

# North Lakes Academy

**Policy #: 103**

**Policy Name:** Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

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Revised:

## I. Purpose

The Board of Directors recognizes the valuable role extracurricular activities play in the educational experience of students. The Board also recognizes the need for activities to supplement the students' academic experience and not to distract from academic achievement. Therefore, the Board of Directors establishes this policy on extracurricular eligibility.

## II. Specific Policy Elements

### **GENERAL POLICIES FOR ALL NORTH LAKES ACADEMY EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Participation in an extra-curricular activity at North Lakes Academy is a privilege which carries with it great responsibilities to the school, faculty, community, and student body which the student represents. Therefore, in addition to rules of the Minnesota State High School League, the following rules regarding the use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other drugs as well as academic requirements are deemed necessary to maintain that responsibility. (THESE POLICIES ARE IN PLACE FOR THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR, INCLUDING THE SUMMER MONTHS.)

1. Students in grades 7 – 12 participating in athletics and non-athletic activities/clubs will have their eligibility determined by this policy.
2. All coaches and supervisors will receive lists of students who are on academic probation and who are ineligible to participate in activities. This list will be updated at each grade check.
3. Students must be in school the full school day or receive written permission from the building principal to be eligible to participate that day in practice or competition.
4. Absences to practices and contests due to personal reasons will be handled by each coach according to pre-established team rules and guidelines.

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

**COMPETITIVE EVENTS (CATEGORY I AND II):** Students must meet all eligibility (age, amateur status, enrollment and grade level) requirements set forth in the By-Laws (100 and 200) of the Minnesota State High School League ([www.mshsl.org](http://www.mshsl.org))

AND

Have received no D or F grades on their last progress report (watch list, mid-term, or semester)

AND

Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average

**ADDITIONALLY,** students and parents must sign the MSHSL brochure Statement of Eligibility in order to participate in competitive events

**CLUBS AND OTHER NON-COMPETITIVE ACTIVITIES:** Students must be currently enrolled at NLA or have permission of the director in order to participate

AND

Have received no D or F grades on their last progress report (watch list, mid-term, or semester)

AND

Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average

## ***LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY***

1) The penalty for failure to meet these guidelines during the semester is ineligibility for all activities (practices and contests) until the academic guidelines have been met.

2) Students who receive a D or F grade at the semester will be placed on a period of academic probation of two weeks or one event, whichever is longer.

- During probation students may practice with the team, but not participate in events. At the end of academic probation, the student's grades will be checked before full reinstatement to the team.
- If, at the end of academic probation, the student's grades fail to meet the academic guidelines, the student becomes ineligible for all activities (practices and contests) until the academic guidelines have been met.

## **CHEMICAL/ BEHAVIORAL ELIGIBILITY**

### ***TOBACCO***

A student shall not use or have in possession tobacco, which includes chewing tobacco and other tobacco products. Students who violate this will be suspended from participation in any school activity for the time as specified below.

### ***ALCOHOL***

A student shall not consume, possess, or be in the presence of others who are consuming a beverage, regardless of quantity, containing alcohol. A student may attend activities where alcoholic beverages are present, if accompanied and supervised by his/her parent/guardian, but the student shall not consume or possess alcoholic beverages regardless of quantity. Doubt about attendance at any event should be resolved by contacting the principal, or athletic director in advance. Students who violate this rule shall be suspended from participation in all school-sponsored activities for the time specified below.

### ***DRUGS***

A student shall not use, consume, possess, buy, sell, give away or be in the presence of others who are using, consuming, possessing, buying, selling, or giving away any drugs, including marijuana, regardless of quantity. "Drugs" as used in the rule include any controlled substance as defined by Minnesota Law. Use and possession of prescription drugs currently prescribed for the student's own use shall be permitted. Students who violate this rule shall be suspended from participation in all school-sponsored activities for the time specified below.

### ***BEHAVIOR***

North Lakes Academy is committed to its philosophy that "All behavior will contribute in a positive manner to our learning community." A student shall not display behaviors in school that would lead to suspension. Additionally, students who are chronically asked to leave the classroom may be subject to penalties described below. Students who violate this rule shall be suspended from participation in all school-sponsored activities for the time specified below.

