

PROCEDURE WSD509

WINOOSKI SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. The athletic and extra-curricular programs are an integral part of the middle/high school and fall under the authority and supervision of the principal to the same degree as all other component programs of the school.
2. All coaches, directors, facilitators and supervisors, including those who are not regular employees of the school district, are required to conform to all regulations as promulgated by the school district.
3. Winooski Middle/High School is a member of the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA). In all pertinent matters the school will adhere firmly to the rules and regulations of that body and to the philosophy of participation that VPA encourages. The eligibility of students to participate in the athletic program is determined in accordance with VPA and WM/HS rules and regulations.
4. District participation or non-participation in interscholastic athletics and inter-school extra-curricular activities is subject to approval by the Board.
5. Each student participant must have a signed Participation Agreement on file with the school prior to the first practice, meeting, or session of the sport or activity.
6. Annually, the Middle/High School principal shall ensure that this policy in full shall be included in the Middle/High School Student Handbooks.

ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

1. A participant must be a bona fide student as described in Policy #5110 of the Winooski School District.
2. A participant must be taking at least six (6) "block courses" or the equivalent for the preceding marking period (quarter) and may fail in no more than one class*. Any student failing two or more classes will be placed on probation. During this time they can participate fully (games included). The probationary period for the fall seasons begins on the first day of school and the winter and spring seasons will begin on the day report cards are issued. This assessment will be an evaluation of the student's entire program of studies. The first grade check will take place in 15 calendar days. If they are failing one or more classes on the first or any other check, they will be removed from the team. If they are passing at that time they can continue to fully participate. Subsequent checks will take place bi-weekly throughout the season. The collection of this data will be the responsibility of the student who will present it to the athletic director or his//her designee in a manner prescribed by the athletic director.
3. A participant must be in full compliance with all the conditions set forth in Policies 5114 (a-f), Student Conduct and Discipline, et al.

*Students who receive one "F" must also have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 (C Average) to be placed on probation. Students with one "F" and a G.P.A. of less than 2.0 will be ineligible.

PARTICIPANT USE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS

Winooski Middle/High School recognizes the adverse effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs on young people. These substances are illegal for students to possess or use. The following procedures have been developed to address substance violations by students involved in athletics and extra-curricular activities.

Students possessing, purchasing, distributing, using and/or under the influence of alcohol, tobacco and/or other drugs, in any amount, will have the following actions taken on their behalf, in addition to those which are in accordance with Policy #5114 a-f, as applicable.

REPORTING:

1. Suspected violations of this policy should be reported to a school administrator or the athletic director. A school administrator will determine if the report of a suspected violation is credible. If deemed credible, a school administrator will investigate the alleged change and determine if a violation has occurred.
2. A letter will be sent home to the parent(s) or guardian(s) apprising them of the situation.
3. Police will be notified regarding all alcohol, tobacco and/or drug incidents.
4. Students will also be subject to the provisions of Policy #5114 a-f, including disciplinary action as warranted by the violation.

FIRST OFFENSE:

1. If a violation of the policy has occurred, a suspension from 25% of the total scheduled contests will be assigned.
2. During this suspension the student may continue to practice with the team/ activity. The student may attend games, and activities/meetings, but not in uniform. Activity or organization participants may attend performances, programs and other, but will not participate.
3. The student/athlete is required to meet with the student assistance counselor at least once prior to returning to participate. There will be two (2) additional meetings required before the end of the season/activity for every suspended individual. Additional meetings may be required on a case-by-case basis as determined by the SAC and/or principal.
4. Following the ten (10) day suspension the student/athlete may return to participate/play if he/she has met the conditions set forth in numbers 1, 2, and 3 above. Parents and the student will be required to participate in a re-entry meeting with the athletic director, the student assistance counselor and the team coach for athletics. Parents and the student will meet with the principal, student assistance counselor and activity advisor for activities.

