

NEENAH MIDDLE SCHOOLS PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

NOTE: This form must be filled out and signed by parents and students, physical exam forms on file, and all fees must be paid prior to an athlete attending any practice.

NAME OF STUDENT: _____ GRADE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Circle the sport the student anticipates participating: Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Spirit Squad, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling

List the club(s) and/or organization(s) the student plans to participate in: _____

1. **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** WIAA Rules dictate that all athletes must have a current physical examination form or alternate card on file at school prior to practice.
2. **AWARENESS OF POTENTIAL INJURY:** As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a NJSD athlete, I /we are aware that participation in sports and/or practicing in sports may be a dangerous activity involving many risks or injury and may even result in death.
3. **EMERGENCY CONSENT:** "In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my consent to the attending physician, trainers, coaches, directors, and teachers to secure and administer medical aid and ambulance service. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concur for the necessity for such surgery."
_____ Yes _____ No IF NO, please give name and number to call _____
4. **INSURANCE WAIVER:** We (I) the undersigned, have adequate health and accident insurance and take full financial responsibility for any, and all, injuries sustained by our/my son/daughter while participating in practice sessions or actual competitions, in a WIAA sponsored sport in the activities program of the Neenah Joint School District. We (I) further knowingly and voluntarily waive any, and all, claims against and forever release NJSD, it Board Members, Officers, Agents, and employees arising from any injury received by my son/daughter while participating whether it be in practice sessions or in actual competitions, in a WIAA-sponsored sport in the athletic program of NJSD. My insurance carrier is _____ Policy # _____
5. **STUDENT GOOD CONDUCT CODE (Summary):** Students participating in co/extra-curricular activities are prohibited from possessing, using, or purchasing tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or controlled substances. Loss of eligibility may also occur for engaging in activities outside the school community that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor offenses). Violations of rules throughout the calendar year, whether at or away from school, will result in the following action:
 - **First Offense within the Student's Middle School/High School Career:** 25% of the regularly scheduled events (to include the first WIAA playoff contest). If the suspension is not completed when a season ends, the remainder of the suspension will be served during the next season in which the student participates. Those students subjected to a penalty because of a drug or alcohol related offense are required to join and successfully complete an A.O.D.A. support group/or have a chemical assessment offered by the Student Assistance Program.
 - **Second Offense within the Student's Middle School/High School Career:** 50% of the regularly scheduled events (to include the first WIAA playoff contest). If the suspension is not completed when a season ends, the remainder of the suspension will be served during the next season in which the student participates. Those students subjected to a penalty because of a second offense related to the use of drugs or alcohol are required to have a chemical assessment and to be involved in an A.O.D.A. support group as determined by the building administrator.
 - **Third or More Offense(s) within the Student's Middle School/High School Career:** Calendar-year suspension. (Twelve months from the date of penalty) Those students subjected to a penalty because of a third offense relating to chemical misuse are required to have a chemical assessment and to successfully complete a prescribed program as deemed appropriate by the building administrator prior to further participation.
 - **Severity Clause:** Any student who supplies alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and/or unlawfully possesses or uses a weapon will receive at least a one-year suspension from participation in NJSD activities.

I have read and understand the information/rules as stated above and in the parent/student information.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ ID #: _____

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Your son or daughter has chosen to augment the regular academic program of the NJSD, by participating in extra-curricular activities. As you know, student participation in these programs is a conditional privilege. The students must, among other things, maintain state academic standards, meet age requirements, and for athletes, pass a physical exam every other year.

In addition to these requirements, the board of education has established additional rules governing the students who chose to go out for extra-curricular activities, as in doing so they represent the school and depict its character to other students and community members.

We know how important it is for your family that your son/daughter participates. Therefore, it is important that you and your student read and understand the terms imposed by the Good Conduct Policy and Rules; this is why we are reviewing this information with you.

Below are some highlights of the policy. Should you or your son/daughter have any questions regarding how the Good Conduct Rule will be interpreted, we encourage you to contact an administrator.

