

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AGREEMENT

ATCHISON COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 377 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUBSTANCE ABUSE GUIDELINES

Atchison County Schools believe that school activities are a positive influence for students and the community. The expectation for all of our students is to be lawful in the conduct of their daily lives. Students who voluntarily represent Atchison County Schools in various activities are held to a high standard of conduct. The *Extra-Curricular Activities Substance Abuse Guidelines* reinforce the expectation of good conduct and positive representation of the District by students who participate in the District's activity programs.

Participation in extra-curricular activities as defined by KSHSAA in the Atchison County Unified School District No. 377 is a privilege. This privilege is available to a student for as long as the student complies with District policies, Kansas State High School Athletic Association (KSHSAA) policies and coach/sponsor rules. Failure to comply with any of the guidelines will result in suspension of the privilege of participating in extra-curricular activities. These guidelines are an extension of the District's substance abuse policy as well as the KSHSAA policy concerning the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.

Under these guidelines, an *offense* shall mean the use, possession, disbursement, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, or any illegal drugs, by an Atchison County student activities participant. School administration shall investigate a credible report made by an adult that is submitted in writing and signed. The report must include documentation that a report was made to a law enforcement official. Any student suspected of an offense shall be notified of the suspected offense and due process will be afforded to the student. The parent/guardian will also be notified. As an extension of the District's disciplinary policies, any offense at school or at a school-sponsored activity will also result in appropriate District/school disciplinary action. Appeals may be pursued through established school disciplinary policies. Activity suspensions may carry over from one season to the next and/or from one school year to the next.

Before a high school student may participate in extra-curricular activities, the student must sign the form below indicating that he/she has read and understands the substance abuse guidelines.

First Offense (All Apply)

- A. Suspension from participation in extra-curricular activities for **20 school days**; and
- B. A conference with the participant, school administrator, coach/sponsor, and parents before reinstatement; and
- C. Fulfillment of any additional responsibilities required by the coach/sponsor and approved by the principal before reinstatement;

Second Offense (All Apply)

- A. Suspension from participation in extra-curricular activities for **80 school days**; and
- B. A conference with the participant, school administrator, coach/sponsor, and parents before reinstatement; and
- C. Fulfillment of any additional responsibilities required by the coach/sponsor and approved by the principal before reinstatement;

Third Offense (All Apply)

- A. Suspension from participation in extra-curricular activities for **180 school days**; and
- B. A conference with the participant, school administrator, coach/sponsor, and parents before reinstatement; and
- C. Fulfillment of any additional responsibilities required by the coach/sponsor and approved by the principal before reinstatement.

The district hires coaches/sponsors to manage their activities. Coaches may have stricter rules than what is provided by these guidelines. If a coach or sponsor has stricter rules, those rules shall be provided to the student and parent by the coach in writing and returned to the coach signed by the parent prior to the start of the activity. The substance abuse guidelines provide a baseline standard to which all extra-curricular programs will adhere. Coaches may go above and beyond these guidelines with full support from the administration and Board of Education. Students are expected to follow all written rules of the team activity in which they are involved.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date