

Extra-Curricular Drug and Alcohol Policy

Involvement in Moundridge activities and athletics is an honor and a privilege. As a member of a school team, organization, or play/musical cast, a student's behavior at school, at school sponsored events both on and off campus, and in the community reflects not only the student and the student's family but on the team/activity members, the program, the school and the community. Participation in MHS extra-curricular activities is a commitment by a participant to exercise good judgment in all affairs, to represent self, school, family, and community in the most positive matter at all times, and to encourage others including team/ activity members to share these ideals and to abide by extra-curricular regulations.

The following policy shall be in effect for the entire school year and all subsequent high school years, to include the beginning of athletic practice in August and to end with state track. It shall be in effect 24 hours a day at any place in which the participant may be present. Sponsors of school activities that are held during the summer will inform the participants of expectations and consequences relating to this policy.

Any student involved in a performing or competitive activity or athletic program shall not knowingly possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, performance enhancing drugs, or control substances of any kind during the school year.

Any student involved in a performing or competitive activity or athletic program who finds himself/herself in the company of persons who illegally possess, use, transmit, or are under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, performance enhancing drugs, or controlled substances of any kind is expected to leave within a reasonable period of time. Failure to do so will result in discipline as if they were in violation of this policy.

A violation of this policy will result in a student not participating in the next two weeks worth of extra-curricular activities/events that the student was scheduled and/or planning to participate in. The student will be required to take part in a counseling/education session from a competent substance abuse counselor or attend classes established through the school. It should be noted that this is a minimum penalty and the coach/sponsor has the option to impose a more severe penalty. At the beginning of each season/school year, coach/sponsor will inform the students of consequences relating to this policy.

For an underclassmen, an incomplete consequence will carry over to the next school year.

After the student attends the classes, the student and parent/guardian must meet with the coach/sponsor and/or administration to be reinstated on the team or in the activity. A second offense in the school year will result in a permanent suspension from all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the school year. Concerns about situations leading to student violations of this policy may be referred to law enforcement.

Sources: If a source such as, but not limited to, law enforcement officials, faculty members, school administration, or general common knowledge through the school relates information about a student's violation of this policy, validity of the allegation will be screened by the principal, A.D., and the sponsor. If the information is substantiated, the student will be counseled and action taken as described above.

*Extracurricular activity is defined as athletic teams, cheerleading, dance team, forensics, debate, (NFL), NHS, scholars' bowl, choir, band, musical/play, singers, student council, FFA, and FCCLA, or other school sponsored events occurring during the assigned weeks of non-participations (i.e. – dances, ball game attendance, etc.) If academic grade is part of the extracurricular activity, violation of policy will allow for alternate assignment to replace activity missed.

I have read and understand the Extra Curricular Drug and Alcohol Policy of Moundridge High School and agree to abide by them while I am involved in school activities.

Student's Signature

Date