

McDonald County School District

Athletics & Activities Handbook



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to McDonald County Athletics. The goal of the athletics program is to provide an educational, challenging, and rewarding experience for all student-athletes. The decision to become part of something bigger than yourself and compete for the Mustangs requires all of us to exhibit superior character, commitment, and competitiveness. This handbook is provided so that athletes, parents, and coaches might be more informed of the programs that are available, their interrelationships, and be informed of the rules and requirements of being a student-athlete.

McDonald County High School Athletics encourages student-athletes to take advantage of as many programs as time and talent will permit. We do not encourage “specialization” in one sport, but rather, we encourage athletes to experience a variety of sports and activities.

PHILOSOPHY OF ATHLETICS

The intent of the McDonald County Schools Athletic Department is to operate a well-defined, consistent program that supplements the learning process for all involved, accomplishes a definite purpose, projects a positive image to the public, and has the reputation of being well managed. The program is committed to developing good character, commitment, and competitiveness among our student-athletes. These three principles will be used as our “Core Values” as illustrated in the pyramid diagram on page 4.

The Athletic Department is committed to developing the drive for perfection, team play, and fair play in our student-athletes. Competition provides not only tangible rewards, but opportunities to instill intrinsic values such as self-discipline, cooperation with others, and respect for authority and prescribed rules. The McDonald County High School Athletic Department is

invested in the entire educational process of the student and promotes competitive activity as one portion of the total educational program.

Teaching students to compete by doing their best and by doing better than others in any worthwhile endeavor is educationally sound. Winning is an immediate objective in all athletic contests, but it is not an end in itself. Only when winning is over-emphasized to the point that it results in losing sight of the educational recreational values of competition should it be criticized. The desire to win should be used to stimulate achieving the objectives of interscholastic athletics.

The Athletic Department operates within the guidelines of the **Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**, the **Missouri State High School Activities Association**, the **Big 8 Conference**, and the policies, rules and regulations of the **McDonald County School District**.

CORE VALUES



SPORTSMANSHIP

All athletes representing McDonald County Schools have the responsibility of exhibiting good sportsmanship at all times. Athletes that wear the Red and Black become representatives of their student body, their school, and their community. All athletes will receive the ingredients for good sportsmanship through the teaching, coaching, and examples of the coaching staff; and will be expected to exhibit what they learn.

Many lessons can be learned through interscholastic athletics. One of those lessons is that by hard work and dedication we can improve. One of the primary goals of McDonald County Athletics is to help athletes recognize that they can take the ability that has been given to them, and through hard work and dedication achieve more. If our student-athletes are willing to recognize the ability they possess and work hard, we can all achieve success in athletics.

Attitude is one of the principal requirements in becoming a champion. The desire to excel, to win, and pay the price are all attributes that contribute to a winning philosophy. A winning philosophy is important, but how the game is played is important as well. Simple gestures of respect, displaying good conduct, cooperating with officials, shaking hands with opponents before and after the contests, showing self control at all times, accepting decisions and abiding by them, accepting both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, and never being boastful or bitter are all expected from our student-athletes. Such conduct will help athletes and their team to portray standards of sportsmanship expected of McDonald County Mustangs.

Another principle that the McDonald County Athletic Department will abide by is that our coaches are “coaching people first”. Interscholastic athletics are much like everyday life. Competition is sometimes considered the backbone of our great country. Regardless of our athletes’ plans for the

future, when they enter the workforce, there will be competition. There will be disappointments in athletics, but there will be disappointments in all of life's activities. It is how one reacts to these disappointments that will measure what life lessons they have learned through athletics.

RESPONSIBILITIES & OBJECTIVES OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

McDonald County student-athletes are in school to secure the best secondary education that they are capable of achieving. Deciding to participate in athletics plays a significant role in educational development. However, this decision also comes with certain responsibilities. McDonald County student-athletes must keep in mind that they are in the public eye and that their personal conduct must always be above reproach. They have an obligation to create a favorable image and gain the respect of teammates, the student body, and the entire McDonald County community.

OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Strive to achieve sound citizenship and desirable social traits, including emotional control, honesty, cooperation, dependability and respect for others and their abilities.
- ❑ Maintain academic eligibility standards as established by the Missouri State High School Activities Association and the McDonald County R-1 School District.
- ❑ Learn the spirit of hard work and sacrifice.
- ❑ Desire to excel to the limits of your potential.
- ❑ Show respect for both authority and property.
- ❑ Be willing to accept the leadership role that is instilled through the athletic program.
- ❑ Commit to perfection, fair play, and team play.

CONFERENCE AFFILIATION

BIG 8 CONFERENCE

McDonald County Athletics competes in the West division of the Big 8 Conference. The member schools are:

West Division	East Division
McDonald County	Logan-Rogersville
Nevada	Hollister
East Newton	Aurora
Seneca	Marshfield
Monett	Reeds Spring
Cassville	Springfield Catholic
Lamar	Mt. Vernon

SPORTS OFFERED AT MCDONALD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Fall	Winter	Spring
Boys Soccer	Boys Basketball	Baseball
Boys/Girls Cross Country	Girls Basketball	Boys Golf
Football	Boys Wrestling	Boys/Girls Track
Girls Golf	Girls Wrestling	Girls Soccer
Volleyball		
Softball		

ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT MCDONALD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Scholar Bowl
Cheerleading
Dance/Pom Team
Speech and Debate
Music Activities
Archery
Bass Fishing

MISSOURI STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The Missouri State High School Activities Association, of which the McDonald County R-1 School District is a member, is a voluntary, nonprofit, educational association of junior and senior high schools established for the purpose of working cooperatively in adopting standards for supervising and regulating interscholastic activities and contests.

One of the primary functions of MSHSAA is to establish eligibility standards that must be met by all students to attain the privilege of representing their school in interscholastic activities.

Eligibility is a **privilege** to be granted by the school to a student, which allows that student to participate in interscholastic activities. Eligibility is **not a student's right by law**. Precedent-setting legal cases have determined that eligibility is a privilege to be granted only if the student meets all standards adopted by the school, which enables the school to grant the student such a privilege.

Listed below is some information to acquaint students, parents, and coaches with the major rules and regulations that must be followed to protect eligibility.

- BE A GOOD CITIZEN IN YOUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.
 - Any student who represents their school in interscholastic activities must be a creditable citizen and judged so by the proper school authority certifying the list of students for competition. A student whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon themselves or their school is

not considered a credible citizen. Their conduct shall be satisfactory in accordance with the standards of good discipline.

- A student who misses **more than half a school day** on the date of a contest without being excused by a principal shall not be considered eligible on that contest date.
- Each individual school has the authority to judge its students under those standards.
- In the preceding semester you must have earned **3.0 units of credit or 80%** of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned whichever is greater. You must be currently enrolled in courses that offer **3.0 credits or 80%** of the maximum allowable credits.
- Have entered school within the first **eleven** days of the current semester. Entering school is interpreted as enrolling in and attending classes.
- Not have received or competed for any award of any kind other than that given by your school for your services as an athlete in the sport in which you are competing. Competing for awards having a utilitarian value such as jackets, cash, or merchandise prizes will make you ineligible.
- Not have reached your 19th birthday prior to July 1 of the current school year. Junior high students shall not have reached the following ages prior to July 1: 7th grade -- 14; 8th grade -- 15.
- Not have competed under an assumed or false name.
- Not have transferred schools without a corresponding change of residence of your parents unless you meet an appropriate exception of the transfer standards. Always check with your Principal or Athletic Director before transferring.
- Not have graduated or received an early release from a four-year high school or its equivalent.
- Attend your eighth semester immediately following your seventh semester. High school students are eligible only during the first 8 semesters of attendance.

