

POLICY 2430.01 ATHLETICS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PART I STATEMENT

The Board of Education believes that a strong Athletic/Co-curricular program is a positive influence on students and the community and is considered to be an important part of the school program. The Board of Education believes that an athlete/participant should set an example for all students and the community. The Board of Education considers membership on an athletic team and co-curricular activities a privilege.

Therefore, the Board of Education sets these rules.

PART II THE LUDINGTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

The following are Athletic teams and Co-Curricular sponsored activities recognized by the Board of Education. This list is subject to additions and deletions.

Athletics

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| Baseball | Hockey |
| Basketball | Soccer |
| Bowling | |
| Cheerleading | Softball |
| Cross Country | Swimming |
| Equestrian | Tennis |
| Football | Track |
| Golf | Volleyball |
| Gymnastics | Wrestling |

Co-Curricular

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| Art Club | Pep Band |
| Chess Club | Quiz Bowl |
| BPA | DECA |
| Color Guard | Show Choir |
| Dance Team | Drama Club |
| STCC | NHS |
| Varsity Club | |

PART III TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION RULES FOR ATHLETICS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All athletes and co-curricular participants are expected to follow the training and participation rules. The following policies and penalties are for both middle school and high school participants. A student becomes a middle school participant on the first day after the last day of 6th grade. A student becomes a high school participant on the first day following his/her last day of 8th grade.

1. Students shall not use tobacco products or possess tobacco products.
2. Students shall not drink or possess alcoholic beverages.
3. Students shall not use or possess any drug or other controlled substance as defined by Act. 196, P.A. 1971, commonly referred to as the Controlled Substance Act of 1971, the use of which is prohibited by any state or federal laws (except such as may be prescribed by a licensed health care provider.)
4. Students shall not violate the law. Minor traffic violations will not be penalized. The school administration has the authority to levy penalties prior to final court decisions.

5. Students shall be expected to follow these rules during their athletic and/or co-curricular career. This includes the off-season and summer.
6. A student under suspension will still have the right to try out for a team/activity. If, in the try out process, the pending suspension is the reason the student does not make the final roster, he/she will be given credit for the suspension. If the student does not make the final roster due to skill level, he/she will not be given credit toward the suspension. After consultation with a coach/sponsor, the Athletic Director/building administrator will make the final decision on the above.
7. Guilt is determined in one of three ways.
 - a. Police report
 - b. Confession of guilt by the student
 - c. Credible adult witness willing to go on record
8. The due process procedure to appeal guilt or innocence is by written communication from the student to the Athletic Director for athletics or to the appropriate building administrator for other co-curricular activities. The student may then appeal that decision to the superintendent, whose decision is final. This decision may not be appealed to the school board.
9. There is no due process appeal of the penalties listed in Part IV or Part V.
10. A middle school student with one or more violations will be monitored his/her freshman year with the opportunity to have one violation removed. If the student completes his/her freshman year without further violations, that student will have one penalty level abolished from his/her record. This applies to penalties in both Part IV and Part V. If another violation occurs during his/her freshman year, the student will continue to the next step. This does not apply to 6th graders. This begins on the first day following the students last day of 6th grade and applies regardless if the student has or has not previously participated in an activity.
11. If a middle school student has a violation at a time when there are no sports/co-curricular activities remaining in which to participate, the student must complete his/her suspension in his/her first high school level sport/co-curricular activity. The counseling and community service portions of the penalty must also be completed. The monitoring period noted in #10, above, still applies.
12. For first or second offense penalties as noted in Part IV and Part V, the student must complete the season in good standing to be given credit for that suspension.
13. If the first and second offense occurs in the same season the student will be removed from the team/activity in which he/she currently participating. The student will receive credit for the remaining games/events in which he/she was removed. If there is remaining suspension to be served, it will be completed in the next season of

participation. (This rule only applies to athletics).

