

**ACTIVITIES CODE
VASHON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #402**

Co-curricular activities are an extension of the education process at Vashon Island High School and McMurray Middle School. Participation in co-curricular activities is not a student right, it is a privilege. Students who choose to participate in the activities described below shall assume the responsibility of adhering to the standards, procedures and consequences for violations described in the Activities Code. Students who plan to participate in co-curricular activities are subject to this Activities Code from the first day of fall turn-(first day of football practice) out throughout July 31st (the conclusion of the WIAA summer activity season).

Additional standards (lettering, practice, etc.) that are unique to a particular activity may be required by individual coaches/advisors and/or team contracts with the approval of school administration. These additional standards are applicable during participation in the activity and/or the co-curricular activities season in which the student participates and must follow the guidelines established in Section V of the Activities Code.

I. Students covered by this code include:

- A. All athletes including cheerleaders
- B. All ASB officers
- C. All band members
- D. All drama/theatre students (if the class requires rehearsals outside school hours and public performances)
- E. All debate students
- F. All club officers
- G. All students participating on an academic team (math team, knowledge bowl, etc.)

II. VISD Requirements for Participation

A. District Requirements: A student participating in a co-curricular activity at Vashon Island High School or McMurray Middle School must abide by Vashon Island School District standards 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. An Activity Code compliance form is required for participation in any of the above listed activities in section I of this document. (Parent and student signatures are required on this form in order to participate in these activities.)
2. A Parent Permission Form is required before participation in any WIAA regulated activity (sports, cheer, competitive debate, competitive band and competitive drama). A statement of medical insurance coverage is a part of this form.
3. The student must pay all required fees prior to participating in the activities listed above.
 - a. Associated Student Body (ASB) card for all co-curricular activities.
 - b. Activity fee (for sports, cheer, competitive debate, competitive band) or club dues for each activity that he/she joins.

c. Other fees necessitated by the nature of the activity as determined by the coach/advisor with approval of the Activities Director or school administration.

d. All outstanding fines and/or fees listed on his/her student account prior to beginning any new activity.

4. The student must meet VISD academic eligibility standards if participating in a WIAA regulated activity (sports, cheer, competitive debate, competitive band and competitive drama).

5. All equipment issued to a student must be returned promptly at the end of the activity. Student participants will be financially responsible for the loss of or damage to issued equipment.

6. 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.

III. Additional 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. These standards are outlined in section 18.0.0 of the WIAA Handbook. The standards cover age limitations, residency requirements, season limitations, scholarship, attendance and amateur standing.

IV. Standards for Conduct

Student participants are expected to follow all school and school district rules and regulations and meet the following standards:

A. Student participants must conduct themselves in a positive manner reflecting the standards of the district and the school they represent as outlined in their school's student handbook.

B. Student participants must attend and participate in all classes for the entire school day in order to participate in practice, competition or performance for that day. Student participants may appeal to the activities director a minimum of two school days before an unavoidable pre-arranged absence (i.e. medical/dental appointments, assigned court date, required college interview, school sponsored activity, etc.) for a waiver on this requirement.

C. Student participants must meet the building dress code as outlined in their school's student handbook to attend the school activity or to travel to the activity.

D. Student participants shall not use or be in possession of tobacco (smoking/chewing), alcohol or illegal drugs. Student participants should make reasonable efforts to remove themselves from gatherings where alcohol and drugs are being used illegally. Parents and students shall have the primary responsibility for monitoring this behavior outside of school/activity hours and are expected to collaborate with school officials for the purposes of enforcing the activities code. Likewise, the school administration has the primary responsibility for monitoring this behavior during school/activity hours and will work closely with parents and students if they receive information that indicates a violation has occurred.

V. Corrective Actions for Violations

Violations of the Activities Code are cumulative over the middle school or high school career of the student. Students moving from middle school to high school will be given the opportunity to clear their records depending on their efforts to correct previous violations. All disciplinary actions will be based on factual knowledge, not hearsay or rumor. If a student misses a performance or event for a credited class due to disciplinary action, the absence shall be excused and the student must be given an opportunity to complete an alternate assessment or activity for their grade.

