

Good Conduct Rules and Regulations for Extra Curricular Activities (Grades 7-12)

Philosophy – Extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities are an integral part of the total educational opportunity for all students. The right to participate is open to all students. However, once students make a commitment to participate in an extracurricular activity, the right becomes a privilege. When the students are granted this privilege, they accept the responsibility of following behavior guidelines outlined in policy and rules and regulations established for administration of the extracurricular programs. Because the student participants represent the school community of Johnston in extracurricular activities, they are expected to adhere to even more stringent and demanding behavior codes than non-participating students. These Good Conduct rules and regulations specifically apply 365 days per year while in school, out of school (any location) or at school events (either home or away).

Eligibility

1. To be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities, a student must meet the requirements of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, Iowa High School Music Association, Iowa High School Speech Association, Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, and the Iowa Department of Education.
2. In addition, students must follow these administrative rules and procedures and corresponding school district guidelines as listed in the student handbook (listed in the Student Handbook under “Good Conduct Rules and Regulations for Extra-Curricular Activities”).

Good Conduct Policy Violation

A student who is participating in extracurricular interscholastic athletics and/or other activities will be in violation of this policy under the following conditions:

1. Any student who admits to or is found by the administration to have violated the policy for consumption, possession, acquiring, delivering or transporting alcoholic beverages or items recognized as “look-a-likes”.
2. Any student who admits to or is found by the administration to have violated the policy for consumption, possession, acquiring, delivering or transporting drugs, drug paraphernalia or items recognized as “look-a-likes”. This does not include authorized prescription medication specifically prescribed for the students.
3. Any student who admits to or is found by the administration to have violated the policy for consumption, possession, acquiring, delivering or transporting tobacco, tobacco products, and items recognized as “look-a-likes” (electronic cigarettes, vape pens) regardless of the student’s age.

*Mere Presence (this applies to #1 and #2)– If a student attends a function where alcohol or a controlled substance as defined by Iowa law is being consumed or used and does not leave immediately or if police arrive prior to student leaving, the student is in violation of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations.

4. Any student who engage in any act(s) that would be in violation of local law (excludes minor traffic offenses) regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, charged, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s).
5. In light of each student's role as a representative of the school both on and off campus, evidence obtained through the student's use of technology may result in a violation of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations. Such violations may include, but are not limited to: the inappropriate use of computers, cell phones, texting, emails, social networking sites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snap Chat, etc) to transmit, post or otherwise communicate speech and/or photos that the school deems as harassing, threatening, lewd or obscene.

Categories of Activities Governed by the Good Conduct for Rules and Regulations

1. Athletics (including cheerleading, dance team, and managers)
2. Vocal music (including Show Choir), instrumental music (including Jazz Band)
3. Speech, drama, debate, plays, and musicals
4. Academic Competitions (mock trial, History Day, and other competitions)

*If a student is involved in multiple categories of activities, consequences will be applied to each category (for example, if a student is involved in a fall sport and vocal music, consequences will be applied to both of those activities since those activities are in different categories.).

Consequences for Violation of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations (non-felonious act)

First Offense

1. Honesty Provision - students who violate the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations and supporting rules and regulations (Board Policy 503.3 and 503.3R1) and report such violations within 2 school days (if during the summer, 2 calendar days) to the Activities/Athletic Director or Principal. If the individual does not self-report in the required time frame and a member of the school staff or administration becomes aware of a violation of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations and the supporting rules and regulations, the Honesty Provision does not apply.
 - a. If the Honesty Provision applies, the student shall be ineligible to participate in the next 10% of in-season activities and shall be required to complete 10 hours of community service as determined by school administration. A plan needs to be in place for the community service hours prior to resuming eligibility.
 - b. If the Honesty Provision does not apply, the student shall be ineligible to participate in the next 25% of in-season activities.

Second Offense – Honesty Provision does not apply after the 1st offense

- a. The student shall be ineligible to participate in the next 50% of in-season activities.
- b. The student shall be required to participate in counseling as determined by the school administration (an option for this service will be provided to the individual by the school; if

the student chooses to use their own resource, the student will be responsible for the expense).

