

SDHSAA INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students may participate in interscholastic athletic, music, speech, and other contests or events approved by the administration. All rules must be followed as set forth by the SDHSAA as well. Any such event must be directed or guided by a professional school member. No student will participate in an athletic practice or contest without filing a doctor's certificate of good health (athletic physical) and a parent's permission slip.

Teachers will not be allowed to make reprisals against students whose school related activities interfere with sports or any extra-curricular activity. A pupil who chooses the academic activity will not be penalized in the extra-curricular activity. However, if the student has a conflict between two extra-curricular activities, the student must choose between the two and participate in only one. The administration will grant more precedence to an activity that happens only once during the school year to one in which there are several or many chances to participate.

An instructor cannot make participation in one sport or activity mandatory in order for the student to participate in another. A student participating in athletics must carry student athletic insurance or similar coverage.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for co-curricular activities students must be passing all classes. This rule will be monitored and enforced as follows.

- A failing (F grade) and danger (D grade) list will be sent out to all staff via email at the end of each week. It is the coaches' responsibility to check the list for eligibility. It is the students' responsibility to monitor their grades and maintain eligibility.
- Eligibility will be determined based on grades for the current quarter.
- Reports will be sent out starting week 1 of the quarter, but students will not be deemed ineligible until the third report of the quarter.
- To be deemed ineligible a student must be failing any one class for two consecutive weeks or be failing more than one class in any one week. This provision will allow for a "fluke" grade or one bad test that can bring a student's grade down, without making the student ineligible. The purpose of the policy is to help students to prioritize academics first and to identify trends that lead to failing grades, rather than to penalize students for an occasional slip.
- The Burke School will also abide by all eligibility criteria set forth by the SDHSAA which includes that students must earn at least 2 credits towards graduation the previous semester in order to participate this semester.

LETTERING

Each sport will have a specific system for awarding letters. The head coach will determine the criteria for that sport. However, the student must be in good standing. (i.e. no legal issues). The lettering system should be explained by the head coach at the beginning of each season.

SUMMER TRANSPORTATION FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Each extra-curricular activity will be allowed to use school transportation once a summer for off season camps or clinics. Travel must be within state; out of state travel must be OK'd by the administration. Drivers must be insured by the school, and coaches should reserve vehicles in advance at the school office.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITY CODE

A student gets out of an activity what he/she puts into it. Maximum effort leads to maximum results. The key to top performance is practice, dedication, and following the leadership of the advisor or coach. Extra-curricular activities are an extension of the school day and students involved in these activities are subject to the same rules and regulations that apply during the regular school day.

Please note that any behavior of a student that is contrary to the accepted standards of the District, and specifically the following will result in disciplinary action:

1. Defacing or damaging school property or the property of another student.
2. Repeated disobedience, or willful or gross misconduct.
3. Taking property belonging to the school or another student.
4. The use or possession of alcoholic beverage, tobacco products, or illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
5. Immoral conduct or behavior that is bad taste or profane.
6. Any violation of state or federal law.

Violating any of the above rules the first time will result in suspension in that sport for the next two contests or two weeks, whichever involves the most varsity contests. A second violation will result in suspension from that sport for the remainder of the season. The third violation will result in suspension from all interscholastic competition for the remainder of the school year.

Curfew for activities is set at 1:00 a.m. on nights when there is not a scheduled practice, meeting, or game the next day and 11:00 p.m. on nights when there is a scheduled practice, meeting, or game the next day. Students involved in activities in which the bus returns from a contest after the curfew times stated above will be given ½ hour after the return of the activities bus to be home. Punishment for first offense curfew violations will be at the coach's discretion. Repeat offenders of the curfew rule will be punished in accordance with the policy above.

It is the responsibility of the individual to tell the coach if he/she is going to miss practice or meetings. It will be the coach's discretion to discipline the individual student. **IT IS THE COOPERATIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS, TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES TO SEE THAT TRAINING RULES ARE ENFORCED.**

In addition to the above behaviors, which may also evoke Board action, it is necessary for all students to show proper respect toward advisor or coach, and abide by the rules of the activity as given by advisor or coach either in writing or orally.

A student may be suspended from the sport or activity in which he/she is presently participating by action of the principal for up to five days. Any disciplinary action exceeding five days must be referred to the superintendent.

A student may not be allowed to participate in an activity for violation of activity rules at the discretion of the coach. Extended suspensions in excess of one activity will be referred to the principal.

A student who has been issued in-school or out-of-school suspension is not eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities during the time of their suspension. This includes all practices, team meetings and competitions. On days when ISS has been served, attendance is mandatory but a student will not participate in practice or competition. On days when OSS has been served, no attendance is allowed.

The coach or activity director will give a written notice to the principal of the infraction. A student shall have a right to appeal to the principal. In actions that exceed one activity or ball game the principal shall give oral or written notice to the student or parent as soon as possible after the discovery of the alleged misconduct. Such notice shall state the rule, regulation or policy violated and the time/place of a hearing before the principal. The student who desires will be given the opportunity to answer charges and present information at the hearing. The principal shall render a decision as soon as possible after the hearing if such a hearing is requested within five school days of the disciplinary action. Suspensions exceeding five days will be heard by the superintendent using the same procedure as given above. Students should note that any misbehavior of a serious nature reported to the principal by coach or activity director could result in the suspension of that student for the remainder of that activity or for the remainder of that sport for that season. This action may be taken by the superintendent upon recommendation of the coach or activity director and principal after a student hearing has been held.

All S.D. High School Activities Association Rules & Regulations will also apply. Coaches may also have training rules pertaining to their individual sport.