A. Exclusion from a single competition, performance or activity may be imposed by coaches or advisors for violations of the team/activity rules or for other lesser types of misconduct such as missed practices, tardiness, unsportsmanlike behavior, dress code violations, etc. Repeat violations may lead to additional consequences such as forfeiture of activity awards (i.e. letter award or other honor), loss of assigned role or possible removal from the activity for the remainder of the season/activity.

B. Exclusion from participation in practice/rehearsal or competition/performance for failure to attend all classes for the entire school day except as noted in Section IV, Item B. Repeat violations may lead to additional consequences such as forfeiture of activity awards (i.e. letter award or other honor), loss of assigned role or possible removal from the activity for the remainder of the season/activity.

C. A school disciplinary action that results in a suspension will be treated as a significant violation of the Activities Code and will result in the appropriate corrective action as described below depending on whether it is a first, second or third violation. 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.

D. Use, possession, and/or sale of tobacco (smoking/chewing) will be treated as a significant violation of the Activities Code and will result in the appropriate corrective action as described below depending on whether it is a first, second or third violation.

E. Use, possession, and/or sale of alcohol and illegal drugs will be treated as a significant violation of the Activities Code and will result in the appropriate corrective action as described below depending on whether it is a first, second or third violation. (For those participating in WIAA activities, the WIAA has very specific consequences for violations involving legend drugs and controlled substances. Please see 18.26.2 in the WIAA Handbook.)

Corrective action for significant violations described in items C, D and/or E above:

Corrective Action for a First Violation (Level I):

The student will be ineligible to participate/compete in performances or contests for ten school days. If no performances or contests are scheduled during those ten school days, the student will additionally be held out of the first performance or contest following the period of ineligibility. If a violation occurs at the end of the season, the penalty will carry over to the next activity that the student participates in. For a violation described by item E, the student will be ineligible to participate/compete in performances or contests for the remainder of the activity/season. The student may appeal to be reinstated after completing an alcohol and drug assessment.

Reinstatement will be determined on a case by case basis. Students requesting reinstatement will

be expected to follow all recommendations from the alcohol and drug assessment and there may be additional requirements depending on the individual merits of each case. For those participating in a WIAA governed activity, the appropriate WIAA regulations will be followed (Please see 18.26.0 in the WIAA Handbook).

Corrective Action for a Second Violation (Level II):

The student will be ineligible to participate/compete in performances or contests for the remainder of the activity/season. If a violation occurs at the end of the season, the penalty will carry over to the next activity that the student participates in. For a violation described by item E, the student will be ineligible to participate/compete in performances or contests for a period of one calendar year. The student may appeal to be reinstated after completing an alcohol and drug assessment, treatment and/or counseling addressing the identified problem. Reinstatement will be determined on a case by case basis. Students requesting reinstatement will be expected to follow all recommendations from the alcohol and drug assessment and there may be additional requirements depending on the individual merits of each case. For those participating in a WIAA governed activity, the appropriate WIAA regulations will be followed (Please see 18.26.0 in the WIAA Handbook).

Corrective Action for a Third Violation (Level III):

The student will be ineligible to participate/compete in performances or contests for one calendar year. For a violation described by item E, the student will be ineligible to participate/compete in performances or contests for the remainder of his/her middle school or high school career. The student may appeal to be reinstated after a period of one calendar year. Reinstatement will be determined on a case by case basis. For those participating in a WIAA governed activity, the appropriate WIAA regulations will be followed (Please see 18.26.0 in the WIAA Handbook).

Additional repeated offenses will result in the student participant being pulled from the activity or activities permanently. All students subject to exclusion from an activity may grieve such corrective action in accordance with the procedures for grieving discipline as defined in the Student Responsibilities, Rights and Due Process pamphlet.

VI. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (Applies only to WIAA activities)

Students participating in WIAA regulated activities are expected to earn at least a 2.0 grade point average for the previous grading period, pass at least 4 out of 5 classes and have no incomplete grades. 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 academic eligibility.

