

School-Sponsored Activities

I. St. Cloud Area School District 742 endorses the Minnesota State High School League's position on the use/abuse of mood-altering chemicals. Prior to participation in school sponsored activities, students and parents will be notified of the school's policy and of the consequences associated with the use of mood-altering chemicals. Penalties will be accumulative beginning with and throughout the student's participation in junior high and senior high activities. All activities not covered under MSHSL activities at the senior high level will be treated as Type II activity. (Type II activities do not have a regular season schedule of contests, i.e., fine arts, music, speech, etc.) Type II infractions will be referred to the Building Placement Unit for disposition. Students participating in activity programs must follow all school rules and regulations, along with the regulations listed below:

A. Minnesota State High School League Activities

Apollo and Technical High Schools are members of the Minnesota State High School League. The Minnesota State High School League promotes, manages, and administers activities on a competitive basis at the District, regional, and state levels in the fields of athletics, speech, music, and dramatics.

1. All school activities that are governed by the Minnesota State High School League will follow rules and regulations established by the League. (Dance lines fall under these guidelines.)
2. The school will provide information sessions on League rules. Each activity participant is required to attend such sessions and his/her parents are encouraged to attend. Both the student and his/her parents are required to sign the League eligibility form.
3. A student suspended from school may not participate or practice in a League activity during the time of suspension.
4. On the day of competition in a League activity, the student must be in school the last half of the day. (This rule applies to students who were ill or did not have an approved absence prior to that day from school.)

B. Minnesota State High School League Individual Coach/Activity Director Regulations

1. Each coach or director of a League activity must follow the Minnesota State High School League's penalty for alcohol, tobacco, and controlled substance. Individual schools and/or coaches cannot impose more severe consequences for a participant and/or team.
2. Each coach or director of a League activity has the right to establish additional rules that are fair and equitable for all participants. These additional rules pertain only during the activity season and will not be in conflict with League and/or District approved discipline policies.

C. School Activities - Non-League Related

Apollo and Technical High Schools have activity programs that are not regulated by the Minnesota State High School League. A partial list of those clubs and activities may be found in the student handbook.

1. Students who participate in school activities that are not under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota State High School League rules must comply with the School District 742 student disciplinary policies while under school supervision.
2. Students participating in school sponsored events or attending as a spectator can be removed and/or restricted from further attendance at such functions if their behavior is serious enough to warrant such action.
3. Students suspended, excluded, or expelled from school may not participate in activity programs as an active member. Students may be requested not to participate as a spectator if the reason for suspension or expulsion in the opinion of the high school is serious enough to warrant such exclusion.

D. Directors and advisors of activities will be responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of these guidelines for their respective activities.

II. The Board of Education recognizes that parents and students have the right to be informed of the rules and regulations of the Minnesota State High School League in their respective high schools and infractions resulting therefrom.

A. Suspension Procedure from a Minnesota State High School League Activity

1. In all suspensions for more than one day which are a result of violation of Minnesota State High School League rules, the parents and students will be informed by certified mail by the principal or activities director of the following:
 - a. the reason for suspension.
 - b. facts relating to the suspension.
 - c. the length of suspension.
2. In suspension of one day or less, an attempt to contact the student's parents will be made by the school.
3. A copy of all written notices of suspension will be forwarded to the school Building Placement Unit by the Activities Director.

B. Suspension Procedure from Activities Non-League Related

1. In all suspensions for more than one day from a non-league activity, the parents and students will be informed by certified mail by the principal or activities director of the following:
 - a. the reason for the suspension.
 - b. facts relating to the suspension.
 - c. the length of the suspension.
2. In all suspensions of one day or less, an attempt to contact the student's parents will be made by the school.
3. The school Building Placement Unit will be notified by school personnel of any violation of a mood altering chemical violation. It will be the decision of the school Building Placement Unit to determine the consequences.

III. Appeal Procedure - High School League Activities and/or Non-High School League Activities

- A. A student suspended from an activity and/or parent may request, in writing, within one week of notification of suspension, the Building Placement Unit to review the decision.
- B. Appeal of the Building Placement Unit will be handled by the District Secondary Placement Unit. The student and/or parent has one week after notification of the Building Placement Unit's decision to request the District Secondary Placement Unit to review the decision.

C. Appeal of Secondary Placement Unit Decisions:

1. All appeals of decisions made by the Secondary Placement Unit should be made to the Superintendent.
2. The Superintendent, upon consultation with the Chairperson of the Secondary Placement Unit, will make a decision on the appeal and notify the parent/guardian.
3. Parents of handicapped students may choose to go directly to a conciliation conference or a due process hearing.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities)

Cross References: Board Policy 503 (Student Attendance)
Board Policy 506 (Student Discipline)

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