

## STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION

Students participating in school activities are required to conduct themselves with respect for self and others through their actions, language and dress. Students who choose to participate in school activities represent their community and school at public events and performances. Student activity participants are expected to demonstrate year-round behavior that reflects positively on the individual, the school and the community.

Students wishing to participate in activities sponsored or recognized by the Watertown School District shall not use alcoholic beverages regardless of percentage of content, any drug not prescribed by a physician to the student, or use any habituating and controlled substance, tobacco or behave in a manner that will bring discredit to the student, team and school. This policy does not apply to consumption of legal drugs prescribed for the student by a physician.

## Penalty for violation of rules - athletics:

1. Out-of-season violation
  - a. First violation will be cause for the athlete to miss one inter-school competition at the start of the next sport he/she participates in.
  - b. Second violation will be cause for the athlete to be eliminated from inter-school competition for the next sport he/she participates in.
2. In-season violation
  - a. First violation will be cause for the athlete to be eliminated for the remainder of the season of the sport in season.

## Penalty for violation of rules - fine arts:

In this portion of the policy, the following definitions apply.

1. Fine arts extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, band, debate, drama, oral interpretation, orchestra, vocal music and journalism.
2. Out of season violation
  - a. First violation will be cause for the participant to miss one contest or two weeks, whichever is less.
  - b. Second violation will be cause for the participant to be eliminated from inter-school competition for the next activity he/she participates in for the first part of the activity.
3. In-season violation: In the event that a fine arts activity is longer than one semester, the activity will be divided into seasons. The director will determine the length of each season. When a training rule violation occurs, the participant will be eliminated from participation for the remainder of the season or two weeks, whichever is greater.

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