

GOOD CONDUCT RULE – 2023-24

Participation in school activities is a privilege. School activities provide the benefits of promoting additional interests and abilities in the students during their school years and for their lifetimes.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from school or at school. Students who wish to have the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities, which are illegal, immoral or unhealthy.

Students who fail to abide by this policy and the administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures. The building principal and athletic activities director will keep records of violations of the good conduct rule.

Students wanting to participate in school activities must meet the requirements set out by the school district for participation in the activity. The details outlining expected conduct and penalties for violations will be printed in the Student Handbook for notification purposes.

GOOD CONDUCT RULE REGULATIONS

General Statement:

The board, administration and faculty of the Springville School District offer a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who choose to participate in co-curricular/extra-curricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participation in these activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral, unhealthy or inappropriate. The building principal and activities director shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule and inform the appropriate coaches, directors and/or sponsors.

Academic Eligibility: (Scholarship Rule)

Student grades are checked every quarter and every semester during the school year. Extracurricular and Co-Curricular eligibility is therefore based upon these check points as follows:

- Students must be passing ALL subjects and making adequate progress toward graduation in order to be eligible to compete in extracurricular and co-curricular activities;
- Students in grades 9-12:
 - If a student is failing at a quarter grade checkpoint, he/she will be ineligible to compete or participate in the activities they are currently involved with for the next 15 consecutive calendar days, starting with the first day following the posting of grades. Students become eligible on the 16th day.
 - If a student is failing at a semester grade checkpoint, he/she will be ineligible to compete or participate in the activities they are currently involved with for the next 30 consecutive calendar days, starting with the first day following the posting of grades. Students become eligible on the 31st day.

- In relation to semester grades, if a student is academically ineligible and not participating in an extracurricular or co-curricular activity at the present time, their ineligibility begins with the first activity in which they are a participant.
- Students in grades 6-8:
 - To be eligible to participate in extra- or co-curricular activities, students must be passing all classes at the grading checkpoint to participate in activities done every three weeks as a grading period. Students failing at grade checks will be ineligible for 1 week. Grades will then be checked at the end of that week. If a student is passing at the end of that week, they will be eligible until the next grading period. If not, then they will be ineligible for another week, etc. Failure to pass at the end of the 4th quarter will result in the student being ineligible for one week of summer activities.
 - Grades will be checked every three weeks and the building principal, beyond these minimal requirements, may implement tougher rules.
- A student with a disability and an IEP is judged based on progress made toward IEP goals (changed to align with IDEA).
- Using summer school or other means to make up failing grades for eligibility purposes is prohibited.
 - It will be encouraged to the coaches/sponsors that they require those students who are ineligible to utilize time after school to improve the grade(s).
 - Ineligibility due to failing grades for a semester takes precedence over failing grades for a quarter. Therefore, an individual that fails 2nd quarter/1st semester or 4th quarter/2nd semester will serve ineligibility based on the semester rule
 - In order for an ineligible student to fulfill ineligibility requirements, that student must be a full participant of the activity. This means that they must start at the beginning of the season, attend all practices and contests, and stay out for the activity after eligibility is re-established.

In those activities that receive academic credit or are an evaluation and not a competition, at no time shall ineligibility affect a student's grade.

Establishing Athletic/Activity Eligibility:

Before a student can practice for any extra or co-curricular activity covered by this policy, the "acknowledgement" form distributed to ALL students wishing to participate in any activity must be signed and dated by BOTH the student and his/her parent or guardian and returned to the principal's office along with a certificate of good health (physical). Note: Athletic physicals are good for one calendar year. By signing this form, the student and his/her parents or guardian acknowledge their awareness of the Good Conduct Policy and the consequences for violations associated with this policy.

Game/performance day: To participate in games, practices and performances on a school day, students must be in attendance the entire day unless the building principal has granted permission for their absence.

