

.D.F.A. Eligibility to Represent the School – Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Participation in extra and co-curricular programs for the Elko County School District is to be considered a privilege and not a right. It should not be considered by all that the program is larger than each individual. Participants represent every student, team member, parent and staff member, and always must be aware of community and school pride. Any participant that wants simply to represent himself or herself cannot make the contribution necessary to meet common goals of the program.

Participants in extra and co-curricular program choose burdens and make sacrifices that are normally above and beyond those of other student body members. You have chosen to represent the school and community. We require you to do this in such a manner that will provide you with a rewarding experience and establish a reputation for the activity that will bring pride to you, the community and the school.

The following are to be considered eligibility requirements for students who participate in extra and co-curricular activities, and clubs at any Elko County School District school.

I. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. A student must:
 - a. Maintain a grade point average of not less than 2.0 for the immediately preceding semester. Students failing to maintain a grade point average of less than 2.0 for the immediately preceding semester will be ineligible until grades are checked at the next nine-week period; and
 - b. Receive a passing grade in each class in which he or she enrolls and maintain a 2.0 GPA during the season for the extra or co-curricular activity.
2. Grades for students eligible under (1).(a.) are checked every 3* weeks. A student who receives a failing grade in any course or does not have a 2.0 GPA at any three week grade check shall be placed on probationary status for one week.
 - a. A student on probationary status remains eligible to participate in the sport during the probationary week, but is subject to a mandatory grade check on Friday of the probationary week.
 - b. If a student on probationary status continues to have a failing grade or less than a 2.0 GPA at the grade check made on Friday of the probationary week, then the student shall be declared ineligible the following Monday through Saturday.
 - c. A student who has been declared ineligible following the probationary week shall have grades checked weekly until the student becomes eligible even if this period of time goes beyond the next three-week grade check. Once declared eligible, the student shall be checked again at the regular three-week grade check and would be entitled to another probationary week.

*NOTE: Due to the short length of extra and co-curricular activities at the junior high/middle school level, grade checks will occur at weekly intervals.

II ATTENDANCE

Absence from school the day of or immediately prior to a practice or athletic contest, extra or co-curricular activity without an exempt absence or a pre-arranged excuse shall eliminate the student from participation. Exempt absences are:

1. Doctor verified medical release,
2. School nurse verification,
3. Pre-arranged educational experiences, or
4. Verifiable family emergencies.

III GENERAL CONDUCT

Students are to act responsibly while at school, and at school sponsored activities. Obviously, all possible situations cannot be covered in writing. Suspension from activities may be made by the school administration in the best interest of the school.

IV. ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG POSSESSION, USE, ABUSE AND PENALTIES.

This regulation shall begin once a student begins participation in extra or co-curricular activities. This policy remains in effect for every calendar school year during the course of a student's high school career and when he/she is directly involved in a school activity occurring at any time (summer leagues/camps, national vocational trips, etc.). This policy remains in effect regardless of whether a student is currently participating in an extra-curricular or co-curricular activity.

1. Definitions: The following terms or phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them for purposes of interpreting this policy.
 - a. Competitive Week - means a seven (7) day period of time beginning with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs in which a student is participating as a member of an extra or co-curricular activity.
 - b. School Week - means a seven (7) day period of time beginning with the first day of school after a violation occurs.
 - c. Controlled Substance - includes any mind altering substance or beverage set forth in Schedule I-V of the list of Controlled Substances as identified by the office of the Drug Enforcement Administration or set forth in 21 U.S.C. §812 and/or a "controlled substance" as defined in chapters 453 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Nevada Administrative Code.
 - d. Period of Suspension - means a student is prohibited from participating in any extra or co-curricular activity.
 - e. Cumulative Effect of Suspensions - Multiple suspensions of a student's extra or co-curricular eligibility based on violations of this regulation shall be considered as cumulative over the length of each student's high school career, 9th through 12th grade.
 - f. School Property, School Vehicle, School Sponsored Trip or Event Violations: Pursuant to District policies JDB and JDC:
 - 1) Students will be immediately disciplined according to the school's established progressive discipline plan.
 - 2) If the violation requires suspension from school, the student will be considered to be suspended at the time of the violation and the District will not transport the student using District transportation and the parent/guardian will be contacted and required to transport the student.*
 - 3) These conditions will be outlined in the preseason school sponsored activity packet and school student handbook.

