

Wilson Area School District

Suspension from Extra-Curricular Activities Drug and Alcohol Offenses

Any student in the Wilson Area School district found guilty of a violation of the drug and alcohol policy or convicted of a violation of law involving drugs and/or alcohol will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for one calendar year. The suspension begins with the date of establishment of guilt by the principal or principal's designee, or the date of conviction of violation of law.

Eligibility lost following a **first offense** can be reduced to a 90 school days' suspension from extracurricular participation and a 90 school days' probationary reinstatement if the student agrees to and complies with the following:

- a. active cooperative involvement in a drug and alcohol assessment and strict adherence to the resulting recommendation(s) of the qualified assessor. Student compliance with the assessor's recommendation(s) will be monitored by the Student Assistance Teams.
- b. submit to random drug/alcohol testing during the probationary period. Such testing will be done through a qualified laboratory, under medical supervision, using approved testing methods. A positive drug test will be considered an additional offense under the district's drug and alcohol policy.
- c. no violation of the Student Code of Conduct at Level II or Level III offenses.
- d. monitoring of academics and behavior by the Student Assistance Teams

Any student involved in a **second offense** related to drugs and/or alcohol will lose the privilege of extracurricular participation during their entire school career in the Wilson Area School District. Eligibility lost following a second offense can be reduced to 180 school days' suspension and 180 days' probationary reinstatement if the student agrees to and complies with items (a), (b), (c), and (d) as listed above. A positive drug test will be considered an additional offense under the school's drug and alcohol policy.

Any student involved in a **third offense** will result in loss of extracurricular participation during their entire school career in the Wilson Area School District.

Suspension from extracurriculars applies to any activity sponsored by the school district including but not limited to athletics, after-school clubs, class office, student council, and extracurricular trips or performances.

Students will be permitted to attend, as spectator, any athletic, music, academic, arts and literary activity or award presentation, bonfire, pep rallies, assemblies, etc. provided that those events do not occur during a period of disciplinary suspension from school. Students will not be permitted to attend proms, dances, or post-prom parties.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop notice procedures of this policy and to monitor the number of students so suspended. Students who are suspended from extracurriculars may seek review of their case by the Superintendent. There is no automatic right of appeal to the Board of School Directors.

Effective Date and Transition Procedures

This policy is effective September 1998. Students who violated the district's previous drug and alcohol extra-curricular policy will be offered all the options under this revised policy if the violation was either a first offense or a second offense; terms of penalties or reinstatement dates will be calculated from the date of the offense.