

Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities

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The School Board recognizes the importance of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in student life and that they are an integral part of high school life. Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities require as much careful planning and supervision as academic subjects, and while extra-curricular activities provide an opportunity for student to develop other skills and knowledge outside the classroom, they are a supplement to, and do not take precedence over academics. Extra-curricular and co-curricular activities are also a privilege and in order for students to participate they are expected to be good citizens in their school community.

Supervision:

All activities conducted in the name of the Portsmouth School Department shall be under the general supervision of school authorities and student participants are subject to the discipline policies of the School Board.

Eligibility:

High School students will be required to meet academic standards established by this policy for participation in extra-curricular activities as follows:

Student participants shall maintain good citizenship.

Student participants must be passing all classes in which they are enrolled and have no more than one grade of D based upon the latest term grades.

In the case of all extra-curricular activities, unless otherwise mandated by New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) for athletics, students academically ineligible due to grades from the latest quarter may regain eligibility based upon a progress report that meets the eligibility standards.

All extra-curricular activities will be open to all students with open tryouts.

Intramural sports shall be encouraged so that all students may have the opportunity to participate.

Ineligibility from Participation:

Portsmouth High School students who violate Federal, State or Municipal statutes and ordinances or Portsmouth School Board policies may be determined ineligible from participation in extra-curricular activities. Violations will be considered as of the first date of enrollment at Portsmouth High School or the first date of participation in the extracurricular activity, whichever occurs first, through graduation or discontinued enrollment.

Prior to a student becoming ineligible from participation, the matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. The Committee shall consider violations as follows:

Disciplinary Committee:

The Disciplinary Committee will review any violation of that might result in a student being determined ineligible from participation in extracurricular activities. The Committee will be chaired by the Principal of the High School, or the Principal's designee. The remainder of the Committee shall consist of the following individuals:

In the case of athletics:

Athletic Director

Designated Head Coach, selected by the Principal for a one year term

In case of non-athletic clubs and extra-curricular activities:

A designated faculty advisor for non-athletic clubs and extracurricular activities, selected by the Principal for a one-year term

A designated member of the faculty from co-curricular activities selected by the principal for a one year term.

A quorum shall consist of two members.

The Committee is free to consider input from the student or his/her representative, the student's coach or faculty advisory, assistants or team captains in the case of athletics, or any other source the Committee deems appropriate.

A student may waive his/her opportunity to appear before the Disciplinary Committee, but in waiving this right, they are subject to the determination made by the Committee.

First Offense – Extracurricular activities:

Students found to have consumed alcohol, been determined to have internal possession of alcohol or in the possession of alcohol shall be ineligible for 50% (fifty percent) of regular season and tournament games.

Students found to have hosted a party or event for the consumption of alcohol or drugs or who have been found to be in the possession of drugs or under the influence of drugs shall be ineligible for 75% (seventy-five percent) of regular season and tournament games.

Students found to have violated other school rules shall be determined to be ineligible for up to three regular season and tournament games. Students completing 10 (ten) hours of community service may have a reduction of their suspension by one game. All community services shall be preapproved by the Disciplinary Committee and completion documented in writing.

Students participating in sports or activities that have 8 or more games or performances may have an additional reduction in their determination of ineligibility upon attendance at a session with the Student Counseling Services Alcohol/Drug counselor as part of a restorative path of a reduction of their suspension by one game.

First Offense – Co-curricular activities:

Although band, percussion and chorus are co-curricular activities, they are subject to this policy. Students may be determined to be ineligible from participation in performances. Students may not have their grades affected if they are ineligible for performances. The director of the activity shall determine the alternative to performance to be included in the grading process.

Students found to have consumed alcohol, been determined to have internal possession of alcohol or in the possession of alcohol shall be ineligible for 50% (fifty percent) of regular season and competition performances.

Students found to have hosted a party or event for the consumption of alcohol or drugs or who have been found to be in the possession of drugs or under the influence of drugs shall be ineligible for 75% (seventy-five percent) of regular season and competition performances. Students found to have violated other school rules shall be determined to be ineligible for up to three regular season and competition performances.

Students may have a one performance reduction in their determination of ineligibility upon completion of 10 (ten) hours of community service. All community services shall be preapproved by the Disciplinary Committee and completion documented in writing.

Second Offense- Extracurricular activities:

If the student commits a second offense within twelve (12) months of the first violation the student will no longer be permitted to participate in practices and will be removed from any association with the extracurricular activity up to a full twelve (12) months from the date of the second violation. The student may be required to provide evidence of completion of counseling or community service to the Disciplinary Committee along with a mandatory petition for a reinstatement of eligibility.

Participation in Practices:

Students determined to be ineligible from participation in games/competitions are permitted to attend practices and games and performances. Students attending games and performances are not permitted to wear their uniforms.

Ineligibility determinations apply to both sports/activities for students participating in dual sports or activities.