

**West Franklin High/Middle School  
Athletic/Activities Policy  
(Approved by BOE 12/11)**

This athletic/activities policy covers the following activities: band, baseball, basketball, cheer leading, cross country, dance team, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, football, forensics, golf, KAY, play, softball, student government, quiz bowl, track, vocal music or any organization sponsored by our schools.

Students participating in extra-curricular activities are also subject to guidelines established in respective building handbooks, district handbook and policies adopted by the USD 287 Board of Education.

Coaches/Sponsors and students representing West Franklin USD #287:

I. **ATTIRE**

We expect our participants to be well groomed and clothed in presentable attire for all athletic/academic events.

Head Coaches/Sponsors will designate what will be acceptable for dress attire to be worn by all participants.

The head coach/sponsor will determine consequences up to loss of eligibility for non-compliance.

II. **TRAVEL**

The team/organization must remain together at all times during school trips. The plans of the coach/sponsor for the team come first, and should be understood by the competitors at the start of the season.

All students participating in a school activity must ride school transportation. The following are exceptions to a participating student riding the school transportation.

Students will be released to their parents after an athletic/academic event with permission from a coach/sponsor. Students will be released only after a face to face meeting among the coach/sponsor and the parent. Parents/ Guardians are required to sign out their child with the coach.

Students can be released to a person other than parents after the following:

1. The parents must have direct contact, phone or in person with a school administrator prior to the event. The administrator will agree or disagree at the time of direct contact if a student is to be released to the non-parent.

2. The approved party must sign the student out with the coach/designee prior to leaving the squad.

When overnight travel is necessary, coaches/sponsors will designate a time for all athletes/participants to be in their motel room and lights out. Coaches/Sponsors will be responsible for room checks. No visitors of the opposite sex will be allowed in the rooms. Students will be held responsible to pay for any damages or stolen property while in the motel room.

Students participating in school sponsored activities must meet the criteria established by Board Policy. Only those students who qualify as a participant in either athletic or activity events may travel with the school group.

### III. STUDENT BEHAVIOR

All West Franklin athletic/academic teams are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner when representing our school. We want people from other communities to have a high opinion of West Franklin students, and we should strive toward this goal. Always look and act like ladies and gentlemen. Ethical behavior is not something; it's EVERYTHING. You are expected to uphold the highest of ethical standards as a member of any squad/club. You are to show the utmost of respect to your coaches/sponsors, teammates, your competitors, and to yourself.

### IV. EQUIPMENT

Equipment that is issued to a student is the parent/student's responsibility. Issued items must be returned to the coach/sponsor in the same shape in which it is issued. School issued equipment is to be worn or used at practice and/or games only. It is at the coaches' discretion for practice or game attire to be worn on game day.

Any equipment issued by the school must be returned or paid for prior to the student participating in any contest for succeeding activities.

### V. MOOD ALTERING/TOBACCO POLICY

In an effort to develop uniformity within our activities program, the following substance abuse policy will be enforced. It is a privilege to participate in the West Franklin High School activities program. Students are expected to show self-discipline and control at all times. This policy will define substance abuse as the use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco by any student, during the school year.

RULE: During the school year, regardless of quantity, a student shall not: (1) use or possess a beverage containing alcohol or (2) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any ~~marijuana~~ or controlled substance or (3) use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any type of tobacco or (4) use, have in possession, buy, sell any item commonly considered drug paraphernalia.

Any student who violates this rule and the violation is substantiated by a school administrator, coach/sponsor, the following will occur:

First Violation: The student/athlete will be suspended from the next competition/event in which he/she would have competed.

Second Violation: The student will be permanently dismissed from the team/organization.

If a student enrolled in USD #287 is found to be in violation of Kansas statutes, district administrators are required to report these possible violations to appropriate law enforcement agencies for investigation and shall provide such factual information as may be available, consistent with Kansas law.

Parents and students concerned about exposure to any type of substance abuse are encouraged to contact the high school counselor or district social worker for possible community resources.

VI. BONA FIDE STUDENT

KSHSAA Rule 14, Article 2 declares a student who is under penalty of suspension or whose character or conduct brings discredit to the school or to the student, as determined by the principal, is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as specified by the principal.

VII. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, district and/or building administrators will determine if contests and/or practices may be held.

VIII. PRACTICES

Practice schedules will be developed by head coaches in each sport after consulting with the Athletic Director and communicated to athletes and parents at the parent meeting prior to each season.

Student athletes are expected to attend practices as outlined by the head coach. Penalties for missing practice will be identified in each sport specific handbook as approved by the Athletic Director. Such penalties are to be consistent among players and clearly communicated at the pre-season parent meeting.

Athletes who make prior arrangements with the head coach due to family emergencies will be excused.

The athletic director and coach of each sport shall set a starting date that athletes must be out in order to participate in that sport.

Exceptions to the rule:

1. Athletes with injury or illness. Athletes who cannot participate because of injury are required to be at practice unless excused by the coach.
2. New transfer student-athletes.
3. Prior arrangements with head coach.

Athletes will be notified of the starting dates in advance during regular school announcements.

#### IX. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In case of illness an athlete/academic competitor must be present for four (4) class periods prior to dismissal time in order to participate in practice, ~~in a~~ game or competition.

Note: Competitors who must attend all day funerals, medical appointments, or emergencies of that nature may practice/ play that night, or take part in academic competition with prior approval from an administrator.

#### X. STATEMENT OF RISK

All extracurricular participants and parents or guardians should be aware that there is a possibility that the extra-curricular participant may suffer mild, moderate or severe injury, including paralysis or death due to participation in extracurricular activities.

Should a doctor remove an athlete from an activity through written consent, the athlete must have a written and signed release from the doctor before he/she will be able to participate again.

When an athlete is removed from a practice/contest by an official or coach due to a possible head injury, he/she must have a written release by a licensed physician before returning to the contest. The official, coach, or parent can not return the athlete into the contest.

## XI. PARTICIPATION

All athletic participants are required to turn in a completed medial consent, concussion and KSHSAA physical forms before they will be allowed to participate in practice or an activity. Medical consent forms will be carried by the coach in the medical kit.

Participation in all activities is based on ability and work ethic. Just because you go out for a team and attend practice does not mean you will have any activity time in a contest. Coaches are to notify participants they feel will have no or little playing time within the first two weeks of a season. Participants will be given the opportunity to remain on the team knowing there will be little if any participation time.

All athletic participants are required to turn in a completed medial consent form before they will be allowed to participate in practice or an activity. Medical consent forms will be carried by the coach in the medical kit.

Students are expected to meet all academic requirements as outlined for eligibility in the student handbook. In the event a student is listed as ineligible and participating in an activity which is also tied to a classroom grade, the student will be allowed to participate in on campus activities only.

Coaches will notify the parents when an athlete quits or is removed from the team.

## XII. FUND RAISING

All fund raising must have prior approval of the principal and should be scheduled such as not to compete with other school organizations.

## XIII. PROTOCOL

Should a situation arise during the season that is not covered in the student handbook, a decision will be made by the coaching staff after consultation with the administration.

Athletic events are emotionally charged activities for all involved. Should a parent have a concern regarding any activity, they are not to address the coaching staff immediately following the contest but wait until the following day.

Established protocol should be used when students or parents have a concern about staff. Should such situation present itself, the parent/student should give the head coach the opportunity for resolution. If the issue is not resolved, the athletic director, principal superintendent (in that order) should be contacted regarding the matter. As in all instances, the Board of Education is the final authority on school matters.