

GOOD CONDUCT RULE

I. DEFINITIONS:

1. The term "student activity" will apply to all cocurricular (classroom-related) and extracurricular (outside the classroom) student activities now operating or which may be implemented after this policy is in effect.
2. The term "activity advisor" will apply to any employee of the Mason City Community School District who is assigned the responsibility for coaching, directing, or advising a student activity for students.
3. The term "days" will mean calendar days.
4. The term "student" will refer to any male or female person, grades 6-12, who is enrolled with the Mason City School System. A male or female person electing to participate in a student activity during the summer, following his/her graduation from Mason City High School, will also be considered a "student" for purposes of interpreting this policy. Students who are residents of other school districts who elect to participate in activities (open enrollees or shared programs) are also covered by this policy.

II. POLICY:

The Mason City Community School District encourages students to participate in activities because of the benefits derived. It will be the policy of this district that student participation in student activities is a privilege rather than a right. Students who elect to participate in student activities will be expected to exemplify high standards of behavior.

Students whose actions or conduct are detrimental to either the school or its programs may be declared ineligible. Specific, written notice will be provided in such cases. In addition, a student who violates the Good Conduct Rule as described below may also be declared ineligible.

- a. Involvement in illegal activities.
- b. Use or wrongful possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or tobacco products, or any controlled substance while enrolled as a student in the Mason City Community School District.
- c. All conduct contrary to the student good conduct code. This includes unsportsmanlike behavior as a spectator or a participant in a school-related activity, or actions which result in a meritorious third party complaint made against the school.
- d. Being convicted of an indictable misdemeanor or felony.

In administering this policy, appeal procedures will be followed as described in the accompanying administrative rules. Students appealing the Good Conduct Policy ineligibility may do so by following Administrative Regulation 503.4R1, Section III - Appeal Procedures. Students appealing ineligibility imposed administratively (detrimental acts or conduct) may appeal by following Section III. Appeal Procedures, paragraph 7.

III. NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee(s) will be responsible for organizing procedures for providing adequate notice to students and parents/guardians about this policy and the Administrative Regulations.

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Legal Reference: Bunger v. Iowa High School Athletic Assn., 197 N.W.2d 555 (Iowa 1972).
In re Jason Clark, 1 D.P.I. App. Dec. 167 (1978).
Iowa Code §§ 280.13, .13A (2009).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(6); 36.15(1).

Cross Reference: 502 Student Rights and Responsibilities
503 Student Discipline
504 Student Activities

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