

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE

POLICY

Participating in an athletic or other co-curricular activity is a privilege, not a right, and involves teamwork, responsibility, and self discipline. The Bellevue School District is committed to promoting the well-being, personal development, and successful performance of all high school students. This policy is designed to help students in athletics and other leadership roles to be safe, responsible, healthy, and successful participants. Student participants, whether in athletics or other activities, are expected and required to set an example for all students by their conduct and to promote a school atmosphere free from harmful drug, alcohol, and tobacco use.

The Bellevue School District Athletic/Activity Code exists in order to provide specific guidelines to be followed by high school students from the date of their enrollment and has application to all interscholastic sports/athletics and any other school-approved activities, including but not limited to drill team, dance squad, cheer squad, elected offices (ASB, class), debate or other ASB-approved clubs, Natural Helpers, and music/drama performance events that are part of an extra curricular offering. This code is in effect: (1) throughout the school year, (2) at any school-sponsored programs/events even those occurring during breaks in the school year or summer including from the first day of turn out for a sport or activity that begins during the summer, and (3) at any event at which students are representing their school or the District regardless of when the event happens. All students choosing to participate in athletic and activity programs are to conduct themselves in accordance with this Code and are required to abstain from possessing, using, buying, consuming, selling, or giving away any illegal substance including legend/prescription drugs, controlled substances, anabolic steroids, alcoholic beverages, any tobacco product, or other substance banned by the WIAA.

In addition, students who choose to attend or remain at functions beyond the time reasonably necessary to leave the situation where it is apparent that there are alcohol/drugs being illegally used will be in violation of this policy. Any sanction imposed for a violation of this policy may be in addition to any action that might be taken under other District policies relative to conduct, misconduct and/or the use of alcohol/drugs/tobacco.

Sanctions issued under this policy will be cumulative throughout a student's high school years for any and all activities/athletics and will not start over each year. The Superintendent will establish appropriate procedures for the implementation and for any violations of this policy, and will provide that this policy and related procedures are broadly disseminated in school and district publications and in a manner that will reasonably provide students notification of the Code and provisions.