Extra/Co-Curricular Activities:

1. All school sponsored and/or school approved activities including clubs, organizations, athletic programs, and intramural sports are covered by this policy. These activities take place outside the regular classroom day.

2. Regular classroom and laboratory assignments in which a student receives a grade are not included. Academic grades are not affected by violations of this policy.

3. An extra-curricular season reflects actual performance or availability for performance in front of the public or another audience. Relative to athletics this would include the games of competition from the first contest through the last contest. In other activities, this would be the actual performance and not the practice time preceding the performance(s).

4. The policy will apply to all students in grades six (7) through twelve (12) throughout the calendar year.

Ineligibility:

1. The sponsor/coach of an extra or co-curricular activity and/or the principal or athletic director may declare a student ineligible whose conduct is contrary to and or in violation of the established rules and regulations as set out herein. All students participating in extra-curricular activities shall receive a copy of these rules and regulations.

2. Observation by the school administration, school employee(s), law enforcement officials/agency, admission to the conduct by the student, social service agency reports and/or law enforcement reports will be considered as proof of violations of this policy.

3. Violations may be determined by investigation by a school administrator and/or sponsor. Information provided by students and others to such an investigator will be considered as part of the investigation; the administrator/sponsor shall determine the credibility of all evidence and make a determination that there has or has not been a violation of this policy.

Violations: Students will violate this policy if it is determined they have participated in conduct including but not limited to the following:

1. Consumption, manufacture, use, possession or sale of controlled substances, including a look alike substance.
2. Consumption, use, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages. Specifically, any student who appears to a school employee(s) to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be subject to disciplinary action.
3. Damage, destruction or theft of school property and/or real or personal property of employees, students or visitors of the school.
4. Physical abuse, including assault, of a person at school or school activities or coming to and from school or school activities.
5. Possession, handling or transmission of weapons or a dangerous instrument or any object that could be considered or used as a dangerous weapon on the school grounds or at school activities.
6. Criminal conviction or, if charged a simple misdemeanor if it involves an offense of violence, as a juvenile, court supervision and/or probation, for any offense which constitutes a serious misdemeanor, aggravated misdemeanor or felony.
7. Consumption, use or possession of any form of tobacco or nicotine. This includes snuff, dip, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, JUULs, e-cigarettes, vapes, and any imitation of these products.
8. Failure to abide by a reasonable request of a person in authority or any school employee.
9. Disruption of school and/or school activities.
10. Repeated failure to attend school without reasonable and acceptable excuses or repeated failure to make-up detentions.
11. Repeated school violations or a serious violation of a school rule.

12. Engaging in any unlawful activity if it constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes.
13. Unsportsmanlike conduct involving other school's teams, their representatives, patrons or officials.
14. Use of profanity, verbal abuse or intimidation towards any person.

Note: Any sponsor or coach can establish additional rules of conduct for their respective activity. Those rules of conduct shall be approved by the building principal or athletic director, shall be in writing and shall be given to each student participant prior to the student's membership, participation or involvement with that activity. If necessary, additional rules of conduct may be established and implemented during the school year following the same procedure noted above.

Penalties: For violations of the Good Conduct Policy or school rules, a student may be declared ineligible for all extra or co-curricular activities, required to see professional help or both. The ineligibility will begin immediately or as soon as his/her activity in which his/her participation begins after the school administrator/sponsor has determined the student has engaged in conduct (guilty) in violation of this policy.

