

EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENT ATTENDANCE RESTRICTION POLICY

I. Purpose

The Waterloo Community School District (WCSD) is committed to maintaining a safe, orderly, and focused learning environment for all students and patrons. This policy establishes criteria under which a student's privileges to attend or participate in District-sponsored extracurricular events (including, but not limited to, athletic competitions, performances, dances, and club events) may be temporarily suspended or revoked to address issues of chronic risk, academic deficiency, or documented misconduct.

II. Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled in WCSD, regardless of grade level, when attending any event held on District property or organized/sponsored by the District.

III. Grounds for Restriction (No-Entry List)

A student may be placed on a No-Entry list, restricting attendance at extracurricular events, based on documented evidence of a significant failure to meet core District expectations in one or more of the following four areas: Chronic Attendance Concerns (defined as being chronically absent or having a pattern of habitual truancy that has required for re-engagement interventions, such as a SARB referral); Academic Concerns (defined as failing two or more core academic subjects at the time of determination); Repeated or Severe Misconduct Concerns (evidence defined by three or more disciplinary referrals classified as Tier 3/Major Infractions within the current semester, being currently under suspension, or awaiting an administrative decision after removal from an event); or Criminal/Juvenile Conduct (having engaged in any act that would constitute grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system, excluding minor traffic offenses, regardless of whether the student was formally cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act). This determination will be made by a District Administrator based on verifiable evidence.

a) Chronic Attendance Concerns:

- The student is identified as **Chronically Absent** as defined by the state (missed 10% or more of enrolled school days).
- The student has a pattern of **habitual truancy** (unexcused absences) that has resulted in formal re-engagement interventions (e.g. SARB referral or Attendance Contract).

b) Academic Concerns:

- The student is failing two (2) or more core academic subjects (English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies) at the time of the restriction determination. *(Note: This typically applies to students who are spectators, as participants are often governed by a separate academic eligibility policy).*

c) Repeated or Severe Misconduct Concerns:

- The student has received three (3) or more disciplinary referrals classified as **Tier 3 (Major Infractions)** within the current semester.

- The student is currently serving a disciplinary suspension (In-School or Out-of-School Suspension).
- The student has been previously removed from an extracurricular event for behavior violations and is awaiting an administrative decision.

d) Criminal/Juvenile Conduct:

- The student has engaged in any act that would constitute grounds for arrest or citation under the criminal or juvenile court system, **excluding minor traffic offenses**, regardless of whether the student was formally cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s). This determination will be made by a District Administrator based on documented evidence and police reports (where applicable).

IV. Restriction Procedures

- a) Administrative Determination:** The building Principal or Director of Student Services will review a student's record based on the criteria in Section III.
- b) Notification:** The student and the student's parent/guardian will be notified in writing of the restriction, the specific grounds for the decision, the effective dates of the restriction, and the required steps for reinstatement.
- c) Duration:** The restriction period will be determined by the Administrator but shall be reasonable and directly related to the grounds for restriction. For academic and attendance grounds, restrictions typically last until the next grading period or until compliance with the required intervention (e.g., passing grades, reduced absences) is demonstrated. For conduct grounds, the restriction may align with the duration of a formal disciplinary placement (e.g., EDP or suspension).
- d) Reinstatement:** Reinstatement to the privilege of attending events is contingent upon the student meeting the conditions outlined in the official notification.

V. Appeal Process

A parent or guardian may appeal a restriction decision to the Director of Student Services within three (3) school days of receiving the written notification. The Director of Student Services shall review the documentation and provide a final decision to the parent/guardian within five (5) school days. The decision of the Director of Student Services shall be final.

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