- Not have competed at any time as a member of a Junior College or Senior College team.
- Not compete on an outside team or in individual match competition during the season you are representing your school in the same sport, nor practice or play for a non-school team on the same day you have practice or play for a school team in any sport. These restrictions begin with the first day of the current school sports season. A school sports season is defined as beginning with the date of the first practice held on a school day and ends with the last contest including district and state tournament contests.
- Not transfer from one school to another because of undue influence.
- Not attend a specialized camp for any one sport for more than two weeks.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of 3.0 units of credit or have earned credit in 80% of the maximum allowable classes in which any student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater.
- For your current semester, you must be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer 3.0 units of credit or 80% of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned--whichever is greater.
- Credits earned or completed after the close of the semester will not fulfill this requirement. Summer high school courses for FALL academic eligibility may count provided the course is necessary for graduation or promotion (no electives), and credit is placed on the school transcript. No more than one unit of credit in summer school shall be counted toward eligibility. Correspondence courses may not be used to re-establish academic eligibility.
- Students promoted for the first time into 9th grade are considered academically eligible for the first semester after promotion.
- Do not drop courses without first consulting with your school principal, athletic director, or counselor to determine whether doing so will affect your eligibility.
- Eligibility will be determined based on weekly grade checks.

EFFECT ON ABSENCES AND DISCIPLINE ACTION

- As previously stated, students must be in attendance at least **half of the school day (not including seminar or lunch)** in order to participate in any school sponsored or MSHSAA activity the same evening unless prior permission is obtained from the principal. Students must also be present on Fridays for at least half of the school day in order to participate in activities on Saturday or Sunday.
- Students must not be on civil probation.
- Any student assigned to after school detention or in-school suspension (ISS) will not be eligible to participate in any school related activities until the discipline sentence has been fully served. Students who are suspended or expelled for any reason are prohibited from attending or taking part in any district-sponsored activity, regardless of location, or any activity that occurs on district property. Students who violate this provision will be required to leave the activity and may face further discipline, including an additional period of suspension or expulsion.

ATHLETIC LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

An athlete may earn the following athletic letter awards. Each coach will hand out lettering requirements for their specific sport.

VARSITY LETTER

A Varsity Letter is awarded to an athlete who has met all the requirements as **set forth by the coaches of any said sport.**

MCDONALD COUNTY SCHOOL ATHLETIC POLICY



Every athlete and their parent(s) or guardian(s) will be responsible for reading the following Athletic Policy. The Athletic Policy includes **rules and regulations for student-athletes, Student-Athlete Parent Expectations, and the Sportsmanship Policy**. Athletes will be required to abide by the rules and regulations established by the Missouri State High School Activities Association and the McDonald County School District. This signed policy must be signed (FamilyID registration) and will remain in effect for one full calendar year. (A full calendar year includes the regular school year, summer breaks, all school year breaks, and all holidays).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Athletes will be required to abide by the rules and regulations stated in this policy as well as other training rules specified by the coach of any particular sports activity in which they are participating.

1. Students are free to make their own choice as to the sports in which they wish to try out.
2. The selection of athletes for a team is the job of the head coach. During preseason practice sessions, skills will be evaluated along with many other aspects of what is required of the athlete in that sport. Each coach will have requirements for their teams and these requirements will be made known to each person trying out. The coach will determine who and how many will be members of a team. **The decision of the coach will be final.**
3. Participation in more than one sport/activity within a season is left to the mutual agreement of the athlete and the head coaches from each sport the athlete wishes to participate in. An athlete wishing to participate in multiple sports in the same season must designate a “primary” sport before the start of competitions in case of conflicts. Their primary sport will automatically take precedent.

