

GOOD CONDUCT RULE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students participating in school activities are expected to demonstrate academic progress throughout the year as well as to adhere to the Good Conduct Rule.

Find below the expectations of the Good Conduct Rule and the Student Eligibility Requirements as found in the Jr./ Sr. High School Student Handbook. Please sign below in recognition of receipt and understanding of these expectations.

Signature: _____
Parent

Date: _____

Signature: _____
Student

Date: _____

WEST BURLINGTON GOOD CONDUCT RULE

The objective of the Good Conduct Rule is to establish and provide for the enforcement of specific standards for all students attending West Burlington High School and not just those who are involved in extracurricular (athletics, etc.) co-curricular activities (band, vocal music, etc.) and school sponsored clubs or organizations. This does not include activities that are not sponsored by the school district. This rule shall govern any and all school sponsored activities/clubs. Even though this covers grades 7-12, students will start with a clean slate on the 4th Monday of May of the 8th grade years as that is when they become eligible for high school sports.

It is the philosophy of the West Burlington Independent School District that participation in extra-curricular and/or co-curricular activities is a privilege to be earned by not only demonstrating a particular talent or ability, but also by demonstrating lawful and reasonable conduct. It is also believed that the attitude and conduct of all students and not just those involved in school activities has an impact on the attitude and conduct of others. This policy shall be in effect the entire calendar year, both during the regular school year as well as all vacation periods.

The Administration may declare a student ineligible whose conduct is contrary to and in violation of the rules and regulations established and made known by the school administration or whose conduct is contrary to or in violation of this policy or any other board policy

The following behaviors or actions by a student may be determined to be in violation of the Good Conduct Rule upon notification by law enforcement of the infraction, by observation of the infraction by school personnel, by student admission of the infraction, or by parental report of the infraction by their student and subsequent investigation by the Administration:

- Possessing, using, selling, or distributing any tobacco or nicotine based product.
- Possessing, using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage.
- Possessing, using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, or being under the influence of any controlled substance, or a "look-alike" substance unless such substance was prescribed for that student by a valid prescription or order of a licensed medical practitioner while acting in the course of his or her duties.
- Possessing, using, selling, manufacturing, distributing, any drug paraphernalia or apparatus used to allow the person using it to be involved with a controlled substance.
- Engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system (excluding curfew, traffic, hunting or fishing offenses) regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted or adjudicated for the act(s).
- Inappropriate or offensive conduct such as fighting, gross insubordination, hazing, or harassment of others including school staff.

If a student transfers in from another Iowa school or school district and the student had not completed a period of ineligibility of a Good Conduct Rule in the previous school, the student shall be ineligible until the terms of the ineligibility imposed by the previous school are met.

First Offense

A student violating the Good Conduct Rule shall be ineligible to participate in 1/5 of the total number of dates scheduled for competition or performance for all activities that the student is engaged in at the time of the infraction. If the student is not engaged in an activity at that time, it will be enforced for the next activity in which the student is engaged. Students engaged in school clubs as well as athletic or co-curricular activities will be ineligible for club activities during this same time frame. Students that do not participate in athletic or co-curricular activities but are in school clubs will be ineligible for club activities for 45 days or a minimum of one activity (whichever is a longer period of time). Students not engaged in athletics, co-curricular activities, or in school clubs will be ineligible for participation in school social functions (dances) for 45 days or a minimum of one activity (whichever is a longer period of time). To complete the restriction for this policy, an ineligible student shall attend all practices/rehearsals but may not "suit-up" or perform/participate and must be under the direct supervision of the coach or sponsor during the suspension. If these conditions are not met, the 45 day or minimum of one activity will go into effect.

Second Offense

A student violating the Good Conduct Rule again within one calendar year of the first offense shall be ineligible to participate in 1/2 of the total number of dates scheduled for competition or performance for all activities that the student is engaged in at the time of the infraction. If the student is not engaged in an activity at that time, it will be enforced for the next activity in which the student is engaged. Students engaged in school clubs as well as athletic or co-curricular activities will be ineligible for club activities during this same time frame. Students that do not participate in athletic or co-curricular activities but are in school clubs will be ineligible for club activities for 90 days or a minimum of two activities (whichever is a longer period of time). Students not engaged in athletics, co-curricular activities, or in school clubs will be ineligible for participation in school social functions (dances) for 90 days or a minimum of two activities (whichever is a longer period of time) and perform 20 hours of community service for the school in order to retain eligibility.

Third Offense

A student violating the Good Conduct Rule again within one calendar year of the second offense shall be ineligible to participate in extracurricular, co-curricular, and school club or organization activities as well as school social functions for one calendar year if any of those offenses were for drugs, alcohol, tobacco, a serious or aggravated misdemeanor or a felony. If none of the violations were for the above, the period of ineligibility will be 6 months.

