

ACTIVITIES CODE FOR VASHON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #402

Co-curricular activities are an extension of the education process at Vashon Island High School and McMurray Intermediate School. Co-curricular activities give young people opportunities for enrichment and for being positive role models within the school and community. Students who choose to participate in these activities shall assume the responsibility of adhering to the rules and policies established by the co-curricular departments and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Vashon Island School District. In addition, rules and regulations of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) apply to students participating in several co-curricular activities: athletics, music, debate, cheerleading, and theatre/drama.

This Activities Code represents basic standards of the Vashon Island School District. Additional standards that are unique to a particular activity may be required by individual head coaches/advisors with review by school administration. These rules are applicable during participation in the activity and/or the co-curricular activities season in which the student participates. The rules, penalties, and procedures outlined below are in addition to the general rules for student conduct and due process procedures in place throughout the Vashon Island School District and at each school. Other corrective actions unrelated to co-curricular activities may be imposed under those rules and procedures for the same act of misconduct.

Student-participants are subject to the Activities Code of Conduct from the first day of fall turn-out throughout the school year until after the last day of the school year.

I. Requirements for Participation

A. WIAA requirements

A student participating in an activity governed by WIAA must abide by all WIAA rules and regulations. Such rules are considered to be a part of the Vashon Island School District Activities Code.

Additional information regarding the standards, plus access to other applicable WIAA eligibility rules and regulations, may be obtained upon request from the school activities director.

1. General eligibility requirements, applicable to all WIAA regulated activities, require that a student:
 - a. Not have graduated from any four-or three year-high school,
 - b. Be enrolled and in regular attendance in a member school,
 - c. Be a participant in a designated or organized activity, and
 - d. Represent only the school that student regularly attends for interscholastic meets or home-based contests and tournaments, unless a private school/alternative school/home-based student meets specific WIAA requirements.
2. Athletic eligibility requirements, applicable to all WIAA-regulated sports require that a student:
 - a. Have a physical examination prior to participation. The physical examination must be completed by a licensed medical physician or surgeon during the 13 month period prior to participation. Written evidence of having passed the physical exam must be on file with the activities director (AD) before the student will be permitted to turn out for the

first practice. This exam is only valid for 13 months and must be updated at the end of the period, even though it might occur in the middle of a sport season.

- b. Provide a physician's written release before resuming participation following an illness/injury serious enough to require medical attention,
- c. Practice/turnout for at least the minimum required days before competing in the first contest.
- d. Meet WIAA standards related to age limits,
- e. Maintain residency within school district boundaries and with natural or legal parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- f. Be enrolled and in regular attendance within the first fifteen (15) school days in a semester or ten(10) school days in a semester at the start of the current semester.
- g. Meet the WIAA season limitation standards regarding maximum years of eligibility
- h. Meet special requirements if the student has transferred between schools,
- i. Get special permission if he/she is an exchange student, and
- j. Meet amateur standing criteria.

B. District Requirements

A student participating in a co-curricular activity at Vashon High School or McMurray Intermediate must abide by Vashon Island School District rules and regulations stated in this document. Such standards are part of the Activities Code and are co-existent with and/or in addition to WIAA requirements.

1. A Parent Permission Form is required before participation in any activity. A statement of medical insurance coverage is a part of this form.
2. The student must meet academic eligibility standards determined by the school administration and discussed in detail in the attached appendix.
3. The student must pay any required fees.
 - A. Associated Student Body (ASB) card for all co-curricular activities.
 - B. District Activity Fee for each activity.
 - C. Other fees necessitated by the nature of the activity (i.e. towel fee), as determined by the coach/advisory with approval of the Activities Director.
4. The student participant must be physically fit to participate. The coach/advisor may determine such fitness.
5. A student participating in (or attending) a co-curricular contest must meet the building dress code as outlined in the appropriate school's student handbook. A student whose appearance does not meet this code may be excluded from the activity.
6. Student participants shall be expected to attend and participate in all classes for the entire school day in order to participate in practice or competition. The only exceptions are medical excuses signed by a doctor and approved school-related activities.
7. Student participants shall be expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner, demonstrating good citizenship and reflecting the standards of the district and the school they represent.
 - a. Students are expected to comply with Student Conduct Section 2.3 of the Student Responsibilities, Rights and Due Process pamphlet. (Sept. 1995) A violation may cause the denial of participation. (Violations and consequences are detailed in Part II - Code of Conduct.)

- b. Students shall not use or be in possession of tobacco (smoking/chewing), alcohol, or illegal drugs. Students participating in athletic activities shall not knowingly remain in settings where drugs or alcohol are illegally possessed or consumed and shall make every reasonable effort to remove themselves from the situation.

II. Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular Activities:

A. Serious offenses including but not limited to...

1. Defiance of school authority/personnel
2. Disorderly conduct, obscene behavior/language
3. Misbehavior on buses
4. Verbal abuse, harassment, threatening another student
5. Sexual harassment
6. Forgery
7. Gambling
8. Theft
9. Assault/Fighting
10. Arson/False Alarm
11. Off Campus/In unauthorized areas
12. Unsafe driving on campus; illegal parking
13. Academic dishonesty
14. Vandalism, graffiti, misuse of school property
15. Possession of weapons or implements used as weapons
16. Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco (smoking/chewing) or drugs not prescribed by a physician and possession, sale, and/or use of legend drugs including anabolic steroids. (See Section 18.31.3 of WIAA Handbook for specific penalties and consequences of first, second and third violations.)

B. Exclusions from a single competition may be imposed by coaches or advisors for violations of team rules or for other lesser types of misconduct.

