

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

The intent of this policy is to encourage all students to recognize the central importance of academic success, citizenship and a healthy lifestyle as prerequisites to extra-curricular participation. Extra-curricular activities are defined in Policy JJ.

Academics

To be eligible to participate in non-curricular extra-curricular activities at Old Town High School, a student must be passing a minimum of five (5) classes (subjects) and failing no more than one class (subject.) Failure of any class for a second consecutive nine-week ranking period during the academic year, regardless of the number of classes carried, shall result in the student being ineligible for participation in non-curricular extra curricular activities for a nine week period.

Eligibility will be determined by the quarter grade. Eligibility will be determined until the next quarter grades are posted. Non-curricular extra-curricular eligibility is determined by the posted grade and in no case, other than computational error, will eligibility status be changed due to “make-up” or “extra-credit” work completed after the posting of grades. An “Incomplete” grade, for purposes of eligibility, shall be considered a failure until the final grade is posted. Any student who is determined ineligible as a result of 4th quarter grades shall be ineligible until the first (1st) quarter grades of the next school year are posted. Any class that is dropped outside of the “add-drop” period shall count as the grade earned at the time the class was dropped for eligibility purposes.

Attendance

In order to participate in an extra-curricular activity, a student must be in attendance all day on the day of the activity unless it is an excused absence. In no case shall a student whose absence is unexcused for any part of the day of the activity be allowed to participate in that day’s activity.

Suspension from school shall render the student ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities during the period of suspension.

Tobacco

The possession and/or use of tobacco products is prohibited by students on school property, in school vehicles and at school sponsored functions on or away from school property. This means no tobacco possession and/or use at any time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by anyone on school property or at any school functions anywhere.

Student offenses may be referred to law enforcement authorities for investigation and/or prosecution. Adjudication for offenses involving tobacco or offenses involving tobacco witnessed by a Regional School Unit #34 staff member at any time, on or off school property shall result in the following consequences:

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Students who violate this policy may be suspended from school and shall be suspended from non-curricular extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the activity or season.

Co-curricular Extra Curricular

For year long co-curricular extra curricular activities, the following consequences would be in place for violations of this policy:

- For the **first** infraction, the student will receive, at a minimum, a four-week suspension from all extracurricular activities.
- For the **second** infraction, the student will receive, at a minimum, an eight-week suspension from all extracurricular activities.
- A **third** infraction will result in the student being suspended from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year.

Upon request, information and assistance shall be available to the student in addressing his/her tobacco use.

Controlled Substances/Drugs/Alcohol

Possession, use or distribution of controlled substances, drugs or alcohol is prohibited by students on school property, in school vehicles and at school sponsored functions on or away from school property. This means no possession, use or distribution of controlled substances/drugs/alcohol at any time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by anyone on school property or at any school functions anywhere. Student offenses may be referred to law enforcement authorities for investigation and/or prosecution. Adjudication for offenses involving controlled substances/drugs/alcohol or offenses involving controlled substances/drugs/alcohol witnessed by a Regional School Unit #34 staff member at any time, on or off school property shall result in the following consequences:

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Upon request, assistance will be provided to the student and their family in addressing controlled substance, drug and alcohol problems. This assistance may include but not be limited to information regarding referral and treatment. In all cases information and assistance shall be provided in a confidential manner.

For the purpose of these rules, a “week” is defined as a week when school is in session or when co-curricular and non-curricular extracurricular activities are scheduled.

These consequences are in addition to any discipline imposed under other applicable Board policies and school rules.

Cross Reference:

JJ – Extra-Curricular Activities

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