4. **Violation of Law:** If an athlete violates a criminal law, they will not be allowed to represent a McDonald County athletic team until the School Board has reinstated their eligibility. If there is admission of guilt by the athlete, or if after reviewing the case school officials feel there is strong evidence (witnesses) which indicated probable guilt, then the Principal or Athletic Director may restrict the athlete from participation before the legal outcome of the case is decided.
5. **Notification of Offense:** It is the sole responsibility of the student-athlete and/or their parents to notify the school principal or head coach within twenty-four hours of an offense that violates the athletic handbook and/or student handbook. Failure of notification may result in a 90 day suspension from athletic participation.
6. If it is necessary to be absent from practice, the athlete is expected to obtain permission from the head coach prior to the scheduled practice. If the athlete is sick, the coach should be notified by the athlete or parents before practice.
7. An athlete who has been absent from school the entire day may not practice a sport activity after school. In order to participate in an athletic contest, the athlete must have attended school for at least half of the school day. Students must also be present for half of the school day on a Friday preceding a Saturday or Sunday activity or event. Extenuating circumstances will be given special consideration by the head coach, the athletic director, and/or the principal.
8. In the event that truancy or suspension of an athlete occurs, the athlete will not be eligible for competition until they have fulfilled the disciplinary requirements established by the administration. All after school detention and in-school suspensions MUST be fulfilled in order to participate in any school activities.
9. Athletes are responsible for returning all equipment issued to them during their sports season. The athlete will be financially responsible for any lost equipment. All financial obligations of the athlete must be taken care of within one week after the end of the sports season. A hold will be put on a student-athlete's account until all equipment is returned and all financial obligations have been paid. No senior will be able to graduate until all holds are resolved. No further equipment will be issued until all equipment from any other sport is returned.
10. **Unsportsmanlike Acts:** Unsportsmanlike acts during a contest by a player or coach representing McDonald County are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
 - **Ejections:** Unsportsmanlike acts during a contest resulting in an ejection of an athlete will result in the athlete being restricted from representing the school for at least the next contest. Each case of this type shall be reviewed by the head coach, the athletic director, and the principal before a final decision is made.

- **Verbal/Taunting/Physical Unsportsmanlike Acts:** An athlete who commits a verbal or physical unsportsmanlike act to an opponent, official, spectator, or coach but is not ejected or disqualified may be subject to disciplinary action. The baseline consequence of such actions would be a suspension for the equivalent of up to one contest. Each case of this type shall be reviewed by the head coach, athletic director, and the principal before a final decision is made.
- **Non-Egregious Acts:** An athlete who commits a non-egregious act resulting in a technical foul or unsportsmanlike conduct call may be subject to disciplinary action. Examples of non-egregious acts include but are not limited to unintentional rim-hanging, accidental helmet-to-helmet hits, unintentional yellow cards, scorebook mistakes, or uniform discrepancies. Each case of this type shall be reviewed by the head coach, the athletic director, and the principal before a final decision is made.

Acts that are not consistent with any of the categories above will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and disciplinary actions will be based on a review of the incident by the principal, athletic director, and head coach.

11. All athletes will be transported to and from respective games, meets, etc., via school transportation. Special consideration for an exception will be given by the head coach or athletic director due to certain circumstances. In this case, the student-athlete must be signed out by a parent or guardian.
12. Before a student may participate in any athletic activity for McDonald County Schools, they must have registered on FamilyID, and they must have electronically signed the following forms on their FamilyID registration: (1) Physical Exam Form, (2) an Insurance Information Form, and (3) the McDonald County School Athletic Policy.
13. Any student that is on long term out-of-school suspension of 10 school days or more for drug use, possession of or distribution of drugs shall be immediately dismissed from any activity or organization he or she is presently a member of at the time of suspension.
14. It is the responsibility of athletes representing the McDonald County R-1 School District to be good citizens at all times. Anything less is unacceptable.

STUDENT-ATHLETE PARENT EXPECTATIONS AND SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

How I Can Help My Child's Athletic Experience

1. Allow your child to perform and progress at a level consistent with their ability. Athletes mature at different ages and some are more gifted than others.
2. Teach your child to enjoy the thrill of competition and that improving skills and attitude are important.
3. Don't relive your athletic life through your child! This creates added pressure that your child does not need. This is your child's experience, let them enjoy it.
4. **Don't compete with the coach.** Keep in mind that they are balancing the development of your child with the growth and progress of an entire athletic team. Often coaches have many considerations that are not obvious to parents.
5. Remember, young athletes tend to exaggerate when being praised and/or criticized. Temper your reaction until you investigate.
6. An athlete's self-confidence and self-image will be improved by support at home. Comparison to others is discouraged. Encourage the athlete to do their best regardless of family or friends who may have been outstanding players.
7. Insist on positive behavior in school and a high level of performance in the classroom. Numerous studies indicate extracurricular involvement helps enhance academic performance.
8. Cheer for our team and players. **Opponents and referees deserve respect.** Realize that players and officials will make mistakes. Your support is needed when things aren't going well.
9. Concentrate on what is best for the team. Preoccupation with statistics and individual recognition can be very distracting.
10. Attempting to communicate with coaches, players, or officials during a game only creates tension and is **completely unacceptable**. Be a respectful spectator.
11. Conduct that draws unwanted attention to oneself usually leads to embarrassment for your child. Please keep their well-being in mind at all times. **Don't jeopardize losing the opportunity to watch your child participate.**