C. Corrective Action related to the students participation in a co-curricular activity will be taken if a student is involved in any of the offenses listed above during the co-curricular activity's season.

1. Consequences of First Violation:

The student will suit-up and practice with team as a squad member during the exclusion - from-activities period. However, the student will not be allowed to participate in competition as determined by the Activities Director and representative of the current Athletics and Student Activities Committee. The minimum disciplinary exclusion-from-activities period for major offenses to the Code of Conduct is ten calendar days, excluding Sunday.

2. Consequences of Second Violation:

The student will be subject to exclusion-from-activities from co-curricular activities if an additional violation of a serious offense occurs within one calendar year of the first violation. A committee consisting of the head coach/advisor, activities director and/or administration, additional concerned staff, and a member of the current Athletics and Student Activities Committee shall make decisions in relation to the length of suspension resulting from a second violation. This committee will consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 participants appointed by the school administrator.

A. The student may be excluded from activities for the balance of the school year and will possibly be subject to other disciplinary action determined by the committee.

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B. The student may be excluded from activities for a maximum of one calendar year.

3. In conjunction with School Board Policy any student suspended out of school (short term or long term) is not to return to school, be on any school property, or participate in school activities during the period of the school suspension. School suspension days will count toward the "exclusion-from-activities" days.
4. Exclusion from a co-curricular activity is a form of "discipline" under state law and school district policy as defined in section 4.1 of the Student Responsibilities and Rights pamphlet. All students subject to exclusion from an activity may grieve such corrective action in accordance with the procedures for grieving discipline as defined in section 4.2 of the Student Responsibilities and Rights pamphlet.

III. Changing Activities

A student shall not drop one activity after two weeks of participation and be eligible for another activity in the same season without the approval of the activities director and the head coaches/advisors of the activity involved. To seek approval for a change of activity, a Change of Activity form must be submitted to the school administration.

(Practices in one sport can not be transferred toward the number of practices required in another sport. WIAA Practice Regulation 17.9.1)

(An individual who participates in WIAA sanctioned post season play-offs and who cannot meet the minimum practice requirements for the succeeding sport will be allowed to waive up to a maximum of one-half of the required individual practice days for that sport. WIAA Practice Regulation 17.9.10)

IV. Financial Responsibility

- A. All equipment issued to a student must be returned promptly at the end of the activity season. Loss of issued equipment or damage to issued equipment will be the student participant's obligation.
- B. All financial obligations must be cleared prior to beginning any new activity.
- C. Issued equipment is to be worn only while participating with the team in practice, during a scheduled contest or on contest day.
- D. School issued ASB equipment cannot be purchased. Payment of fines will not be considered a purchase of ASB equipment. If equipment is returned after fines are paid, fines will be returned based on the condition of the returned equipment.

V. Travel

When transportation is provided by the school district, the student is expected to travel to and from contests in the vehicle provided. On the return trip from any school activity a student may leave with a parent/guardian if prearranged by a personal written request and with approval of **Athletic Director** and coach/advisor. It is understood that there may be extraordinary circumstances in which a coach may allow students to leave with parent/guardian upon receipt of written request.

Appendix
ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

I. Academic Status (High School)

Students in any co-curricular activity are expected to pass all subjects during the previous period and earn at least a 2.0 grade point average for the previous grading period. The GPA for incoming freshmen will be based on the 2nd semester of eighth grade. The following steps will be followed in assessing a student's eligibility and maintenance of 2.0 GPA.

- A. Previous semester GPA (failing): The Vashon Island High School student who has a GPA below 2.0 and he/she has failed any classes during the previous grading period will be on academic probation for **two (2) weeks** of school. However, the student must continue to turn out and practice during the time he/she is ineligible to participate in contests or performances. After **two (2) weeks** probation grades will be checked and if the student's GPA is 2.0 and no F's the student may again be eligible to participate in competitions. If the average falls below a 2.0 and/or an "F" is received in any of the classes as reported weekly until the next grading period, the student will be ineligible for competition until he/she does have a 2.0 GPA and no F's.
- B. Present semester GPA (passing): Students who enter a co-curricular activity with a 2.0 GPA will be monitored throughout the activity season in the following manner. At all official grading periods during the semester any student falling below a 2.0 GPA or receiving an "F" in any subject will be on academic probation and will be required to attend tutorials only until the 2.0 GPA/no "F" standard is met. The student will not be eligible for competition until the required standard is met. The student will continue weekly progress reports until the next official grading period. The weekly progress reports must be completed and on file in the athletic office by 3:00 PM on Friday to be eligible to compete. The first official acknowledgment of the grade will determine the academic status of the student.
- C. Students who have a current Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.) may appeal the 2.0 GPA requirement to the current Athletics and Activities Committee.
- D. Appeals or grievances relating to co-curricular ineligibility will follow the grievance procedures in the Student Responsibilities, Rights, and Due Process pamphlet (Sept. 1995), Section 4.1 and 4.2.

II. Academic Status (McMurray Intermediate School)

- A. Students at the Intermediate/Middle School level who enter an activity and who have passing grades from the previous grading period will be allowed to participate. Weekly eligibility checks will be based upon a Pass/Fail system. If a report indicates a student is receiving an "F", that student will be on probation for the following week but will not participate in the next contest or performance. Such students, however, must continue to report to practice. A student must submit eligibility slips, signed by all of his/her teachers by the end of the school day each Friday.

- B. Students who have a current Individualized Education Program (I.E.P.) may appeal the 2.0 GPA requirement to the current Athletics and Activities Committee.
- C. Appeals or grievances relating to co-curricular ineligibility will follow the grievance procedures in the Student Responsibilities, Rights, and Due Process pamphlet (Sept. 1995), Section 4.1 and 4.2.