A. Previous term (end of trimester grades): The student who has a GPA below 2.0 during the previous term will be on academic suspension for ten school days from the date grades are posted or in the case of spring term grades, the first ten days of school. Per WIAA regulations, the student who has an incomplete grade in one or more classes will be on academic suspension until the incomplete is changed into a grade. During the academic suspension, students are not eligible to compete. The student should continue to practice during the time he/she is ineligible to participate in contests. Students will be placed on academic probation immediately following the ten school days and grades will be checked weekly during the probation period. If the student's GPA is at least 2.0, the student may again be eligible to participate in contests or performances for the coming week. If the average is below a 2.0, the student will remain ineligible for contests. A student must continue weekly progress reports until midterm when their academic status will be re-evaluated. If at any time the GPA is below 2.0, the student will not be eligible to participate in contests for the coming week. Students who earn a GPA of 2.0, but receive an F grade in any

class will be on academic probation and will be required to complete weekly progress reports until midterm when their academic status will be re-evaluated. They will be eligible to compete as long as they have a 2.0 GPA. If at any time the GPA is below 2.0, the student will not be eligible to participate in contests for the coming week. (The WIAA has specific academic requirements which must be met. If the WIAA standard is not met, WIAA restrictions will be imposed in addition to the procedures described above. Please see 18.6.0 in the WIAA handbook.)

B. Present term (mid-trimester grades): Students who enter a co-curricular activity with a 2.0 GPA will be monitored at all official grading periods during the term. Any student falling below a 2.0 GPA will be on academic probation. And, any student with one or more Fs or incomplete grades will be on academic probation. If the student's GPA is at least 2.0 and the student has no incomplete grades, the student may be eligible to participate in contests or performances for the coming week. If the average is below a 2.0 or the student has any incomplete grades, the student will remain ineligible for contests. The student will continue weekly progress reports until the end of the term when the academic status of the student will be re-evaluated.

C. Students who have a current Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) may appeal the 2.0 GPA requirement if the low performance is directly related to the identified area of need.

D. Appeals or grievances relating to co-curricular ineligibility will follow the grievance procedures in the Student Responsibilities, Rights, and Due Process pamphlet.

VII. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (Applies only to WIAA activities)

The purpose of the eligibility system is to comply with requirements of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association and to emphasize that academics are the reason you are in school. Appropriate behavior is also a factor for participation in a co-curricular activity.

Eligibility will be based upon the following criteria:

- Athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average with no "F" grades.
- Two eligibility checks will be held during each sport season
 1. Fall (football, volleyball, boys' soccer) – prior year ending grades and early October check
 2. Late Fall (girls' soccer, boys' basketball) – first 6-week progress report and early January
 3. Winter (wrestling, girls' basketball) – second 6-week progress report and mid-March
 4. Spring (track and field) – fourth 6-week progress report and early May
- If you have negative checks regarding academics or behavior you will be ineligible for the next competition, but you must attend practices. Your parents will be notified if you are ineligible
- If an athlete is deemed ineligible he/she must do weekly grade/behavior checks in order to regain eligibility and be able to participate.
- If an athlete falls below a "C" grade the principal will be notified. The principal will meet with the athlete to develop a plan to improve the grade.

VIII. Travel (All co-curricular activities)

When transportation is provided by the school district, the student is expected to travel to and from contests or performances in the vehicle provided. On the return trip from any school activity a student may leave with a parent/guardian if prearranged using the standard travel authorization form and

approved by the activities director and coach/advisor. It is understood that there may be extraordinary circumstances in which a coach/advisor may allow students to leave with parent/guardian upon receipt of written request. If an event takes place on a non-school day, the parent/guardian may grant permission for the student to meet the team/group at the appropriate ferry dock. The parents/guardians may also request permission to transport their child to a contest given there is a special circumstance that makes this necessary—the request must be made at least two school days before the contest and approved by the athletic director.