How Do I Communicate the Right Way?

Coaches have the authority over who becomes a participant of the team and when the participant plays or is removed from the team. The coaching staff determines coaching strategy. Acceptance of a position on the team includes acceptance of this policy. It is a privilege, not a right, to be a member of an athletic team.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with coaches:

1. Situations involving your child.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Your child's attitude, work ethic, and eligibility.
4. Concerns about your child's behavior

Issues that are not appropriate to discuss with coaches or AD:

1. Playing time of any student-athlete
2. Team strategy, practice organization, or play calling.
3. Other student-athletes

Procedures to follow if there is a concern to discuss with a coach:

1. ***Your child should speak to the coach about an issue, before you intervene.***
This will help our student-athletes grow into young adults. A meeting with the coach or athletic director **will not** be scheduled until the student-athlete has met with the coach.
2. Contact the coach to set up an appointment. Give the coach a brief summary of what you want to discuss. This enables the coach to prepare to give you the best possible answers to your question(s). If the coach can not be reached, contact the athletic director. The athletic director will assist you in arranging a meeting. Coaches will not talk to you unless you have arranged an appointment.
3. If a meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution, call to schedule an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.

The 24-Hour Rule will be utilized for any in-season communication with the coaching staff. Contact with the coaching staff will not be allowed until 24 hours after an athletic event. The only exception to this rule is reporting an injury, illness or emergency situation.

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

The McDonald County R-1 School District recognizes the importance of emphasizing GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP in all aspects of school related activities. With this in mind, the following are **fundamentals of good sportsmanship** in all activities that the district urges fans, spectators, participants, staff members, and parents to follow:

1. Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the game
2. Exercise positive behavior at all times.
3. Recognize and appreciate skilled performances regardless of affiliation.
4. Exhibit respect for the opponents and officials at all times.
5. Openly display pride in your actions at every opportunity.

Unacceptable behavior shall include, but not be limited to, the following types of conduct. Such conduct will result in removal from the activity:

1. Insubordination to referees, coaches, or other school personnel supervising the activity.
2. Fighting, intimidation of, or attempt to intimidate, or taunting of referees, coaches, players, participants, or spectators.
3. Throwing debris or littering the playing field or facility.
4. Verbal abuse or use of profane or obscene words or gestures during a game or activity.
5. Disruptive behavior or conduct.

The McDonald County R-1 School District will not tolerate any violations of the above. Good sportsmanship is expected from everyone before, during, or after any interscholastic contest or other school related activity in our schools or any other place our students are competing/participating. Any concerns regarding any part of an athletic or activity program must follow the complaint procedures of that particular school. During or immediately after an event is **NOT** the proper time to raise questions or concerns about a program.

Violations of any of the above Sportsmanship Policy guidelines will result in the following consequences:

1. Immediate removal from the contest or activity.

2. Upon investigation by the administration of the schools involved, violator(s) may be suspended from activities for a period **up to one year** depending upon the severity of the infraction.
3. Any suspension will be honored at **ALL McDonald County School activities**. That is, an individual suspended from one school will not be allowed to attend activities at any other school during suspension period.

ALCOHOL, NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUG, and INAPPROPRIATE USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG POLICY

This policy is effective beginning at the Middle School level (grade 7) and carries over from year to year.

Participation in student activities and athletics is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, we believe that students must adhere to standards of behavior, which will bring credit to the individual student, the particular activity, the school, and the community. The use of alcohol and/or non-prescription or non-prescribed drugs (any substance which is unlawful for possession, distribution, or use) is prohibited and will not be tolerated.

