

McNairy County Board of Education

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ATHLETIC PROGRAM

No athlete shall at any time possess, use, sell, purchase, barter, transmit or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or any other controlled substance, any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor, counterfeit drug, drug paraphernalia, or any other chemicals or product with the intention of bringing about a state of exhilaration or euphoria or of otherwise altering the student's mood or behavior. Counterfeit drugs include any substance represented to be or substantially similar in color, shape, size or markings to a controlled substance.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

FIRST OFFENSE

1. Meeting with team coach, athletic director, athlete and parents.
2. Disciplinary action to be determined by the team coach and approved by the principal/designee
3. Ten hours of public service work.
4. The principal/designee may require professional assessment and, if deemed necessary, treatment. All expenses to be the responsibility of the athlete.

SECOND OFFENSE

1. Meeting with team coach, athlete director, athlete and parents.
2. Fourteen day suspension from athletic competition - not to exceed five (5) games.
3. The principal/designee shall require on a case-by-case basis professional assessment and, if deemed necessary, treatment. All expenses to be the responsibility of the athlete.
4. These steps do not in any way limit the right of the team coach to take additional disciplinary actions as deemed appropriate by the team coach and approved by the principal/designee.

THIRD OFFENSE

1. Immediate suspension from participation in all school sponsored athletic activities for the remainder of the school year.
2. Referral for professional assistance. All costs to be paid by athlete.
3. Athletic participation in subsequent years to be determined by the principal/designee after a meeting including the principal, athletic director, team coach, athletic director, athlete and parents.

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EXCEPTIONS

An athlete who refers himself/herself or is referred by a teammate, parent or friend (first offense only) will be required to do the following:

- 1. Meeting with team coach, athletic director, athlete and parents.
- 2. Five hours of public service work.

SEVERE CLAUSE

A violation of this policy involving Schedule I, II, III, or IV drugs shall result in immediate third offense disciplinary procedures.

Legal Reference:

- 1. *Vernonia School District v. Acton*; 115 S. Ct.2386 (1995), 101 Educ. L. Rep. 37