

STUDENT PERSONNEL  
BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS - ELIGIBILITY RULES

To be eligible to participate and to remain in an extracurricular or a League sponsored activity, students must follow the rules as stated in the Minnesota State High School League "Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin" and the additional Bemidji Area Schools Eligibility Rules. Sponsored activities: Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Danceline, Golf, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling, Softball, Soccer and Cheerleading.

During the calendar year, regardless of the quantity, a student shall not use or have in possession, a beverage containing alcohol; use tobacco; or use or consume, have in possession, buy or sell, or give away marijuana or any substances defined by law as a drug. It is a violation for a student to be in possession of a legally defined drug specifically prescribed for the student's own use by his/her doctor.

Students in attendance at a "kegger," party, night club or in a vehicle where alcohol is present without being accompanied by a parent, will be deemed as being in possession of alcohol. Students in attendance at a "kegger," party, night club or in vehicle where any substance defined by law as a drug is present, will be deemed as being in possession of those substances.

A. Penalties and Recommendations for the Interscholastic Activities:

1. First Violation:

Penalty: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next 21 days of the season in which the student is a participant or for the next three (3) interscholastic contests whichever is greatest. The Chemical Health Facilitator will meet with the student during suspension from activities. During this time the student will be expected to practice.

2. Second Violation:

Penalty: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next 42 days of the season in which the student is a participant or for the next six (6) interscholastic contests whichever is greater. The Chemical Health Facilitator will meet with the student during suspension from activities. During this time the student will be expected to practice. If the penalty is not completed by the end of the season in which the student is participating, the remainder will be served in the next season of participation.

3. Third and Subsequent Violations:

Penalty: After confirmation of the third or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next 12 months following the violation. If after the third or subsequent violations, the student has been assessed to be chemically dependent and the student on his/her own volition completes a chemical dependency program or treatment program, the student may be certified for reinstatement by the athletic

director, in MSHSL activities after a minimum period of six (6) weeks. Such certification must be issued by the director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.

4. Penalties shall be accumulative with the student's first participation at the middle school level.

B. Bemidji School District Eligibility Rules for District Sponsored Extracurricular Activities (Band, Orchestra, Drama, SADD, Peer Helpers and all other extracurricular activities).

Penalties

1. First Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next two (2) consecutive performing events in which the student is a participant. The Chemical Health Facilitator will meet with the student during suspension from activities.
2. Second Violation: After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the next three (3) consecutive events in which the student is a participant. The Chemical Health Facilitator will meet the student during suspension from activities.
3. Third Violation: After confirmation of the third violation or subsequent violations, the student shall lose eligibility for the next 12 months following the violation. If after the third or subsequent violations, the student has been assessed to be chemically dependent and the student on his/her own volition completes a chemical dependency program or treatment program, then the student may be certified for reinstatement. Such certification must be issued by the director or counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center.

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student's Signature