

**WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
INTERSCHOLASTIC DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROCEDURES**

Participating in interscholastic athletics in the Williamsville Central School District is considered a privilege. Student Athletes are expected to have respect for physical and mental conditioning. The use of drugs and alcohol are detrimental to the objectives of interscholastic athletics. The following procedures will be strictly enforced by the school district. Athletes and parents are advised to read the policy carefully.

1. Alcohol/other drugs – consuming, sharing, transmitting, selling, buying (including “intent” to purchase), possession and/or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco (to include e-cigarettes & e-juice) or nicotine products (unless the latter are prescribed by a physician as part of a documented smoking cessation treatment plan) and other drugs (including the misuse of prescription medication) at any time on school property or at school-sponsored events is strictly prohibited.
 2. Unauthorized substances – possession of paraphernalia for consuming (use) of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances (including vapor cigarettes and associated liquid substances; as well as synthetic marijuana, K2/Spice and Bath Salts), as well as the consuming (use), sharing, transmitting, buying and/or selling of substances (including the misuse of prescription medication) on school property or at school-sponsored events is strictly prohibited.
 3. Any violation of paragraphs numbered 1 or 2 of this policy which occurs during an athletic season at school or any school function, or any violation outside of school which is observed by a school official* or law enforcement official, or students admitting a violation to school officials will result in immediate suspension from the team for a period of 5 weeks or the remainder of the season (if less than 5 weeks remaining) and a referral for disciplinary action. Should a student commit a subsequent infraction anytime during their school career, he/she will be suspended from all interscholastic athletic activities for a period of one calendar year.
 4. The parent(s)/guardian(s) may request a review of the facts of the matter by submitting a written request to the Building Principal, who will review the case with the District Athletic Director and the Faculty Manager. The Principal, District Athletic Director and Faculty Manager will meet with the parent(s) and student to review the facts of the case for validity.
 5. If a student wishes to participate in an interscholastic activity following a violation of paragraphs 1 or 2, he/she and a parent/guardian must attend a conference with the Principal and District Athletic Director who will determine if future participation will be permitted and, if so, specify the terms and conditions of such participation. A plan of counseling help will be developed.
 6. Future participation in the case of illegal substances or alcohol is meant to mean the next sports season. In the case of tobacco or tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and e-juice) possession, sale or use only, the Principal and District Athletic Director may choose to reduce the suspension to two weeks of total participation including practice and then two more weeks of competition from the point of the infraction. Conditions may be set for reinstatement which may include enrollment in a bona fide smoking cessation program. Any subsequent violation involving tobacco/tobacco products will result in dismissal from the team for the balance of the season.
 7. Continued participation in athletics will be based on considerations such as: the steps taken to remediate the violation, the number of violations which have occurred, and any other relevant information.
- * *A school official includes a member of the district teaching and administration staff, district coaching staff.*

Reference Board of Education Policy #5312.1

