

Coquille School District 8

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Policy and Rules for Student Participation in All Extracurricular Activities

It is the philosophy of Coquille School District #8 that participation in extracurricular activities is an integral part of a student's total educational experience. Our extracurricular program will teach our students an understanding of sportsmanship, leadership, self-discipline, emotional control, physical well-being and teamwork. We believe it is a privilege to be a member of an extracurricular activity and acceptance of this privilege obligates the individual to a high standard of citizenship.

Each student participating in athletics is expected to uphold the philosophy of competitive athletics which must deal with the concept of winning, for by definition, competition implies winning. Competitive athletics by their very nature require that winning be a prime goal, for without all contestants striving to win and placing great effort on doing so, competition would not exist. Therefore, we feel that winning must be emphasized to give validity to the concept of competitive athletics. Each student-athlete will be subject to district extracurricular guidelines.

The following rules and regulations are set down to be followed by all students of Coquille schools who may try out for or become a member of any extracurricular activity or sport. This policy applies to all students at any time during the school year or when the season officially begins under the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) guidelines.

Extracurricular activities regulated by the following guidelines include, but are not limited to:

AFS	Dance Team	Golf	Student Council Officers
Baseball	Model UN	Band	Softball
Basketball	Equestrian	Key Club	Track
Cheerleaders	Soccer	NHS	Volleyball
Cross Country	Football	Rally	Wrestling

1. Students shall meet all OSAA and Coquille School District requirements for participation.
2. Students shall not:
 - a. Illegally partake of, possess or sell any alcoholic beverages, marijuana or any form of narcotics or drugs not prescribed by a licensed physician;
 - b. Have in their possession on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity any illegal drug paraphernalia, such as bong, pot pipes or other items that are drug related or for drug use;
 - c. Be in attendance at any activity where the illegal use of any alcoholic beverages, marijuana or any other form of narcotics or drugs not prescribed by a licensed physician takes place;
 - d. Smoke, chew or possess tobacco;
 - e. Commit an offense which, if an adult, would be deemed a crime;
 - f. Shoplift.

3. Information on any of the above infractions will result in an investigation. The investigation will be conducted by the chief disciplinary officer of the school or his/her designee. Duration of the investigation will be limited to 10 school attendance days from the time the school officials first learned of the infraction. In case of criminal offenses, the chief disciplinary officer may, at his/her discretion, wait until after a legal decision is rendered to proceed with steps 4. and 5. below.
4. If the chief disciplinary officer determines reasonable cause exists that the student has violated any of these provisions, he/she will be temporarily suspended from all extracurricular activities. The chief disciplinary officer will give written notification to the student and parents of a date and time to appear before him/her and show cause, if any, why the student should not be disciplined, as provided herein. The student may present evidence at such hearing or be represented by counsel. The officer shall make known his/her findings, but need not divulge student sources or call witnesses unless he/she chooses to do so.
5. If the chief disciplinary officer determines reasonable cause exists that an offense has been committed, the student will be suspended for a period of nine weeks from the date of the decision. Based on a recommendation from the coach or adviser of the activity, the individual may be permitted to practice with the squad or organization after the end of the second week of suspension. After the fifth week of suspension, the case may be reopened for review by written request from the student. This chief disciplinary officer will conduct this review. Based on conduct of the student during the first five weeks, he/she may be reinstated on probation for the remainder of the grading period.

When the offense involves the use, possession or distribution of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco, the student may be reinstated after five weeks provided he/she agrees to:

- a. Complete a drug/alcohol assessment and subsequent follow up or be subject to suspension for the remainder of the school year;
- b. Sign a release of information allowing the assessor and the school official to exchange information regarding student behavior;
- c. Work in cooperation with the school to follow through with the recommendations of the assessment;
- d. Enroll in an educational class on substance use and abuse.

The cost of the assessment, counseling class and any follow up is the responsibility of the student and the parent.

A second infraction of the code of conduct during the school year will result in the student losing all extracurricular participation privileges for the remainder of the school year.

6. In case of suspension for any of the above reasons, the student and parents retain the right to appeal to the superintendent in writing for a review of the case, stating why the lower decision was erroneous. This appeal shall be limited to the written record of the case.
7. Three unexcused absences from meetings or practices are cause for dismissal. One unexcused

absence from a scheduled game, meet, contest or special activity is cause for dismissal from the squad or team for the remainder of the season.