It is therefore the intention of this policy that the student not use, sell, purchase, or possess alcohol and/or non-prescription or non-prescribed drugs. It is further the intention of this policy that students not knowingly choose to remain in any circumstance in which the student is in the presence of other minors who are in the possession of alcohol or non-prescription or non-prescribed drugs. If a student is in the presence of other minors, and it is known by the student that alcohol or non-prescription or non-prescribed drugs are present, the student must take some reasonable action to remove themselves from the circumstance. This is the case whether the minor is on campus or off campus. This provision does not include public events or events in which adults are participating in lawful activities. Further, all that is required of the student is a reasonable effort to remove themselves from the circumstance.

A violation of this policy will result in progressive discipline as set forth below. A determination of whether a violation of the alcohol and non-prescription or non-prescribed drug policy has occurred will be made upon the district's receiving information, which the district, at its' discretion, determines sufficient to establish a violation of the above policy on alcohol or non-prescription or non-prescribed drugs.

Once the district, at its discretion, determines there has been a violation, the district may implement the below progressive discipline, or if it deems the violation sufficiently serious, the student may be barred from athletics indefinitely. Should the district choose progressive discipline as appropriate, the discipline will be as follows:

First Violation: The student will be suspended for **40% of game participation** in the current sport. 40% is calculated using the total number of contests (not including postseason). If the student is not currently participating in a sport, the suspension will occur during the next season in which they participate.

Second Violation: The student will be suspended immediately for 180 school days of athletic participation from the date of finding a violation, regardless of overlap in school years.

Third Violation: The student will be suspended from participation in all sports/activities for the remainder of their school career.

School career is defined in two categories: Middle School (grades 7-8), and High School (grades 9-12).

The McDonald County R-1 School District takes seriously its' policy on alcohol, non-prescription drugs, and inappropriate use of prescription drugs. It is for the health and welfare of all students that this policy is implemented.

STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES DRUG TESTING POLICY

The Board recognizes the importance of protecting the health and safety of students from the use of illegal drugs. The purpose of this policy is to help prevent substance abuse among students, to encourage treatment for students with substance abuse problems and to ensure that students have the opportunity to attend school and participate in activities in a fair, safe and healthy environment.

The superintendent or designee is directed to adopt procedures to carry out the intent of this policy and may contact the district's attorney for assistance in applying this policy. The district will use a laboratory certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Random, Suspicionless Drug Testing

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and carries with it the responsibility to adhere to high standards of conduct, including refraining from the use of illegal drugs. To assist students in making healthy and safe choices, the district will conduct random, suspicionless drug testing of students participating in all extracurricular activities in grades 7-12 as a condition of participation in covered activities. Covered activities are activities regulated by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA). District employees shall not have the authority to waive the testing of any student selected using the random selection process.

Students who test positive through this random, suspicionless testing program will be excluded from participation in covered extracurricular activities as follows:

First Offense - The student shall be suspended from participation in all in-season or off-season extracurricular and/or co-curricular competitions, for a minimum of 40 percent of that season. At the discretion of the principal, athletic director, and head coach, the student may attend practices. During this time, it is recommended that the parent/guardian obtain a substance abuse evaluation and education/counseling for the student.

Second Offense - The student shall be suspended from participation in all in-season or off-season activities including all meetings, practices, performances and competitions for a minimum of 180 school days from the date of the initial report of the second offense as stated in this procedure.

Third Offense - the student shall be suspended from participation in all in-season or off-season activities including all meetings, practices, performances and competitions for the length of the

student's enrollment at McDonald County R-1 School District from the date of the initial report of the third offense as stated in this procedure.

The district will not report results to law enforcement.

Suspicion-Based Drug Testing

Suspicion-based drug testing, unlike random, suspicionless drug testing, may only be used when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of or has recently consumed alcohol or any drug prohibited by district policy. Students testing positive will be disciplined in accordance with the district's discipline policy and may also be excluded from extracurricular activities as determined by the district. A student who refuses to submit to testing may still be disciplined under the district's discipline code for being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.