14. If two violations occur in the summer or out of season, penalties for the first and second violations will be combined and served sequentially in the next season of participation.
15. Coaches/sponsors may add additional policies and penalties with the approval, in writing, of the Athletic Director/building administrator. Coaches or sponsors will provide parents, in writing, with their individual policies at the pre-season parent meeting. The maximum additional penalty for both the first offense and the second offense will be one full season. Application of this section does not change any subsequent penalties.

PART IV MINIMUM ATHLETIC PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION RULES

FIRST OFFENSE PENALTY

Removal from participation for 50% of the season. The 50% can be reduced to 33% with 12 hours of community service as approved by the Athletic Director. If the 33% option is chosen, the 12 hours of community service must be completed before reinstatement. If a student participates on multiple athletic teams / co-curricular groups, this community service requirement can be served concurrently. Students may practice, dress for games/events, and travel with their team.

SECOND OFFENSE PENALTY

Removal from participation for 50% of the season, counseling as determined by the Athletic Director, and 24 hours of community service as approved by the Athletic Director. These 24 hours of community service are in addition to the 12 served for a first offense. May travel with their teams. May attend practice, but may not be actively engaged. May not dress for games/events. Students may begin practice before the suspension is complete in order to meet the minimum practice requirements set by the MHSAA. (This will allow the student the opportunity to become immediately eligible once the suspension is completed.)

THIRD OFFENSE PENALTY

Removal from participation for one full calendar year from the date of the third offense, counseling and 48 hours of community service as approved by the Athletic Director. Students may not dress for games/events, may not practice, and may not travel with a team.

FOURTH OFFENSE PENALTY

The student is no longer eligible to participate in athletics or other co-curricular activities for the remainder of the LASD career.

PART V

MINIMUM CO-CURRICULAR (non-athletic teams) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF TRAINING AND PARTICIPATION RULES

FIRST OFFENSE PENALTY

30 day suspension from the date the violation is confirmed and 12 hours community service as approved by a secondary level administrator. The community service requirement must be completed before reinstatement. If a student is participates on multiple athletic teams / co-curricular groups, this community service requirement can be served concurrently. The student may not practice or participate in the activity during the suspension.

SECOND OFFENSE PENALTY

60 day suspension from the date the violation is confirmed and 24 hours community service as approved by a secondary level administrator. If a student is participates on multiple athletic teams / co-curricular groups, this community service requirement can be served concurrently. The student may not practice or participate in the activity during the suspension.

THIRD OFFENSE PENALTY

Removal from participation for one full calendar year from the date of the third offense, counseling and 48 hours of community service as approved by a secondary level administrator. Students may not dress for games/events, may not practice, and may not travel with a team/activity group.

FOURTH OFFENSE PENALTY

The student is no longer eligible to participate in athletics or other co-curricular activities for the remainder of the LASD career.

PART VI

PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING VIOLATIONS

1. All training/participation rules violations must be reported to the head coach or activity sponsor. All violations must be reported to the athletic director and building principal.
2. For first offense violations, the head coach/sponsor will use the following procedure after the violation has been brought to his/her attention.
 - a. Inform the student of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - b. Inform the parent or guardian in writing of the infraction and subsequent disciplinary action.

- c. File a written report with the athletic director and/or building administrator which will remain on file in the office of the athletic director.
3. The athletic director will handle all procedures beyond the first offense.

PART VIII

ACTS OF DISCREDIT

Acts of discredit are prohibited and are defined as conduct that is detrimental to the school or team/club/activity. Examples might include, but are not limited to: Insubordination, Fighting, Hazing, Acts of Misconduct While at a School Event, Acts of Misconduct Traveling to or from a School Event, and Classroom Misconduct.

Any reported act of discredit will be evaluated by and penalty determined by the athletic director/building administrator with consultation from the coach/sponsor. The athletic director or building principal has the final authority. These penalties may not be appealed further.

In-school suspension will be treated just as out-of-school suspension. The student may not practice, play, or participate at any time on the date of the suspension.