* Every effort will be made to comply with [2)] above, although certain circumstances may exist making this condition impractical or impossible to administer.

2. Possession or Use of Tobacco, Alcohol/Controlled Substance/Narcotics Any student determined to be in possession of, or to have used tobacco, including smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco or snuff, an alcoholic beverage (as defined by NRS 202.020 and any relevant local ordinances), controlled substance and/or narcotic (unless prescribed by the student's physician for medical purposes), is in violation of this policy. If after an investigation by the school it is determined that the student is in violation of this regulation, the student shall immediately be declared ineligible to participate in any extra or co-curricular activity beginning with the first scheduled competition or the first school day after a violation occurs. Additionally, the student shall be subject to the following discipline:
 - a. First Violation: For participants in other extra-curricular and co-curricular activities a six (6) school week suspension from participation in all extra-curricular activities beginning with the first school day after the suspension occurs. Four (4) school weeks of the suspension of eligibility may be waived if the student successfully completes all components of the appropriate substance abuse intervention program set forth in subparagraphs below. If no events are missed during the two school week suspension, the student is ineligible for participation for the next two (2) events of a club, team or co-curricular activity that they were previously enrolled as a member.
 - b. Second Violation: For participants in other extra-curricular and oo-curricular activities, the student shall be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a minimum of ninety (90) school days. The student must complete all the requirements set forth in subparagraphs A and B below, in order to be considered

for reinstatement of future eligibility, which shall be determined following the ninety (90) day suspension of extra and co-curricular eligibility by a group composed of one of the student’s parents/legal guardians, the school principal, athletic director, advisor and a substance abuse program coordinator.

- 1) A substance abuse evaluation assessment conducted by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor at the expense of the parent/legal guardian of the student must be completed within ten (10) school days following the suspension and all assessment recommendations must be satisfactorily met before extra and co-curricular eligibility may be reinstated.
- 2) The student must successfully participate in all sessions of the appropriate substance abuse intervention program set forth in subparagraphs below and successfully complete a minimum of ten (10) tobacco or alcohol/drug related support sessions.
- c. Third Violation: The student shall be ineligible to participate in all extra and co-curricular activities for the remainder of the student’s high school career.

3. Substance Abuse Intervention Program:

- a. Any student who has been suspended from extra or co-curricular eligibility for violation of the provisions of this regulation and whose future extra or co-curricular eligibility is contingent on successful completion of a substance abuse intervention program, or whose suspension of extra-curricular eligibility may be reduced through successful participation in a substance abuse intervention program, shall complete the substance abuse intervention program developed by the NIAA in conjunction with the state of Nevada, Department of Human Resources Division of Child and Family Services Program available through the Juvenile Justice Programs Office: (775) 685-7294.
- b. Successful completion of the substance abuse intervention program shall require, at a minimum:
 - 1) The completion of a video program specific to the nature of the student’s offense, by the student, and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), as demonstrated by the successful completion of a test on the content of the video by the student and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
 - 2) The completion of a minimum of eight (8) hour assignment selected from a list of ten (10) possible assignments by school personnel. Successful completion shall be determined through a meeting between the student, his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), the head coach or advisor of the sport or activity in which the student athlete was participating at the time of offense, and the school counselor or dean of students.

V. RIGHT OF APPEAL

Students who have been suspended from activities will have the right to appeal the suspension to the following in the proper process as indicated:

Step 1 - Athletic Administrator

Step 2 - Principal

Step 3 - Superintendent or Designee

Step 4 - NIAA (Interscholastic Athletics), Board of Trustees (Other Extra-Curricular Activities).