## ***LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY***

***CATEGORY I ACTIVITIES*** are those activities which are sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League and have a schedule of interscholastic events, exclusive of *league*-sponsored tournaments.

***1. FIRST VIOLATION:*** The student will lose eligibility (practices and competition) for 30% of regular season scheduled games or 2 weeks whichever is greater.

- ex: Soccer:  $12 \text{ games} \times 30\% = 4 \text{ games}$
- ex: Basketball:  $20 \text{ games} \times 30\% = 6 \text{ games}$

***2. SECOND VIOLATION:*** The student will lose eligibility for 50% of regular season scheduled games or 4 weeks whichever is greater.

- ex: Soccer:  $12 \text{ games} \times 50\% = 6 \text{ games}$

- b. ex: Basketball 20 games x 50% = 10 games

**3. THIRD VIOLATION:** Student will lose eligibility for 1 calendar year.

**4. ADDITIONALLY:**

- a. A student who becomes a participant in a treatment program may become eligible for extra-curricular participation after a minimum period of 12 weeks after entering treatment if all the following conditions are met:
  - i. The student is assessed as chemically dependent,
  - ii. Enters treatment voluntarily, and
  - iii. The director of the treatment center certifies that the student has successfully completed the treatment program.
- b. Denial Disqualification: A student shall be disqualified from all inter-scholastic athletics for nine (9) additional weeks beyond the student's original period of ineligibility when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation.
- c. Penalties will be enforced consecutively and applied beginning with the first violation.
- d. If a violation occurs at the end of a season,
  - i. playoff games will be counted
  - ii. the violation will carry over to the next co-curricular season.

**CATEGORY II and NON-COMPETITIVE CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS** are those activities that do not have a schedule of interscholastic events, exclusive of league-sponsored tournaments. Examples of these are: music, drama, visual art, chess club, student council, organizations, etc.

- 1. **FIRST VIOLATION:** Loss of eligibility for the next ONE (1) CATEGORY II event or TWO (2) weeks, whichever is greater, with a maximum of TWO (2) events.
- 2. **SECOND VIOLATION:** Loss of eligibility for the next TWO (2) CATEGORY II events or SIX (6) weeks, whichever is greater.
- 3. **THIRD VIOLATION:** Loss of eligibility for the next FOUR (4) CATEGORY II events or TWELVE (12) weeks, whichever is greater.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- 1. **"POSSESSION"** is defined as a student willingly and knowingly possessing a beverage containing alcohol or having drugs or tobacco on the student's person. This shall include but not be limited to the following situations: marijuana, drugs, tobacco (which includes chewing tobacco and other tobacco products), alcohol in an automobile, on the students' person, at a private gathering of students, attending a party at a bar, nightclub, tavern, etc.
- 2. **"IN THE PRESENCE"** is defined as a student willingly and knowingly remaining in the presence of others who are consuming or using alcohol, marijuana, drugs, liquor, or alcohol in an automobile, on the students' person, at a private gathering of students, attending a party at a bar, night club, tavern, etc. other than when accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian
- 3. **"SCHOOL ACTIVITY"** is defined as any event which is extra-curricular in nature.
- 4. **"TIME OF ENFORCEMENT"** is a full calendar year, including the summer months.
- 5. **"ELIGIBILITY"** includes all school sponsored practices and competitions.

**III. Special Reporting Requirements**

None

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**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and understood the above rules. As parents, we will enforce these rules and notify the school of any known violation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent or Guardian Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Student Signature*

**EMERGENCY FORM**

My child has my permission to accompany all North Lakes Academy sponsored athletic and/or fine arts activities to all extracurricular events. I hereby grant permission for the coach or supervisor to seek help (doctor, hospital, etc.) in case my child needs emergency treatment at any (in-town or out-of-town) game or event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

**WAIVER OF INSURANCE**

I understand that North Lakes Academy does not carry medical insurance for students. Medical bills resulting from participation in school activities are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent or Guardian*

**EQUIPMENT RESPONSIBILITY**

I, the under-signed, will be responsible for proper treatment and security of equipment assigned to me and for its return to the advisor after its use. I will also be liable for any loss.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of PARTICIPANT (student)*

**RELEASE OF GPA**

I hereby give permission to North Lakes Academy to release my child's grade point average for the purpose of academic honors.

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*Signature of Parent or Guardian*