8. A student suspended from riding the school bus will not be allowed to travel or participate in any activities which require busing during the length of the suspension:
 - Three bus violations may result in a one-week suspension;
 - Four bus violations may result in a two-week suspension;
 - Further bus violations may result in a five-week expulsion.
9. Coaches and advisers have permission to formulate reasonable, additional rules for their particular sport or activity with prior approval from the administration.
10. Transportation to and from activities and games:
 - a. All members of activities including athletic players and managers must ride to events in transportation provided for or arranged by the school and will return home by the same means. A student may be permitted to ride home with his/her parents or guardians provided that the parents or guardians accept responsibility in person for their child as soon as the activity or athletic event is over;
 - b. If a member of an activity, player or manager wishes to stay overnight, proceed to a different destination or return home by means other than school-arranged transportation, the parents or guardians must write a note and/or see the coach or adviser personally in advance of the event. The note should specify that the parents are accepting responsibility for their child as soon as the activity or athletic event is over.
11. No student shall participate in any athletic event, practice or other activity unless he/she has been in school for the full day immediately preceding that event. This excludes a dental or doctor appointment (providing the student is pronounced physically fit to participate) and certain extenuating circumstances approved by the principal or vice principal. A violation of this rule will result in suspension of the student in the next scheduled practice, contest or activity following discovery of the violation.
12. Areas of specific conduct and/or personal appearance and grooming unique to each organization will be determined by those organizations and presented to their membership. Generally speaking, any behavior that is deemed unacceptable by the coach, sponsor and/or chaperon may result in disciplinary action.
13. Each student participating in interscholastic activities will be required to have on file a statement from a doctor specifying his/her physical fitness.
14. Insurance will be made available at the school. This insurance is voluntary. Students participating in sports must carry insurance or the school must receive a statement from the parents/guardians that the participants are otherwise covered and the parents/guardians assume full responsibility.

15. The above policy is to be read to each organization annually at the beginning of the activity and will be conspicuously posted in areas frequented by students in these activities. It shall be the responsibility of each student who participates in any extracurricular activity to be familiar with the policy.
16. When any student is disciplined for violations of this policy, section 2, the student will be excluded from the following list of activities during the period of suspension:

Athletics

1. Participation in any extracurricular activities;
2. Wearing of the team uniform;
3. Sitting on the bench with the team;
4. Travel with the team;
5. Keeping stats, records, etc.;
6. Eligibility for end of the season honors including:
 - a. Public recognition on Senior Night;
 - b. Selection to special team honors or awards;
 - c. Nomination to league all-star awards;
 - d. Granting of athletic letters.
7. Practice with team for first two weeks of suspension.

Other Student Body Activities

1. Performance of duties of any office the student may hold;
2. Participation in any special group activity;
3. Recognition for any singular recognition or honor;
4. Other specific sanctions that any organization identifies in their rules.

Athletic Academic Eligibility Requirements

It is the intent of the Coquille School District that each of its students earns and receives a high school diploma. While our District does provide an athletic program, our foremost mission is to educate our students. Academics must come before athletics. After all, the participants are “student athletes”.

Therefore, to be eligible to participate in the athletic program of the Coquille School District, each student shall meet the following requirements:

1. To graduate, each student must have 72 credits. On the trimester schedule, to stay on track for graduation, each student must pass six classes. A “D” is a passing grade. To be eligible for athletics, each student must pass a minimum of six classes each trimester. For those students who have earned more credits than necessary to graduate and are taking six or less classes a trimester, the student may participate if the student meets OSAA standards.
2. If the student does not meet standards for paragraph 1, the student may be allowed to participate under conditional eligibility.

To obtain conditional eligibility the student must apply each week of the following trimester for such eligibility. Eligibility will be granted for a seven-day period (Wednesday to Wednesday). On each Wednesday at or before 4 PM, the student may apply for another seven day period of eligibility. If the student fails to timely apply, the student will be denied eligibility for the next seven-day period. Upon application, the athletic director will review the student’s grades and verified study hours to determine eligibility for the following seven day period. The process will continue for the trimester in question.

In order to remain eligible, the student must meet the following conditions during each seven day period the student is seeking conditional eligibility.

1. The students current grades meet the District’s standards set forth above in # 1; and
2. The student has spent three verified hours in study time during the seven-day period immediately prior to the application being submitted.

In order to remain eligible during winter or spring breaks, the student athletes must meet the District’s requirements on the Wednesday prior to the break.

The application for eligibility will include submission of current progress/PASS report and verification of study hours.

3. As OSAA standards do not apply to middle school sports, each middle school student athlete will be required to pass all classes each trimester. The student may seek conditional eligibility if the middle school student fails one or more classes.
4. Successfully completed summer classes or recognized correspondence courses (as set forth in the Correspondence Course Policy of the District) may be used for reinstatement.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
ORS 339.240
ORS.339.250
[OAR 581-021-0050 to 0075](#)
[OAR 581-022-1680](#)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988).
Bethel School District No. 403 v Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986).
Havercamp v. Unified School District No. 380, 689 F Supp. 1055 (D. Kan. 1986); aff'd _F.2d_(10th Cir. 1987).
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Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. Sections 4071-4074.
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1681-1683; 34 CFR Par 106 (2000).