

Substance Abuse Policy

USD #291 & 292 recognize that the use of mood-altering chemicals (alcohol, tobacco, and other non-prescribed controlled drugs) can lead to a significant health problem. Their usage can have negative effects on a person's behavior, learning, development, and relations with other individuals. It is the aim of this policy to eliminate the negative effects of mood-altering chemicals by doing the following:

1. Educate the students on the dangers of using mood-altering chemicals.
2. Identify students that may be having problems as a result of using mood-altering chemicals and refer them to professional help.
3. Discourage the students from using mood-altering chemicals.
4. Keep the students participating in the activities of the school.

In order to accomplish these goals, the following rule has been established.

Rule

During the school year and activity season, the student shall not consume a product containing alcohol or use any form of tobacco product. Students shall not have in their possession, use, buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance defined by law as a drug.

Possession and/or use of an illegal substance on school property will also be referred to the student handbook for consequences.

REPORT OF VIOLATIONS:

Violations may be reported in the following ways:

1. **Self admission by the student.** The student will receive the appropriate penalty.
2. **Violation witnessed by a member of the school faculty or administration, or by any law enforcement officer.** The student will receive the appropriated penalty.
3. **Violation reported by a concerned individual.** The report will be investigated by the school administration and, if confirmed, the student will receive the appropriate penalty.

PENALTIES (student is expected to attend practices during the following)

First Violation: Self Admission

1. The student will have a conference with the parents/guardian and an administrator.
2. The student will receive counseling on substance abuse from the school counselor.
3. The student will correctly complete educational materials assigned by the school administration.
4. The student will successfully complete any extra assignments given by the activity sponsor.
5. The student will be ineligible for participation in school activities for 1 week and until items 1-4 are complete.

First Violation: Other than Self Admission

1. Items 1-4 for first violation of self admission.
2. The student will be ineligible for participation in school activities for a period of 2 weeks.

Second Violation

1. Items 1-4 for first violation of self admission.
2. The student will be ineligible for participation in school activities for a period of four weeks and 10 hours of uncompensated public service has been completed. The public service must be approved by the school administration.

Third Violation

1. The student will be ineligible for participation in all school activities for the remainder of the school year.

ALL VIOLATIONS

The student may not attend any school activities (home or away) until items 1-4 of first violation self-admission are completed.

NOTES

For the purpose of this policy, one week consists of seven consecutive days that must include five school days when classes are held.

Periods of ineligibility will begin with the first activity that the student would be a participant in after the violation has been confirmed by an administrator. Periods of ineligibility will not prohibit the student from participating in practices for an activity. Violations will accumulate throughout the school year and can carry over to a new school year.

**ALL ATHLETIC AND NON-ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES ARE INCLUDED
IN THIS POLICY**

I understand that participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Student athletes are expected to abide by certain standards largely due to their visibility to our school and our community. In addition, activity participation requires students to be physically and emotionally fit. The only way to accomplish this is to remain drug free.

I have read and understand the USD #291 & 292 Substance Abuse Policy and agree to abide by it while I am involved in Thunderhawk Activity Programs. I understand that failure to abide by the said policies will result in the appropriate and outlined penalties covered within this policy.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____
Date

PRINTED NAME

I have read and understand the USD #291 & 292 Substance Abuse Policy.

PARENT(S) GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE _____
Date

This form must be signed and returned to the, activities director, coach or GMS office along with the physical form prior to the athlete participating in practices or competition with outside sources.