

Dear Parent,

The Bath School Department would like to elicit your support in ensuring that your child has a safe and worthwhile educational experience as a participant in a Bath Middle School extracurricular activity. There are certain reasonable policies and procedures that must be followed and are available for you to review simply by calling the school office. We hope you understand the reason for these policies and ask for your cooperation in enforcing them.

The Bath School Department recognizes that tobacco, alcohol and other drug use are problems for some students and result in negative effects on behavior, learning and their total development. The use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs also affects the student's ability to fully participate in extracurricular activities.

Student health problems are primarily the responsibility of the parents or guardians. However, the school and community share in that responsibility because tobacco, alcohol and drug use affect learning and development.

We are asking each parent/guardian and coach to support the effort to create a safe and healthy environment for all students, where everyone has an opportunity to experience life without the distracting and harmful atmosphere that surrounds substance use. Those students who fail to be tobacco, alcohol and drug free will face consequences with the Bath School Department Substance Abuse Policy.

Sincerely,

Lawrence W. Dyer  
Principal

Bath Middle School  
Athletic Policies  
including eligibility and substance abuse

1. No student will take part in any tryout or practice until he/she has:
  - a. written proof of a physical examination
  - b. written proof of insurance
  - c. signed permission of a parent/guardian
  
2. The Substance Abuse Policy prohibits possessing, furnishing or consuming of tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs on school grounds or at school sponsored functions home or away . Once a student reports to “try out” for any team sponsored by the school department he/she is prohibited from ingesting any mood altering chemical at any time including tobacco! The athlete does not complete his/her obligations and inclusion on that team until school owned equipment is returned and awards have been issued usually within two weeks of the final contest .
  
3. Participation in two sports, during any one season is not permitted.
  
4. Transferring from one sport to another during the same season can only be done with the permission of both coaches and the Athletic Director.
  
5. Travel to and from contests will be the responsibility of the School Department. Students/athletes may be released to the custody of their parents, but prior written permission of the parent showing approval of School Principal or Athletic Director is necessary before any athlete is permitted to travel by other means.
  
6. Athletes must be in attendance at school by 11:00 a.m. and remain in school in order to compete that day. Students dismissed from school due to illness will not practice or compete that day.
  
7. All athletes must attend practices unless excused by their coaches.
  
8. Certain aspects of being an athlete will vary from sport to sport e.g. dress, curfew, etc. and the coach will make those requirements known at the first practice.
  
9. Students participating in interscholastic sports including managers and statisticians must maintain passing grades in the six core courses: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language.
  
10. Eligibility will be determined by the following procedures:

A. For the purposes of trying out, all students are eligible. Once a team is selected, students will be placed on a weekly eligibility check.

B. Teachers will determine the weekly eligibility of students participating in interscholastic activities based upon the student's cumulative average that trimester.

C. The athletic director will submit a list of participants by house to each teacher for the weekly ranking period in question.

D. The teacher will indicate on the list those students who are failing or in danger of failing "D" range and also inform the students they have done so.

E. The list will be given to the athletic director who after compiling the information will notify the player, the player's parents and the coach.

F. Any student declared ineligible on a weekly check will be ineligible until the next weekly review. Ineligibility will begin on Monday the following week and will run for a period of seven days.

G. During the student's period of ineligibility, he/she may not practice nor participate in interscholastic sports.

H. In the case of incomplete work, due to unavoidable absences, the student may be declared eligible by the athletic director when the work is done.

I. If a student is declared ineligible three times during any sport's season then he/she will be declared ineligible for the remainder of that sport's season.

II. Students suspended from school will not be permitted to participate in the interscholastic program until they have been readmitted.

12. Students who have violated the substance abuse policy will, upon returning to his/her team, apologize to his/her teammates before being allowed to participate.

13. If a student's grades are low overall or his/her citizenship is poor, the principal may declare that student ineligible.