Reduction in Penalty:

1. Evaluation and treatment: A student who has a second violation of the alcohol or drug provision of the Good Conduct Rule may elect to seek an evaluation and, if recommended, treatment from a recognized substance abuse facility at the student's or student's family expense. If the student seeks the evaluation and agrees to waive confidentiality to allow the evaluating facility to report back to the administration regarding recommendations for treatment or follow-up care, the student's penalty for the second offense may be reduced by one half. This reduction is not available for first or third violations.
2. Admission prior to determination: If a student comes forward to a coach, administrator, or activity sponsor by 8:00am on the next school day following the violation of the Good Conduct Rule during the school year or within 48 hours during vacation times to admit (self-report) a violation of the Good Conduct Rule, the student's penalty may be reduced by one third for a first violation, one fourth for a second violation, or three months for a third violation within the student's high school career.
3. Items 1 and 2 above may not be combined.
4. A student who has been found to have violated one or both of the provisions described above prohibiting conduct that would be grounds for arrest or citation, or conduct that is inappropriate or offensive, may seek to reduce the penalty by entering into a Behavior Agreement. The Agreement shall be in writing and shall include, but not limited to, an oral apology for the student's behavior to affected parties, restitution where appropriate, and a possible presentation before students in the elementary or junior high school regarding the inappropriateness of the student's behavior and the lesson he/she learned from the incident. The degree of reduction of the penalty in such situations shall

rest with the administrator, but in no event shall the reduction exceed one-half of the penalty for 1st or 2nd offenses or one-third of the penalty for a 3rd offense.

Violations Occurring During Ineligibility:

If a student is already ineligible at the time of a violation of the Good Conduct Rule, the penalty for the violation will not begin until the student regains eligibility. Example: If a student who is academically ineligible is found to have been in possession of tobacco which is a Good Conduct Rule violation will have the penalty attached when the student is again academically eligible. Example: A student violates the Good Conduct Rule and is ruled ineligible for three games. While ineligible, the student again violates the rule. The second penalty attaches when the first penalty is completed.

WEST BURLINGTON ELIGIBILITY FOR ACTIVITIES

Students may participate in interscholastic athletics, music, extracurricular drama or speech, and other contests or events approved by the administration subject to the conditions listed below:

1. No student shall participate in athletic/cheerleading practices or events without filing a doctor's certificate of good health and an insurance note with the school office.
2. Any student whose conduct and/or habits while at school, on school grounds, at school sponsored activities or riding in school transportation are such as to make him/her unworthy to represent the ideals, principles, and standards of the school shall be declared ineligible. Any student shall also be declared ineligible if conduct away from the school setting results in the school being officially notified by a law enforcement agency. It shall be the duty of the superintendent or his delegated principal to exclude the student from participating in any of the extracurricular activities until reinstated by the school administration for inappropriate conduct or habits away from the school setting.
3. Academic eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities at West Burlington Arnold Junior/Senior High School is based on the following language for the No Pass/No Play Rule of Iowa Code 36.15 (2) Scholarship Rules:
 - a. All contestants must be enrolled and in good standing in a school that is a member or associate member in good standing of the organization sponsoring the event.
 - b. All contestants must be under 20 years of age.
 - c. All contestants shall be enrolled students of the school in good standing. They shall receive credit in at least four subjects, each of one period or "hour" or the equivalent thereof, at all times.

To qualify under this rule, a subject must meet the requirement of 281- Chapter 12. Coursework taken under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 261C, postsecondary enrollment options, for which a school district or accredited nonpublic school grants academic credit toward high school graduation shall be used in determining eligibility. No student shall be denied ineligibility if the student's school deviates from the traditional two-semester school year. This provision only applies to students enrolled in PSEO courses.

1. **HS STUDENTS** - Each contestant shall be passing all coursework for which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period. Grading period, graduation requirements, and any interim periods of ineligibility are determined by local policy. For purposes of the sub-rule, "grading period" shall mean the period of time at the end of which a student in grades 9 through 12 receives a final grade and course credit is awarded for passing grades.
2. Subject to the provision below regarding contestants in interscholastic sports, if at the end of any grading period a contestant is given a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded, the contestant is ineligible to dress for and compete in the next occurring interscholastic athletic contests and competitions for 30 consecutive calendar days.
 - a. A student with a disability who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student's individualized education program.
 - b. A student who meets all other qualifications may be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for a maximum of twelve (12) consecutive terms, or 4 consecutive years upon

entering the ninth grade for the first time. However, a student who engages in athletics during the summer following eighth grade is also eligible to compete during the summer following twelfth grade. Extenuating circumstances, such as health, may be the basis for an appeal to the executive board which may extend the eligibility of a student when the executive board finds that the interests of a student and interscholastic athletics will be benefited.

- c. A student is academically eligible upon entering the ninth grade. No student shall be eligible to participate in any given interscholastic athletic sport if the student has engaged in that sport professionally.
- d. No student who has been a member of a college squad or who has trained with a college squad or participated in a college contest shall be eligible for any athletic contest.
- e. A student who is eligible at the close of a trimester is academically eligible until the beginning of the subsequent term.
- f. The local superintendent of schools, with the approval of the local board of education, may give permission to a dropout student to participate in athletics upon return to school if the student is otherwise eligible under these rules.

The student must attend all practices and/or rehearsals during the ineligibility period and remain out for the activity the entire length of the activity. The student must be under direct supervision of the coach/sponsor during this period of ineligibility. The student may not "suit up" or perform or participate in any contests or games during the ineligibility period. . If the student does not complete the terms of the ineligibility, it will start over at the start of the next activity the student seeks to participate in.