

# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (ISD) #709 BEHAVIOR REGULATIONS

## STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO READ BEFORE SIGNING

- Students shall not possess, purchase, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or any other illicit drug including look-alike drugs, nicotine related products, nicotine delivery systems and drug paraphernalia.
- Includes any illegal behavior, gross misconduct, racial harassment/violence, religious harassment/violence, sexual harassment/violence, cyber bullying, and hazing.
- Students must serve a consequence in each activity in which they participate – Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), Duluth High School Intramurals, Activities, and Fine Arts. Penalties may be served concurrently.
- Due Process including appeals procedure as defined in the MSHSL bylaw 213.02,8.

### All penalties:

1. Are in effect year round (including summer and off-season)
2. Carry over from school year to school year.
3. Carry over from sport/activity to sport/activity.
4. Are applied to MSHSL violations that occur anywhere and anytime

The Duluth Police Department will be sharing information on underage ticket violations. It is advised that violations be reported to the Coach, AD, or Principal within 48 hours.

### Determination and Notification of Violations:

1. Any violation(s) of the MSHSL or ISD 709 policy known to a coach/advisor must be reported to the activities director and/or principal in writing immediately upon learning of the violation.
2. The principal and activities director are responsible for administering this policy and declaring a student ineligible. The principal and activities director will conduct a thorough investigation prior to reporting findings in the case.
3. Written notification of a student's ineligibility and the reason for such should be provided to the parent, student, and the coach/advisor. **(Suspension starts the date the student is eligible to participate, after any out-of-school suspensions are served.)**
4. A copy of this notification must be kept on file in the high school activity director's office until the student graduates. All and any paperwork will be shredded immediately after that time.
5. Violations of Bylaw 206, the Student Code of Conduct, will be subject to the two weeks/two games (whichever is greater) baseline suspension. This suspension can be deemed longer or shorter based on the violation and is up to the discretion of the building principal.

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## First Offense

1. After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive activities (performances, contest, events) or two (2) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater **if the student athlete notifies the coach, activity director, or school principal within 48 hours** (summer & off-season included) after the violation occurred. If the student athlete **does not notify their coach, AD, or Principal within 48 hours** after the violation the student shall lose eligibility for the next three (3) consecutive activities (performances, contest, events) or three (3) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
2. Parents can request a meeting with the appropriate school personnel or the appropriate school resource person (chemical health counselor, social worker, or other staff) to determine a supportive action plan. For chemical violations (which include controlled substances, illicit drugs including look-a-like drugs, drug paraphernalia, and alcohol) students can participate in chemical health education classes.
3. The student shall make arrangements with the respective coach or advisor to establish a plan for reentry with the team or group.

**A team/group/club, in conjunction with the coach/advisor as well as the knowledge and approval of the activities director and principal, may increase the severity of a penalty. The coach/advisor shall clearly communicate in writing any changes or additional consequences to the parents and students prior to the season.**

## Second Offense

1. **After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) consecutive interscholastic contests in which the student is a participant or three (3) weeks, whichever is greater if the student athlete notifies the coach, activities director, or school principal within forty-eight (48) hours** (summer and off-season included) after the violation occurs. If the student athlete **does not notify their coach, activities director, or principal within forty-eight (48) hours** the student shall lose eligibility for the next eight (8) consecutive activities (performances, contest, events) or four (4) weeks of a season in which the student is a participant, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted for a student who becomes a participant in a treatment program.
2. If a second chemical violation occurs, the student can complete an assessment conducted by an appropriate outside agency. Upon parent/guardian or student/parent request, the Superintendent or Superintendent designee may convene a review board no sooner than one (1) month (of the calendar year) after notification of the violation to consider appeals for second offenses in which a student wishes to be considered for reinstatement for all school-sponsored athletic teams and activities.

## Third Offense (and subsequent):

1. **Student will be ineligible for twelve (12) weeks for any elected or appointed positions and for all school-sponsored MSHSL athletic teams and activities.** Student will be reinstated after a twelve (12) week or twelve (12) game suspension, whichever is greater.
2. Upon parent/guardian or student request, the Superintendent or Superintendent designee may convene a review board no sooner than four (4) months (of the calendar year) after notification of the violation to consider appeals for third offenses in which a student wishes to be considered for reinstatement for all school-sponsored athletic and activity awards and honors.

**I understand that this policy works in conjunction with the MSHSL policy and will supersede the State League's policy.**

**There also may be other ramifications due to the violation, some being, but not limited to: consideration being eliminated for All Conference, Team Awards, and School Awards.**

## Duluth Senior High School Academic Eligibility Information

Involvement in extra-curricular activities is viewed as an educational experience that will enhance the backgrounds of the students who participate. Students who participate in activities are representing the city of Duluth, ISD 709, and **Duluth Senior High Schools**. A student must present the most positive image possible. Students are expected to give maximum effort to all aspects of their activities participation. In addition, they are expected to take excellent physical care of themselves.

Activities that have a defined season leading to MSHSL elimination tournaments, contests, and/or festivals, including inter-scholastic athletics for boys and girls, competitive speech, debate, music, cheerleading and dance team are governed by the rules as set forward by the MSHSL. The penalties for a violation of those rules are also set forward by the MSHSL. Anyone participating in MSHSL activities is responsible to abide by the rules set forth. Participants in all MSHSL activities are governed by the following ISD #709 rules:

- A. **Academic Eligibility** - At the conclusion of each grading period, a student must have a **2.0 grade-point average (GPA)**. The student must not have a "U" in conduct given by the administration. Any in- or out-of-school suspension results in an immediate administrative "U." **Completion of summer school course(s) may help a student gain eligibility if his/her GPA and/or credits do not meet district eligibility requirements.**

The fourth grading period report card from the previous school year is used for incoming ninth graders (freshmen). The most recent report card is used for transfer students. Reasonable progress toward graduation is measured by having the following credit totals accomplished:

1. Incoming tenth grader (sophomore) – 5.25 credits, **7.75 credits at semester**
2. Incoming eleventh grader (junior) – 11.0 credits, **13.5 credits at semester**
3. Incoming twelfth grader (senior) – 16.25 credits, **18.75 credits at semester**
4. 21.75 credits needed to graduate in 2016

- B. **Probationary Status** - Report card issuance day is the Monday of the second week of the marking period. Probation is described as a period of time in which the student **may practice and participate in activities**, but must make substantial improvement so that his/her eligibility may continue. Probation progress day is the Friday of the fourth

week of the marking period. The student must have a 2.0 grade point average and no administrative “U” in conduct on that day to remain eligible. For **consecutive grade period violations**, a student is **ineligible** to participate until the issuance of the next report card. Ineligibility is described as a time the student may continue to practice, but may not participate in varsity games or contests.

**Probation review dates will be as follows:**

- First grade period – October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Second grade period – December 10<sup>th</sup>
- Third grade period – February 25<sup>th</sup>
- Fourth grade period – May 5<sup>th</sup>

- C. **Less Than A Normal Course Load** - All students must be fully enrolled (as defined by the Minnesota Department of Education) – minimum of four classes and one study hall. This includes students enrolled in PSEO classes.
- D. **Special Education Programs** - These rules are applicable to students enrolled in Special Education programs; exceptions, with regard to academic performance and conduct, would be noted in the student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP). An IEP cannot make exceptions to stated academic standards.
- E. **Administrative Prerogative** - The Principal reserves the right to declare a student eligible or ineligible for any appropriate period.

**By Signing This, We Acknowledge That We Have Read The Above Information.**

Student’s Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_