by the coach of the sport.
2. The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and tobacco are considered health hazards and detrimental to an athlete's physical and mental well being. Such use will result in the student being dropped from the team for the remainder of that sport season including sectional and state meets.
3. Attendance at practice is essential to develop the greater degree of skill. All requests to be excused from practice sessions must be submitted to the coach before the practice for which the request is made.
4. Athletes absent from school may not practice or play the day such absence occurs. Exceptions to this rule can be made only by the school principal or designee. Frequent or excessive tardiness may result in the same penalty.
5. Individual coaches may also make specific guidelines and regulations relating to their sport.

Enforcement Dates: First official day of practice, as designated by Section III, through final athletic contest of the season.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

STUDENT POLICIESCOCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMSMarching Band

Marching band is a cocurricular activity intended to promote the musical knowledge, aesthetic experiences, and personal growth of each student in the organization. The program offers a continuation of the Fine arts curriculum, providing secondary students with an understanding of music and performance as an art.

Student eligibility for participation in Marching band shall include:

1. participation in a curricular music performance group (for wind and percussion students);
2. attendance at band camp, rehearsals, and performances as specified by the Band Director;
3. adherence to the Code of Conduct.

Presentation: 1/2/03

First
Vote: 1/15/03

Second
Vote: 2/5/03

STUDENT NAME (PRINT) _____

GRADE _____

Dear Parent/Guardian of "*Wildcat*" Marching Band member :

Participation in the West Genesee "*Wildcat*" Marching Band is a privilege which should elicit great pride in you, your family and your school. A willingness to abide by our regulations and behave as a good citizen is necessary for the success of our band members and our band program.

Every band member is required to sign this statement of personal commitment. The student signature signifies a willingness to set a positive example, adhere to basic concepts of good citizenship, and follow proper band practices. The parent signature acknowledges the commitment of the band member.

CODE OF CONDUCT

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the band program. The community, school administrators, and staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential to maintaining a sound program.

All band members shall abide by a code of ethics that will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition provides through New York State Field Band Conference activities. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, hazing, disrespect, immorality, insubordination, or violations of law, tarnish the integrity of everyone associated with the band and will not be tolerated.

Violation of this band code will result in either restriction from participation, a suspension for a period of time, or a loss of eligibility depending on the severity of the infraction. The Fine Arts Director may convene a meeting of the Band Director, the Fine Arts Director and Principal to determine the appropriate penalty.

"WILDCAT" BAND REGULATIONS

- The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and tobacco are considered health hazards and are detrimental to any member's physical and mental well being. Such use will result in the student being dropped from the band for the remainder of the season including local, regional, state, and national championship competitions.
- Attendance at practice is essential to develop the necessary skills for success. All requests to be excused from rehearsal sessions must be submitted to the Director before the practice for which the request is made.
- Band members absent from school may not rehearse or play the day such absence occurs. Exceptions to this rule can be made only by the school principal or designee. Frequent or excessive tardiness may result in the same penalty.

Enforcement Dates: First Day of band camp through final marching band performing event of the season

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____