

Dare County Schools

Discipline Procedures for Student-Athletes

The administration, teachers, and coaches of Dare County Schools encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities. It is our goal to have quality athletic teams who respect themselves and those around them. We believe that team loyalty and unity contribute to success. A student-athlete is a student first and an athlete second. Academic success is the ultimate goal.

The following is an outline of actions that will be taken if student-athletes fail to conduct themselves in a positive manner. Additional discipline may be given depending on the circumstances. It also should be understood that individual coaches may have additional rules that the student-athletes will be required to follow or be dismissed from the team.

Eligibility

Any student who wishes to participate in athletics must meet the requirements of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association – see NCHSAA Handbook.

Behavior

Student-athletes are expected to attend class, be punctual, and behave in an appropriate manner. Disruptive behavior will result in disciplinary action. A student-athlete who receives In-School Suspension, Out-of-School Suspension, or who is assigned to the Step-Up Program will not be allowed to participate in practice or contests/games on days they are serving their suspension or in the Step-Up Program.

Travel

A student-athlete's appearance is indicative of his/her self-respect and affects the impression others have of the student-athlete, -teammates, and the school they represent. Our goal is to present a good "team impression" to the general public and peers. Student-athletes are required to travel to contests/games with the team. Under extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the principal, a student-athlete may be permitted to ride to a game with a parent/guardian if a written request from the parent/guardian is approved in advance by the principal. Student-athletes may travel home with their parents upon parental notification to the coach. Student-athletes may travel home with another parent by providing a parental note to the coach before the bus departs for the game. While traveling to and from contests/games, student-athletes must comply with expected standards of behavior.

Smoking

Use of tobacco products is a violation of state law and Dare County Board Policy. Dare County School Board policy will be followed when applicable.

Alcohol/Drugs

Any student-athlete who is found to be using, possessing, transmitting or selling alcohol or any other illicit drug at any time and any place will be subject to dismissal from the team or other sanction. The student also may be suspended from school per Dare County School Board policy when applicable. Student-athletes are subject to random drug testing and the procedure and discipline measures described in Policy 4326.

Arrests (including receiving a ticket or being charged, in criminal court or in a juvenile delinquency proceeding)

Misdemeanor Arrests

Any student-athlete who is arrested (ticketed, charged) for any misdemeanor (other than minor traffic violations or vehicle-related offenses, hunting and fishing violations) for conduct at any time and any place must report such arrest to his/her coach and principal immediately, and shall be suspended from participation in athletic contests. Upon disposition of the charge, it will be determined whether further discipline is warranted. Below is a chart which states the minimum number of athletic contests for which