SECOND OFFENSE:

1. Parents and the student will be required to participate in a meeting with the principal, athletic director, and the student assistance counselor.
2. The second infraction will result in the suspension of the student from participating in any sport/activity for a period of thirty (30) days. The suspension will begin on the day that the athletic director or activity advisor notifies the student of the consequences for the violation. For violations

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at the end of a season, the suspension will be completed during the next season, starting with the first regular scheduled game/event.

3. The student is required to meet with the student assistance counselor a minimum of five (5) meetings. Additional meetings may be required on a case-by-case basis as determined by the student assistance counselor and/or principal.
4. The student will be required to undergo an alcohol/drug assessment at his/her own expense within 10 days of the incident and prior to any further participation in athletics/activities.
5. Following the Thirty (30) day suspension the student/athlete may return to participate/play if he/she has met the conditions set forth in numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 above. Parents and the student will be required to participate in a re-entry meeting with the athletic director, the student assistance counselor and the team coach for athletics. Parents and the student will meet with the principal, student assistance counselor and activity advisor for activities.

THIRD OFFENSE:

1. Parents and the student will be required to participate in a meeting with the principal, athletic director and the student assistance counselor.
2. A third infraction will result in the student being suspended from participating in any way in athletics and extra-curricular activities for a period of 175 days, one full academic year.
3. Referred for outside assessment. The student must complete at his/her own expense a counseling/recovery program and have the recommendations of the counseling/recovery service or agency prior to competing/participating in athletic programs or extra-curricular activities.
4. Following the One hundred seventy-five (175) day suspension the student/ athlete may return to participate/play if he/she has met the conditions set forth in numbers 1, 2 and 3 above. Parents and the student will be required to participate in a re-entry meeting with the athletic director, the student assistance counselor and the team coach for athletics. Parents and the student will meet with the principal, student assistance counselor and activity advisor for activities.

* The season is defined from the first practice through the dismissal of the athletes/participants by the coach/advisor after the last game/performance/event.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

All who participate will:

1. Have proof of health and accident insurance coverage. The Winooski School District accepts no responsibility for bills incurred due to injury.
2. For all sports and activities that demand physical fitness, have proof of a physical examination completed during the prior 12 months. Students will not be able to participate until proof of the exam is submitted.
3. Return or pay for all equipment and/or instructional materials previously issued by the school. Failure to do so will prohibit further participation in athletics or activities.
4. Be a bona fide student as described in Policy #5110 of the Winooski School District.
5. Be in full compliance with Policy #5130, Attachment A - Eligibility Standards.
6. Travel to and from out of town games, activities or events in school provided transportation, unless otherwise approved by the school principal or his/her designee.
7. Not consume or possess alcoholic beverages or use tobacco (including snuff and chewing tobacco) and/or other drugs. Any violation of this provision within or outside of school programs and/or activities shall result in action as outlined in Policy #5130, Attachment B - Participant Use of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs and Policy # 5114 a-f, Student Conduct and Discipline, et al.
8. Be present and on time to school on the day of a contest or activity. Failure to comply with this rule will cause students to be ineligible for game play or the activity that day. The principal or his/her designee will review extenuating circumstances.
9. Adhere to rules and curfew as established by the coach, director, facilitator or advisor.
10. Not take active part in activity, practice or games while suspended from school.
11. Report all injuries to coaches or advisors.
12. Not have reached twentieth birthday (athletics only).
13. Not have been in high school more than eight semesters (athletics only).
14. Not compete on outside teams during the season he/she is competing in high school (athletics only).
15. Keep amateur status as defined by the Vermont Principals' Association (athletics only).

SPECIAL NOTE: Eligibility to participate in athletic or other activities is a privilege extended to all students as described above. Coaches or advisors in consultation with the principal or his/her designee reserve the right to discipline students as in the best interest of the student, the team, club, organization and/or the school district.

Health Insurance Company and Policy #:

Family Doctor and Phone #:

Parent Home Telephone #: _____

Parent Work Telephone #: _____

Other in Case of Emergency: Name: _____
Telephone #: _____

We have read Policy #5130 and Attachments A, B and C and fully concur with the principles and conditions set forth:

Student/Athlete Date

Parent/Guardian Date

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