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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The Elko County School District (ECSD) recognizes and understands that parents/guardians take the primary role in instilling values for their students. It is the goal of the ECSD to work cooperatively with parents to provide guidelines and programs that assist students in making positive choices.

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IMPORTANT – Please read the following information and acknowledge with your signature below. We understand that participation in high school extra-curricular programs is a privilege, not a right, and that underage drinking and drug use is against the law. It is against the law to sell tobacco to people under the age of 18 and usage is against school policy. Substance abuse negatively impacts athletics and academic performance, and research indicates that early onset of alcohol use increases the occurrence of addiction in adulthood by four times. Alcohol and drug use interferes in learning processes and brain development. Because of these risks in addition to the laws of the State of Nevada, the ECSD requires participants and parents to agree to the following:

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1. ***We have read the ECSD Eligibility to Represent the School Policy and agree to abide by the Policy as written.***

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2. ***We realize that a Power Point Presentation regarding the Policy is available and we have either seen this presentation or agree to waive the requirement of viewing the presentation. We also realize that a Power Point printout is available upon request.***

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3. ***We understand that we are encouraged to notify our school's administration if our son/daughter violates this Policy and/or the laws of the state of Nevada. It would also be acceptable for our child to self-report any violations of this policy to our school's administration.***

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4. ***We understand that knowingly providing erroneous information during the course of an investigation of an alleged violation of the policy will result in a one calendar year suspension from all high school extra-curricular activities.***

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5. ***We further acknowledge that once our son/daughter begins participation as a student in high school extra-curricular activities that this policy remains in effect for every calendar school year during the course of their high school career and when he/she is directly involved in a school activity occurring at any time (summer leagues/camps, etc.). This policy remains in effect regardless of whether our son/daughter is currently participating in a high school extra-curricular program.***

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6. ***We have also reviewed the following NRS 202.020, Purchase, Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Beverage by Minor, and understand the laws of Nevada and how they pertain to our family.***

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7. ***We understand that although it is not technically against the law to use tobacco in the state of Nevada (NRS 202.2493 and 202.24935 prohibits anyone from supplying a person under the age of 18 with any kind of tobacco product), we realize it is against this policy and general school policy, and that scientific evidence demonstrates it is unhealthy and a detriment to athletic performance.***

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8. ***We understand that the use of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs are dangerous, illegal, provide only temporary gains and are a form of cheating other competitors.***

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (continued)

NEVADA LAW

NRS 202.020 Purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage by minor.

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1. Any person under 21 years of age who purchases any alcoholic beverage or any such person who consumes any alcoholic beverage in any saloon, resort or premises where spirituous, malt or fermented liquors or wines are sold is guilty of a misdemeanor.
2. Any person under 21 years of age who, for any reason, possesses any alcoholic beverage in public is guilty of a misdemeanor.
3. This section does not preclude a local government entity from enacting by ordinance an additional or broader restriction.
4. For the purpose of this section, possession "in public" includes possession:
 - a. On any street or highway;
 - b. In any place open to the public; and
 - c. In any private business establishment which is in effect open to the public.
5. **This term does not include:**
 - a. Possession for an established religious purpose;
 - b. Possession in the presence of the person's parent, spouse or legal guardian who is 21 years of age or older;
 - c. Possession in accordance with prescription issued by a person statutorily authorized to issue prescriptions.
 - d. Possession in private clubs or private establishments; or
 - e. The selling, handling, serving or transporting of alcoholic beverages by a person in the course of his lawful employment by a licensed manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer of alcoholic beverages.

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[1:272;1947; 1943 NCL § 10594.02] – (NRS A 1967, 482; 1987.482)

We acknowledge that this form must be signed by **both** parent/legal guardian and our child before our son/daughter will be cleared for participation in an extra-curricular program at his/her high school.

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Print Name _____

Print Name _____

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Student Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

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Extra-Curricular Program _____

