

## **ALLEN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE**

Students may not be denied participation in any activity for any reason other than those established by state, county, and school eligibility requirements legitimately related to the purpose of the activity.

Students temporarily suspended from school shall not be allowed to attend or participate in any curricular or extracurricular activity during the time of their suspension.

It is a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities (ECA). When representing Allen Park Public Schools, the general appearance, dress and conduct must be such as to bring credit to the group, the school, and the community. The privilege of being in ECA carries the responsibilities of setting good examples at all times, on and off campus.

The conduct of students is always under observation. It is, therefore, important that he/she always conducts himself/herself in an exemplary manner. Living by the Code indicated below will help the student live up to the expectations of parents, school, and community and ensure his/her best performance.

- Behavior in ECA should be beyond reproach at all times.
- In the classroom, a good ECA person becomes a good student.
- The way one acts in school is of great importance. Participants should be leaders and positive role models.
- The student will refrain from use of profanity at all times.
- The student always works for the betterment and advancement of his/her school.
- The student supports other school activities and makes an effort to attend them.
- The student understands that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal drugs is harmful to the body and hinders maximum effort and performance in the classroom and everywhere else.

Students who wish to participate in an Allen Park Middle School ECA must acquaint themselves very thoroughly with the following regulations:

**STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN BEHAVIOR!** Each student will be causing his/her own ineligibility by failing to follow this Code.

The Allen Park Public Schools recognizes the use of mood-altering chemicals as a significant health problem for many adolescents resulting in negative effects on behavior, learning, and the total development of each individual. The misuse and abuse of mood-altering chemicals for some adolescents affects extracurricular participation and development of related skills. The misuse and abuse also affect others and they include family, other students, or other significant persons in their lives.

- First Offense: Any student smoking, drinking, or involved in drug use/abuse, or in possession of, will be suspended from extracurricular activities for seventy-five (75) school days and MUST attend an administrative-approved drug education class/counseling at no expense to the school district. Should the student discontinue the class/counseling prior to completion, the ineligibility will remain in force.
- Second Offense: Any student smoking, drinking, or involved in drug use/abuse, or in possession of, will be suspended from extracurricular activities for one hundred eighty-one (181) school days and MUST attend an administrative-approved drug education class/counseling at no expense to the school district. Should the student discontinue the class/counseling prior to completion, the ineligibility will remain in force.

Over the counter substances that are mood altering, chemical or ability enhancing, or illegal to the sale of minors are included in the above drug use/abuse policy.

Suspensions will carry over into the next school year for a sixth or seventh grader, depending on the time of year the violation occurs.

Violations occurring during a student's eighth grade year will require completion of a drug education class/counseling, at no expense to the school district, to be eligible for high school extracurricular activities

A student will be present in school at least half of the school day to be eligible to participate in ECA that day. A student is expected to be in school, beginning first hour after the day of the ECA. A student with any unexcused absence could be withheld from participation. Chronic unexcused absences can result in the student being removed from the program. A warning will be given before removal from the ECA.

As a general rule, student should not bring discredit to themselves, their family, or the school. A student will not engage in or be an accomplice to the acts of stealing, extortion, or vandalism in school or out of school. A student will not use profanity, obscenities, gestures, or display any acts of gross disrespect or insubordination in or out of school. Violators of this rule will be withheld from one ECA event and may receive further consequences for chronic abuse of this rule.

Participants in extracurricular activities are students first and are, therefore, bound by the same school rules and regulations as any other student. Rules of conduct as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct apply to all participants as well.

#### *Appeal Process – Athletic and Extracurricular Activities*

The student that has earned a suspension from athletics/extracurricular activities as a result of his/her poor choice has the right to appeal the decision in writing within 24 hours of the discipline being given. This appeal must be in the

athletic/activities director's hands and must include a rationale to justify the appeal. The athletic/activities director will then have the responsibility to notify the Educational Athletic/Activities Committee who will conduct the hearing within three (3) school days of the notice. The members of the Educational Athletic/Activities Committee will consist of:

1. Middle School Principal or Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
2. High School Athletic Director
3. Director of Community School and Services
4. Board Member
5. Any parent of the student's choice

- All members will have the power to cast one vote on any and all business brought before the Committee. A simple majority will be necessary to pass or defeat any supported motion placed before the Committee.
- The athletic/activities director will verbally inform the coach/club program sponsor and student involved of the time and place of the meeting as soon as time and place has been determined.
- The person suspending the student will submit a written report of the incident that prompted the suspension to the Committee before the appeal hearing is conducted.
- The Committee will review the written statements of all parties prior to beginning the hearing.
- All parties will be allowed to have witnesses present to support their position, which can include the parents/guardians.
- Legal counsel at the hearing may represent all parties. It is understood that any expenses incurred by any party, for legal counsel and/or witnesses, shall be the sole responsibility of said parties.
- All parties will be allowed to present their positions. The athletic/activities director will present his/her position first.
- After hearing all sides of the issue, the Committee will have the right to question all parties regarding the incident.
- When the Committee is satisfied that all pertinent information has been obtained, they will make a decision by voting.
- As soon as a decision has been reached, the chairperson of the Committee will inform all parties.

The Educational Athletic/Activities Committee's decision will be limited to the initial discipline with no modifications or reductions. The student will not be suspended from all athletic/extracurricular activities until the decision of the Committee is communicated. The Committee's decision is final with no further appeal.