1. The policy is in effect on a year-round, 12-month basis, even when your student is not participating.
2. There is a reward for coming forward and admitting a violation of the rule. Students are encouraged to "self-report" within 24 hours or by the next school day to a coach or activity sponsor, the activities director, an assistant principal, or principal.
3. If a student is suspended from school for some reason, the student will be ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities during the term of the suspension regardless of whether the conduct underlying the suspension is also a Good Conduct violation.
4. Eligibility for any nine-week period shall be determined by the last grade report period. A student may not have more than one failure to be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities. Incompletes shall count as failures until made up. Students will not be allowed to practice, play or perform during the period of academic ineligibility.
5. Drinking with parental consent in one's own home may be legal, but in most cases it will be deemed a violation of the Good Conduct Rule. Also, students going to foreign countries or other states or territories where the drinking age may be lower, and they can possibly drink "legally," may still NOT consume alcoholic beverages without endangering their eligibility.
6. An arrest is not always necessary for the school to impose a penalty for a violation of the Good Conduct Rule. The student will be given due process of law by being told by a school official why the school believes he/she has violated the rule, and what evidence exists for that belief. Then the student will be given an opportunity to tell his/her side of the story before a decision is made about the student's eligibility. This hearing is between the student and school officials, although you as a parent or guardian will be notified of the decision if school officials believe a violation has occurred.
7. Similarly, if a student is arrested or cited by law enforcement, the school may or may not always await the outcome of the case in court. The school will conduct its own investigation and due process hearing, reaching a result independent of the juvenile or criminal justice system.
8. The school board believes strongly in the message that minors should not use alcohol or other illegal drugs. Therefore, the board has included a requirement in the Good Conduct Rule often referred to as the "mere presence" rule. This means that students who are out for extracurricular activities may not knowingly be in attendance at a function (party, in a vehicle, etc.) where drugs or alcohol are being used or possessed by minors even if they, themselves, are not actively drinking or using illegal drugs. The policy and rule provide that upon discovering that contraband (alcohol or drugs) is present, the student must: (a) leave within a reasonable time; (b) get rid of the offending substance; (c) or, stay and risk loss of eligibility. We hope and believe that this rule will discourage beer parties and driving around in cars drinking alcohol or using drugs, both common teenage activities that are unhealthy, illegal, and very dangerous.
9. A student must BE IN SCHOOL ALL DAY on the day of a practice/contest/performance to be eligible to practice/compete/perform. Excused absences (doctor/dental appointments, family emergencies, etc.) should be pre-approved by an administrator.

A student may lose eligibility under the Good Conduct Rule for any of the following behaviors:

1. Possession, use, or purchase of tobacco products, regardless of the student's age;
2. Possession, use, or purchase of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, regardless of the student's age;
3. Possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of illegal drugs, or the unauthorized possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of unlawful drugs;
4. Being in attendance at a function or party where the student knows, or has reason to know, that alcohol or other drugs are being consumed illegally by minors, and fails to leave despite having a reasonable opportunity to do so (*also referred to as the "Mere Presence Rule"*);
5. Engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor offenses such as traffic or hunting/fishing violations);
6. Excessively inappropriate or offensive conduct such as assaulting staff or students, gross insubordination (talking back or refusing to cooperate with authorities), serious hazing or harassment of others. NOTE: This includes group conduct.
7. Students will not represent themselves, or others, inappropriately, or unlawfully, on the internet. This would include blog sites, instant messaging, on-line profiles, etc.
8. Any student who has a gathering at his/her home/property where alcohol or drugs are being used will be given a penalty at the NEXT highest level above the level at which he/she would normally be suspended. Example: If a student hosts a party, and it is his/her first violation, since the party was at his/her home/property, he/she would be given a violation as their SECOND offense. NOTE: A student who hosts a party may not use the "Admission Prior to Determination" reduction.
9. Any situation or problem that may arise that is not specifically covered above may be reviewed by the high school/middle school administration for possible action.

Penalties for Violation of Co-curricular Good Conduct Rule

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