Third Offense

- a. The student shall be ineligible to participate in the next 12 months of in-season activities.
- b. The student shall be required to participate in counseling as determined by the school administration. (an option for this service will be provided to the individual by the school; if the student chooses to use their own resource, the student will be responsible for the expense).

Any Additional Offense

- a. Suspension for the remainder of extracurricular activities.

Consequences for Violation of Good Conduct Rules and Regulations (felonious act)

If charges have been filed against a student for a felonious act and the school administration deems the act in violation of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations, the athletic director, school principal and superintendent will meet and confer to determine the student's eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities until the court process has been concluded or finalized.

General Points Relating to a Suspension

*Coaches and activity advisors may establish more restrictive regulations for their respective students beyond the rules and regulations of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations. Such rules and regulations will be approved in advance by the Activities Director and/or Principal in consultation with the Superintendent and will be communicated to all student participants both verbally and in writing at the beginning of the activity period or season.

*Students must continue to participate in the activity from which they have been suspended for the length of the season or activity. Failure to do so will result in the suspension being carried over to the next activity.

*Students must continue to practice with the team and meet the expectations of the coach/sponsor relative to all other participants during the suspension.

*Students unable to serve their suspension completely in one activity due to the end of that activity will have their suspension pro-rated in a consistent manner with the next activity.

*Students found in violation of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations may not register for a new activity after the state mandated/district-defined start date to avoid a penalty at a later time from another activity.

*Individuals who are academically ineligible will serve their suspension upon regaining their academic eligibility.

*To be considered a participant in an activity, the student must begin and end the activity in good standing.

*Any student who has been declared ineligible under a prior school district's Good Conduct Policy and then without having completed the full period of ineligibility at that school transfers to Johnston Schools, will not be eligible for extracurricular competition until a period of ineligibility equitable with Johnston policies has been completed.

*If a student is in violation of the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations in 7th or 8th grade, the student's violations will not carry over to 9th grade (student will begin with a clean Good Conduct record).

*In athletics, the length of the season and number of events during that season will be used to calculate the number of events impacted by the Good Conduct Rules and Regulations violation.

* In non-athletic activities, semesters will be used to calculate the number of events. For example, if the violation occurs in the summer or the fall, the number of activities in the fall will be used. Directors may assign additional consequences as determined by student's course handbook. As part of the consequence, students will be expected to attend the event and assist with the performance. In graded activities, students will be expected to complete an alternative graded activity as determined by director/sponsor.

Notification and Appeal Process (If the violation of the student is deemed by the administration to have been of a felonious nature, the appeal process will begin at *.)

Whenever a student is deemed by the school administration to have violated this policy, the following procedure will occur:

The student and the student's parent/guardian shall be notified by certified mail by the Activities/Athletic Director in cooperation with the Principal. In this communication, the length of the period of ineligibility and a specific explanation of the reasons for the ineligibility will be stated. (Commencement of the consequences shall begin as soon as the administration has notified the student of its decision.) Notice for purposes of any level of the appeal process is deemed to have been received when deposited in a United States Postal Service receptacle, addressed to the party involved with proper and sufficient postage affixed thereto.

The student or the student's parent/guardian has the right to appeal the decision. This appeal must be filed in writing with the Superintendent within ten (10) school days of receipt of the notification letter. Prior to submitting a written appeal to the Superintendent, the student or student's parent/guardian must communicate with the school Principal with any questions and/or requests for a further rationale into the decision. The date and results of this communication should be included in the appeal submitted to the Superintendent.

Upon receipt of the appeal, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall review the circumstances and evidence regarding the case. The Superintendent/designee shall

have five (5) school days to render a decision and the student and the student's parent/guardian shall be notified by certified letter of that decision.

*The student or the student's parent/guardian will be given ten (10) school days after receipt of the notification letter to file a subsequent appeal in writing with the Board. The appeal will be heard no later than ten (10) days following the filing of an appeal.

The appeal will be conducted in closed session, before the Board. The student and his/her parent/guardian and/or legal representative, if desired, may be present and the District's involved administrative personnel and legal representative may also be present. The parties will both be allowed the opportunity to present information to the Board in support of their respective positions. Any formal action by the Board concerning this appeal must be taken at an open meeting.

The initial decision of the administration regarding a violation and suspension will remain in effect throughout the duration of any appeal process.