CAMERAS IN LOCKER ROOMS/RESTROOMS

Use of cameras in the locker rooms and restrooms at school is prohibited, and all cases will result in some level of disciplinary action. Camera use is defined as using any digital or photographic device to capture an image. Taking pictures of people in these areas can have far reaching and unintended consequences, both for the person taking the picture and for anyone who may be in the picture; therefore, for the protection of all, such cases will be taken seriously. In cases in which it is suspected that an image was taken of someone in a state of undress, administration will report the incident to law enforcement, so that the authorities can determine whether a crime has been committed. Even in cases reported to law enforcement, the school will continue to make its own investigation and impose appropriate consequences, regardless of the decision made by law enforcement regarding any criminal act. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to the following:

- 1 to 3 days ISS.
- 1 to 10 days OSS.
- Suspension or removal from an extra-curricular activity.
- If the incident happened in correlation to an activity, the coach will also have the right to take action.
- A hearing before the school board to determine more serious consequences.

Administration will investigate reported cases, and disciplinary action will be determined based on the following criteria, in addition to other pertinent facts that may not have been foreseen at the writing of this policy.

- What was the nature or intent of the photo?
- Was the subject of the photo a willing participant?
- To what degree did the photo violate someone's privacy?
- How revealing was the photo?
- Was the photo sent, posted or shared with anyone else?

CELL PHONES IN LOCKER ROOMS/RESTROOMS OR AT ACTIVITY PRACTICES

Students are discouraged from carrying or using cell phones during school activities, including preparation for games and practices, as well as during the activities themselves. Because of wide range of activities offered by the Burke School District, and due to the differences in all of those activities, each program has discretion in creating its own policy. Coaches will be in charge of enforcing their own cell phone policies for their activities. If there is a cell phone policy for an activity, that policy must be approved by the administration, made in writing, and posted in a prominent place (for instance – by the door of the locker room that the team uses).

TOBACCO POLICY

The Board of Education, recognizing the Surgeon General of the United States, has stated that tobacco products and tobacco smoke pose a serious threat to the health and well-being of the District's students, employees, and patrons, and knowing that these products are detrimental to the healthful and effective operation of the school has adopted the following policy:

1. The use of all tobacco products is forbidden in all school facilities as well as school vehicles.
2. This policy applies to all persons regardless of age and regardless of whether they may legally use the products.
3. Effective date will be September 1, 2006.

STUDENT TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE/POSSESSION (On School Premises)

- I. Prevention
 - A. Use of health series adopted by the district and supplemental with prevention materials developed by the district's counselors.
 - B. Provide concerned persons and drug information at the middle school and high school levels.
 - C. Provide clear Explanation of the district's policies and regulations regarding possession and consumption of alcohol, tobacco and other illicit drugs to students, parents and staff.
- II. Intervention
 - A. Administrator calls parent and police.
 - B. Parent and student required to meet with principal and counselor.
 - C. Student given choice: An immediate 4 days of school suspension (in custody of the parents/guardian) and one month (4 days) counseling with counselor, or five days suspension working within the school and one month (4 days) counseling with counselor.
 - D. Student is immediately suspended from all school sponsored activities for the day. The length of suspension will be for a period of time specified by board policy, even if the activity is not specified.
 - E. Appropriate staff member conducts reentry conference with parent/guardian, student and school counselor immediately after completion of the school suspension.
 1. Staff member clarifies consequences of repeated offense (below).
 2. Staff member reviews school or community counseling resources available to student and family
- III. Student in possession of tobacco, alcohol/illicit drugs or consumption.

Repeated Offense: (Within the same academic year)

 - A. Administrator calls parents and police.
 - B. Parent and student required to meet with principal and counselor.
 - C. Student given choice: An immediate 10 days out of school suspension (in custody of the parent/guardian), six weeks (6 days) counseling with counselor and student given ½ credit for work completed.
 - D. Student is immediately suspended from the day of the offense from all school-sponsored activities. The length of suspension will be for a period of time specified by board policy, even if the activity is not specifically covered by the policy.
 - E. Appropriate staff member conducts reentry conference with parent/guardian, student, and school counselor immediately after completion of the school suspension.
 1. Staff member clarifies consequences of repeated offense (below).
 2. Staff member reviews school or community counseling resources available to student and family.
- IV. Student is in possession of tobacco, alcohol/illicit drugs or consumption:

Repeated Offense: (Within the same academic year)

 - A. Administrator calls parents and police.
 - B. Parents and student required to meet with principal and counselor.
 - C. Student recommended to the school board for expulsion by administration.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL JOINT PARTICIPATION

If a coach wants to move a MS athlete up to the JV/V level, the coach needs Administrative approval. The head coach and the Administration will determine jointly, the most appropriate level for the student-athlete based on the following criteria: 1) the best path for growth and development of that athlete in that sport, 2) the choice that puts the most competitive varsity team forward, 3) whether the athlete will play significant varsity minutes on a regular basis. The athlete and parents will be notified and consent will be requested.

It may be advantageous to the individual athletes and for the benefit of the program for MS athletes, for whom MS is the appropriate level of competition, to sometimes practice with the JV/V team and to dress for and participate in some games. For most MS athletes participating in the HS programs, they will follow these guidelines.

- All MS games take precedence over JV/V games, when a scheduling conflict exists.
- When there is MS practice, the athlete will attend MS practice. On days when there is no MS practice, the athlete may attend HS practice at the head coach's discretion.
- If participating in a JV/V contest would cause the MS athlete to miss MS practice, the head coach will determine whether the MS athlete participates in the game or go to practice.
- If there is a JV/V game and not a MS game, the athlete will be allowed to play in the JV/V game. (the MS athlete can practice with the MS team and also play in the JV/V if possible)