

2009-2010 IKM-Manning Community Schools Good Conduct Policy

Student Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities

The Boards of Directors of the IKM and Manning Community School Districts offer a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participating in extracurricular or co-curricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, immoral, unhealthy, or highly inappropriate. Participation in school activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors. The Principal shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule. A student may be legal under the law but in violation of Board policy. The following activities are covered by the board's policy and these rules: Athletics, instrumental and vocal music performances and contests, drama productions, speech contests, FFA, National Honor Society, all cocurricular clubs, all honorary and elected offices (e.g., Homecoming, Winter Dance Royalty, class officer, student government officer or representative), state contests and performances for cheerleading and drill team, or any other activity where the student represents the school outside the classroom. Students will be under the jurisdiction of these rules starting the first school day of their 7th grade year and will remain under them during the school year and summer months until they have completed their grades 7-12 school eligibility.

Good Conduct Rule

To retain eligibility for participation in IKM-Manning extracurricular or cocurricular activities students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to the members of the community. A student will be found to be in violation of the District's Good Conduct Rule if the violation is observed by a staff member or a law enforcement official, the student admits the violation, or the violation is supported by substantial evidence as presented in a judicial or administrative proceeding. Any student who, after a hearing at which the student shall be confronted with the allegation, the basis of the allegation, and given an opportunity to tell the student's side, is found to have violated the school's Good Conduct Rule will be deemed ineligible for a period of time, as described below. Each case will be decided on its merits by the school administration but in no case will the punishment exceed the competition/performance withholding as written in the Penalties portion of this policy.

Behavior

A student may lose eligibility under the Good Conduct Rule for any of the following behaviors:

A possession, consumption, or purchase of tobacco products, regardless of the student's age;

B possession, consumption, or purchase of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine;

C possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of illegal drugs, or the unauthorized possession, use, purchase, or attempted sale/purchase of otherwise lawful drugs;

D engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding minor offenses such as traffic or hunting/fishing, violations), regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s);

E exceedingly inappropriate or offensive conduct such as assaulting staff or students, gross insubordination (talking back or refusing to cooperate with authorities), serious hazing or harassment of others. NOTE: This could include group conduct!

F Students suspended from school, class, or study hall for disciplinary reasons are automatically ineligible during the time of suspension. If the suspension carries through a weekend, the student will be ineligible during that weekend. If a student transfers in from another Iowa school or school district and the student had not yet completed a period of ineligibility for a violation of a Good Conduct Rule in the previous school, the student shall be ineligible if the administration determines that there is general knowledge in our school district of the fact of the student's misconduct or violation in the previous district.

Penalties

Any student who, after a hearing before the administration, is found to have violated the Good Conduct Rule, during the school year or summer, is subject to a loss of eligibility as follows:

First Offense:- The student will be ineligible from competition or performance in any extracurricular or co-curricular activity for a period of four (4) weeks.

Second Offense: - The student will be ineligible from competition or performance in any extracurricular or co-curricular activity for a period of eight (8) weeks.

Third or More Offense: - The student will be ineligible from competition or performance in any extracurricular or co-curricular activity for a period of twelve (12) calendar months.

The period of ineligibility attaches immediately upon a finding of a violation and runs without interruption until completed.(Exception: see **Violations Occurring During Ineligibility**) An ineligible student may attend all practices or rehearsals at the activity director's discretion but may not "suit up" nor perform/participate.