1. Violation of rule numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 shall result in the student being ineligible for six weeks or 1/3 of the contests, whichever is less, in his/her sport; six months (1/2 calendar year) for the second offense; twelve months (one calendar year) for the third offense or up to permanent ineligibility as determined by the administration.. Note: A violation of item #5 could result in greater consequences if it violates the District's Weapons Policy.
2. Violations of rule numbers 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 may result in a student being declared ineligible. The length of time of the ineligibility shall be determined by the administrator/sponsor but shall not exceed the penalties described in item #1 above.
3. Reduction of Penalty: A student who violates the Good Conduct Policy may reduce his/her penalty by half (one-half) through admission of their guilt to a school administrator prior to any investigation or knowledge of the violation is known. This procedure is based on a "level" or "fessing up" system. This process allows students to be accountable for their actions and receive a lesser penalty for their honesty. Once the investigation has begun or knowledge of the violation has taken place, the time for confessing has expired.
4. Prior to participating in professional assessment and treatment, guidelines, including school access to records and monitoring, shall be approved by the administration on a case-by-case basis.
5. Homecoming, Prom and Commencement will be considered independently of this policy and participation determined by the Administration.
6. Students ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activity/performance for violation of this policy may participate in non-performance activities, if the student receives permission from the coach or sponsor. The coach or sponsor's decision to allow or not allow the student to practice with the team or group may be appealed to the principal. Note: Student ineligibility includes traveling with the team or group or participating in any activities with the team or group except practice as specified above.
7. Clean Record (Slate): Every student violator will have the opportunity to begin anew (earn a "clean slate") by maintaining a two-year period with no Good Conduct violations.

Appeals:

1. A student may contest the determination of the violation or the penalty imposed. Appeal of the activity sponsor's decision must be submitted in writing to the building principal within five (5) school days of the declaration or penalty. The principal will meet with the student and provide the student with an explanation of the charges against the student. The student will be given an opportunity to rebut the charges and provide relevant evidence. The meeting will be informal, however, the principal's decision shall be in writing and shall summarize the evidence on which the principal made his/her decision. This decision will be made within three (3) weekdays and presented to the student, his/her parents and the superintendent.
2. The decision of the building principal may be appealed to the superintendent. The appeal to the superintendent shall be in writing and delivered to the superintendent or his/her secretary within five (5) school days of receipt of the principal's decision. The appeal to the superintendent shall specify the reasons for the appeal and shall set out supporting information and facts. The superintendent will have five (5) school days to render his/her decision. A copy of that decision will be sent to the student, his/her parents and the President of the board.
3. The decision of the superintendent may be appealed to the Board of Education. This appeal shall be in writing and filed with the board secretary within five (5) school days of receipt of the decision from the superintendent. Unless the parties otherwise agree, the board shall hold its hearing within ten (10) weekdays after receiving the appeal.

Letters and Awards:

Students who are ineligible at the conclusion of an activity due to a good conduct violation shall not receive a letter or award for that activity.

Springville Good Conduct/Academic Eligibility Acknowledgement Form 2023-24

The Good Conduct/Academic Eligibility Policy can be found at www.springville.k12.ia.us and choosing the “Resources” button on the top of the homepage

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of _____ (Student). I have read the attached handbook and understand the policies, rules, guidelines, and Good Conduct Code set by the Board of Education, the District, the Administration, and various committees. I understand that these are the standards of conduct expected of my son/daughter in return for the privilege of representing Springville in all forms of extra and co-curricular activities.

I am also aware that playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving many risks of injury.

I the undersigned parent/guardian consent to the participation of my student in activities and do release the Springville Community School District, its officers and employees, when exercising due care, from liability for injury suffered by the named student when playing or practicing to play.

Signature

Date

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, the undersigned participant in extra and/or co curricular activities, have read the attached handbook and understand the policies, rules, guidelines, and Good Conduct Code set by the Board of Education, the District, the Administration, and various committees. I understand that these are the standards of conduct expected of me in return for the privilege of representing Springville in all forms of extra- and co-curricular activities.

I am also aware that playing or practicing to play in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving many risks of injury. Because of the risks of injury when participating in sports, I recognize the importance of following the coaches’ instructions regarding playing techniques, training, and other team rules and agree to obey such instructions.

Signature

Date

This form must be filled out and returned prior to the student being eligible to participate in any practices, competitions, or performances.