

School District of Eleva-Strum District Activities Policy JFIJ



Date of Board of Education Approval July 11, 2011

FORWARD

Eleva-Strum School District offers co-curricular and extra-curricular programs that provide a wide variety of experiences to students. It is hoped that these activities will aid in the development of positive habits and attitudes in our students that will better prepare them for their future role as functioning adults in a democratic society.

Ineligibility and eligibility shall not apply to **co-curricular events but would apply to extra-curricular activities**. If a student is in a sport and an activity, he/she is subject to violation consequences of either or both the athletic and activity policies, in grades 7-12 as applicable.

This policy is not meant to preclude the existing policies on suspension or expulsion from school. If a student is suspended (including in-school suspension) or expelled from school that student may not participate in any co-curricular or extra curricular event during the duration of the suspension or expulsion.

School District of Eleva-Strum District Activities Policy JFIJ

I. Defining Activities:

This policy is enacted to primarily regulate **extra-curricular** activities as distinguished from co-curricular activities. Both categories are defined herein. In the event there is an overlap between the two categories or a question arises as to whether an activity is co-curricular or extra-curricular, school officials will make the final decision.

Co-curricular Activities: Those that are an extension of an assigned regular class objective and/or coursework (e.g. supervised work study or job shadowing; concerts held in which student participation is part of a student's grade in a vocal or instrumental music class). Instructors must show how such events are related to course grade.

Extra-curricular Activities: organizations or events a student joins voluntarily; could be related to curricular goals and objectives but are not necessarily part of any assigned school class or coursework.

EXAMPLES OF CO-CURRICULAR

EXAMPLES OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Music contests or concerts on school grounds:	Student clubs and organizations (e.g. FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, S.A.D.D.)
Vocational events beyond the school building that are part of classroom activity.	School plays and musicals
Concerts and events off school grounds directly related to a class requirement	Concerts and parades off school grounds not related to a class requirement

II. **Violations of Code:**

- A. Use, possession, buying or selling of drugs and/or alcohol.
- B. Use, possession, buying or selling of tobacco products.
- C. Attendance at functions where alcohol and drugs are present and/or being consumed and not immediately removing themselves from the situation.
- D. Flagrant violation of the school's behavioral expectations policies outlined in the student handbook.
- E. Conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and WIAA, including but not limited to criminal behavior. Such conduct shall be considered unbecoming of an athlete. Examples may include but not limited to:
 - Theft in or out of school
 - Flagrant misbehavior in the class
 - In-school and out-of-school suspension
 - Disorderly conduct as defined by state laws in or out of school
 - Criminal behavior
 - Vandalism in or out of school
 - Fighting in or out of school
 - Harassment and/or bullying

III. **Penalties for Violations:**

Whereas school activities as distinguished from athletics are not governed by the WIAA or the athletic code, the activities policy and consequences for violation cannot exactly parallel or be

School District of Eleva-Strum

District Activities Policy JFIJ

consistent with the athletic policy. For instance, it is illogical and impracticable to suspend a student from participating in 10% or 20% of a class play or concert. Therefore, violations of the activity code will result in exclusion from extra-curricular activities as determined by club advisor and school administration.

IV. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY (ADAPTED FROM THE ATHLETIC POLICY):

A. A student receiving failing grades at the end of a grading period will result in exclusion from extra-curricular activities as determined by club advisor and principal. Eligibility will be reinstated as soon as the grade is brought up to passing. Any student who receives a failing average at mid-quarter is required to provide weekly progress reports to the advisor from all classes in order to remain eligible throughout the grading period.

V. **DRESS CODE:** The advisors will establish acceptable standards in regard to appearance for formal events.

VI. **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:** A student must report to school by at least 11:00 a.m. the day of an activity in which he/she is to participate and remain in school the rest of the day. Absences excused by the principal or school nurse in advance will be accepted.

VII. **DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE:** An appeals process recognizes the rights of the individual and outlines his/her recourse in the event he/she feels a wrong decision has been made that affects him/her. The appeals process outlined below is the procedure for a student and his/her parents and/or guardians to follow in appealing decisions relating to disciplinary action. It should be understood that students and parents will be expected to follow the appeals process as outlined in the event an appeal is made.

A. After a decision of disciplinary action has been made, a student and/or his parents may formally appeal the decision (written or oral) to the principal within five school days or ten calendar days of the date of verified written notification of the decision.

B. The principal will hear the appeal within three school days or five calendar days. The parents and students will be notified of the principal's decision on the appeal within five calendar days. If the parents and/or student do not agree with the appeal decision of the principal, they may follow the same procedure to appeal the decision to the superintendent and then the school board. The superintendent and board will respond to the appeal request within the same time frame as spelled out for the principal. The Board of Education will address the appeal at their next regularly scheduled board of education meeting and respond to the parties involved within five calendar days of that meeting.

C. The provisions as previously outlined shall be the sole and exclusive means for an appeal for the rulings.

VIII. BUS TRIPS TO AND FROM EVENTS

School District of Eleva-Strum District Activities Policy JFIJ

1. All **participants** must ride the school bus or van to and from activities and events.
2. Exceptions must be cleared in advance with the **advisor and principal**. The parent must speak personally to the **advisor** about the exception. **Students** may only ride with parents to and from events and with permission from their **advisor**. Without such permission:
 - a. Failure to ride the school bus to an **event** will result in the **student** not being allowed to participate in that **event**.
 - b. Failure to ride the **school** bus home from an **event** will result in the **student** not being allowed to participate in the next **event**.