

Midlothian Independent School District Athletic Department

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES GRADES 7-12

The Midlothian School District believes that a student's illegal use of alcohol, illicit drugs, or any substance used, as an intoxicant is wrong and harmful. The district has established a Student Code of Conduct that prohibits the use, sale, possession, and distribution of alcohol, illicit drugs, or any substance used as an intoxicant by students on school premises or during any school activity, regardless of its location. The Midlothian Independent School District Athletic Program's Substance Abuse Administrative Procedures for grades 7-12 extends the Student Code of Conduct to include school related and non-school related activities. Compliance of the Substance Abuse guidelines is **mandatory** for all student athletes' grade 7-12. Students shall be disciplined if they are found to have violated the Substance Abuse guidelines and/or the Student Code of Conduct.

The Midlothian Independent School District believes that adolescence is a difficult stage of life during which many lifelong values are acquired. Students often need additional support and assistance in the development of positive physical, mental and social skills.

The abuse of alcohol and controlled substances by our students is a serious concern in our community as evidenced by the ever-increasing number of violations reported in the PEIMS data and information gained through local incident reports. The district takes a firm stand regarding its expectations for students who represent this district through participation in athletic activities.

Students can be found to have violated this guideline only on the basis of credible written reports from professional personnel and/or law enforcement officials. The Athletic Director and the school administration will determine credibility of the report. Criminal charges filed against a student will automatically be considered credible. The student will have an opportunity to respond to the report in compliance with due process procedures established by board policy.

RULES AND CONSEQUENCES

The following rules apply at all times, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; including offenses committed on school property or within 300 feet of school property as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property.

1. Possession, consumption, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages/illegal drugs is prohibited. In addition, any student charged with Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/or Driving Under the Influence (DUI) is prohibited.
 - a. Strike One:
 1. The student will be removed from all competitive events in extracurricular activities for 15 school days beginning on the date the student receives notice of the results. If the student submits certification from a health care provider that participation in the activity is not a risk to the student's health, he or she shall be required to participate in practices for the activity during this period.
 2. The student will not be allowed to suit out for participation in competitive events in extracurricular activities and may not actively participate.
 3. The coach shall impose additional conditioning exercises suitable for the athletic program in which the student is involved.
 4. Approved Community Service projects shall be required for students violating the policy and documentation shall be required.
 - b. Strike Two:
 1. The student will be removed from participation in competitive events for 90 school days beginning on the date the student receives notice of the results. If the student submits certification from a health care provider that participation in the activity is not a risk to the student's health, he or she shall be required to participate in practices for the activity during this period.
 2. The coach shall impose additional conditioning exercises suitable for the athletic program in which the student is involved.
 3. Approved Community Service projects shall be required for students violating the policy and documentation shall be required.
 - c. Strike Three:
 1. In the event of any subsequent violation of this guideline, the student will no longer be permitted to participate in competitive extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the District.

Middle School students who violate this guideline and have successfully completed the required conditions established in the Substance Abuse guidelines shall be given a fresh start upon entrance to the high school athletic program.

MONITORING GUIDELINES

The Athletic Director and Head Coach are responsible to ensure that these guidelines are strictly enforced.

No student will be allowed to participate in any athletic program until the acknowledgement of Substance Abuse Guidelines has been signed and returned to the coach. Both the student and the parent/guardian must sign the acknowledgement.

Students suspended from athletic activities under the Substance Abuse Guidelines shall not miss any academic class for an athletic contest. A student and/or parent in lawful control of the student may appeal the suspension under the Substance Abuse Guidelines by filing a written complaint according to the provisions and time lines as set forth in policy FNG (LOCAL) as related to STUDENT AND PARENT COMPLAINTS.

PROCEDURES

Any student removed from participation in all extracurricular activities under these guidelines shall be given:

- The reason(s) for removal
- The time and provisions of the removal
- The requirements for re-entering the program
- The process for appealing the removal

The above procedures will be in writing and a copy will be given and /or mailed to the parents/guardian of the students.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ATHLETIC PROGRAM SUBSTANCE ABUSE GUIDELINES GRADES 7-12

Please read the Athletic Program: Substance Abuse Guidelines Grades 7-12. Please sign this acknowledgement page and return with the athletic packet. We have received a copy of the Athletic Program Substance Abuse Guidelines Grades 7-12 for the 2011-2012.

X

Student's signature

Date

X

Parent's signature

Date