

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: FM-R
STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Participation in extracurricular activities in grades 7-12 is a privilege and not a right. As such, students who are participants in these activities shall be held to a high standard of conduct at all times – not only when they are at school or at a school sponsored event. For purposes of continued participation in extracurricular activities, all conduct, including conduct occurring during school or at a school sponsored activities, after school hours, holidays, weekends, and summer vacation, will be considered. A student is subject to this regulation as long as the student is enrolled in Dumas ISD.

Conduct which will result in a suspension from extracurricular activities includes possession, use, distribution, purchase or sale of alcohol and illegal drugs; abuse of prescription drugs; or any other alcohol or drug related conduct which is punishable under state law as a criminal offense.

Offenses shall be cumulative during grades 7-8, so that any student committing three or more offenses during this combined two-year period is subject to the maximum disciplinary action. When a student begins 9th grade, offenses committed during grades 7-8 shall not be counted as offenses. However, any offenses committed during grades 9-12 are cumulative so that a student is only entitled to three offenses during this combined four-year period before being subject to the maximum disciplinary action under this policy.

The principal shall notify the student and parent of the decision to suspend the student from extracurricular activities after the investigation of the conduct is complete.

Upon a first offense, a student shall be suspended from any school-sponsored extracurricular activity for 14 calendar days beginning on the date the student and parent are notified of the suspension. During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.

Upon a second offense, a student shall be suspended from any school-sponsored extracurricular activity for 60 calendar days beginning on the date the student and parent are notified of the suspension. During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.

Upon a third offense, a student shall be suspended from participation in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity for 252 calendar days beginning on the date the student and parent are notified of the suspension. During the period of suspension, the student shall not be permitted to participate in practices, competitive activities, or performances.

Calendar days for the purpose of suspension from extracurricular activities shall only include those days beginning on the first day of school and ending on the last day of school. Suspension periods which are not completed in one school year shall be finished in the following school year. Students shall not be prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities that occur during the summer break nor shall those days count toward completing the required suspension.

A student or parent may appeal a decision made under this regulation in accordance with FNG(LOCAL). The student shall be ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities while the appeal is pending.

The following rules shall apply to the determination of whether an offense has occurred when law enforcement personnel are involved:

- a. When the Dumas ISD conducts an investigation and determines that an offense has been committed by a student without assistance from any law enforcement agency, the district's determination shall be sufficient to support the finding that an offense has occurred.
- b. When the Dumas ISD receives information or assistance from any law enforcement agency, but the district independently verifies the occurrence of an offense, the school's independent verification shall be sufficient to support a finding that an offense has occurred. Any subsequent action by any law enforcement agency is not binding on the school's determination that an offense has occurred.
- c. In the event that Dumas ISD receives information that any law enforcement agency is conducting an investigation into any student regarding the possible occurrence of an offense, or any law enforcement agency files criminal charges against any student regarding the occurrence of an offense, and Dumas ISD does not independently verify whether an offense has occurred, the law enforcement agency's action shall be sufficient to support a finding that an offense has occurred under this policy, subject to the following conditions:
 - i. If the law enforcement agency drops the criminal charges against the students, or declines to file any such charges, the student's activities shall not be sufficient to support a finding that an offense has occurred unless Dumas ISD independently verifies that an offense has occurred as defined in paragraph b. above.
 - ii. In the event that criminal charges filed against a student are not dropped, and the criminal charges result in a guilty verdict, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere, or other similar disposition, the disposition shall be sufficient to support a finding that the offense as determined by Dumas ISD has occurred, regardless of whether the student subsequently receives deferred adjudication, community supervision (probation), or any other similar relief.

Students who violate the terms of a given offense may be subject to the provisions of the next level offense or other disciplinary action as determined appropriate by the administrator in charge.

Students who provide false information or withhold information during the course of an investigation shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the administrator in charge.

The reporting of observed violations of the above policy is an obligation of each staff member and is to be considered a part of each teacher and administrator job description. All incidents shall be reported to the building principal for action. The principal, upon verification, shall notify each sponsor of an extra-curricular activity of the student's name and action taken. The principal is the custodian of records for documented violations of this regulation. This responsibility shall not be delegated.

This regulation applies only to participation in extracurricular activities and no provision herein shall reduce or otherwise change disciplinary actions taken in cases of illegal drug or alcohol use by students during school hours or at school related events.