

BURLINGTON-EDISON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

(Please read carefully and sign)

Burlington-Edison High School recognizes the value of an activities program as an integral part of the total school experience for all students of our district. The opportunity to participate in the activity program is a privilege granted to all Burlington-Edison High School students. Participants in these voluntary programs are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by the school. These guidelines and consequences are applicable to students during their season(s) of participation for offenses, which occur “at” or “away” from school, regardless of the time of day.

The program of activities shall include, but not be limited to: all WIAA sanctioned activities, interscholastic athletics, performing music groups, performing drama groups, forensics, student body officers, cheerleaders, drill/dance team members, and those other activity organizations recognized by the ASB and who represent the school.

Expectations of the Student Participating in Activities/Athletics

1. Hold a valid ASB card.
2. Provide verification of a recent physical performed by one of the following: Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), Physician’s Assistant (PA) and Naturopathic Physician, and adequate medical insurance or waiver, and appropriate parent permission forms.
 - A. Students must inform their coach when they have gone to a doctor. If they do need to go to the doctor during the season, they must have a medical release on file in the athletic/activities office to resume practice / contests.
3. Personal appearance, cleanliness, neatness of grooming and dress must meet reasonable standards, as well as demonstrating appropriate sportsmanlike behaviors.
4. **ATTENDANCE: B-EHS REQUIRES A STUDENT TO BE PRESENT IN ALL SCHEDULED CLASSES ON THE DAY OF PARTICIPATION, UNLESS THERE IS AN EXCUSE, WHICH HAS BEEN PRE-ARRANGED AND APPROVED THROUGH AN ATTENDANCE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND/OR TRUANCY DENIES PARTICIPATION.**
5. An athlete having been suspended from one sport may not turn out for another sport in the same season. This does not apply to being cut. Students may transfer from one sport to another within the first two weeks of the season. Transfers after two weeks can only be done with the permission of both coaches.
6. Academic Eligibility: The primary purpose of high school is to educate young people; therefore, the opportunity to participate in after-school activities is only available for those who first meet or exceed the following:

Academic Requirements and Expectations

Academic Standards (Athletics/W.I.A.A. Activities)

Students must have earned at least a 2.0 G.P.A. and have met WIAA requirement by passing at least 5/5, 5/6, 6/7, or 7/8 classes during the previous grading period, including passing PAWS, in order to participate. Incoming freshmen and transfer students to B-EHS are required to meet State Standards in order to meet initial eligibility for the Fall.

- Fall initial eligibility is determined by the previous second semester G.P.A., WIAA Requirement, and PAWS (For Fall initial eligibility for Freshmen is based on WIAA requirement only).
- Winter initial eligibility is based on the first quarter G.P.A., WIAA Requirement, and PAWS.
- Spring initial eligibility is based on the first semester G.P.A., WIAA Requirement, and PAWS. Student will also be checked at the end of the third quarter in the three areas.

Essentially, all athletes will be checked 4 times each school year (start 1st Sem., end 1st qtr., end 2nd qtr., end 3rd qtr.) in the 3 areas of G.P.A., WIAA requirement, and PAWS. Student not meeting the standard 2.0 G.P.A. and passing PAWS will be placed on “academic probation”. See definition of “Academic Probation”.

Students not meeting WIAA requirement at the end of 2nd semester of previous year for Fall Initial Eligibility (including incoming 9th graders) will have to sit out of competition until the 4th Saturday in September. Students not meeting WIAA requirement at the end of 1st semester of current school year will need to sit out of competition for five weeks from the start date of 2nd semester. Students not meeting WIAA requirement at the end of 1st and 3rd quarters will be placed on “Academic Probation” as defined below.

Academic Standards for Elected Positions (A.S.B., Class Officers)

In compliance with Article III of the Burlington-Edison High School Constitution, the following are required for elected officials:

1. To be eligible to run for office, candidates shall have at least a 2.0 G.P.A. from the previous semester and a cumulative 2.0 G.P.A.
2. All A.S.B. officers must maintain a cumulative 2.0 G.P.A. each semester while in office.
3. Students will maintain exemplary citizenship. Major school discipline or outside legal or criminal issues will be grounds for review and possible dismissal.
4. Candidate must be full time student on the B-EHS campus.

Academic Probation and Reinstatement

Any student who does not meet the minimum academic standards will be placed on “academic probation” during which time he/she may practice but not compete or participate. (This probation lasts for a minimum of two contests/performances for the activity/sport season in which the student wants to participate). The student will remain on “academic probation” until he/she meets or exceeds the aforementioned standards in their current courses.

Academic Standards Appeals

If a student is placed on “academic probation” and believes there are “special reasons” which affect his/her ability to meet the academic standards, he/she may request an eligibility hearing with an administrator. The administrator will conduct an informal hearing the necessary persons regarding the student’s “special reasons” and then render a judgment regarding the student’s eligibility.

Violations of Activities/Athletic Code

In addition to normal school sanctions for the violation of rules and regulations, the following consequences will be administered to students under the activities/athletics code:

Activities/Athletic Definitions

Probation: The student must turn out, but cannot participate in any scheduled event. Failure to turn out will result in a season suspension from that activity. Students enrolled in regular classes, who are placed on probation, must continue to attend class, will receive credit for the class upon completion of alternative assignment, but cannot participate in any scheduled event during the probationary period.

Athletic/Activities Suspension: The student cannot turn out or participate in any scheduled event. Students enrolled in daily classes, who are placed on suspension must continue to attend class, but cannot participate in any scheduled event during the suspension period. Probation/Suspension school days must be served during the active season. Turn out days, while under probation, will count for only ½ credit toward WIAA eligibility standards. The determinations of these violations will not be established on rumor or hearsay. Factual information will be gathered from school, parents, students, administrators, coaches, school employees, and/or law enforcement.

USE OF TOBACCO OR LOOK-A-LIKE IN ANY FORM:

First Occurrence: Probation – Five school days **Second Occurrence:** Suspension – Season in which the offense occurred.

District Policy 3515: Reasonable Suspicion Alcohol and Drug Testing: The Superintendent is directed to establish a drug/alcohol testing program for all B-EHS students permitting school officials to require students to submit to such testing if a reasonable suspicion exists that a particular student is under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol at school or while participating in school activities. Form 3515F is attached to this packet and requires student’s/parent’s or guardian’s signature.

ATTENDING: It is a violation of the B-EHS activities and athletic code to be present at a party where illegal activities are taking place. It is the responsibility of the student to make every reasonable effort to leave the situation immediately. Failure to do so will be a violation of the policy with consequences equal to those listed below.

A student suspected of violating the drug/alcohol portion of this policy will be given one opportunity when meeting with administration to tell the truth. If the student violates the policy; it is their first offense; and is honest when meeting administration about the situation; the suspension will be reduced to 10 calendar days so long as they meet all other requirement necessary to regain eligibility. Should the student deny allegation of violating the policy and upon further investigation, it is found that she/he is guilty; they will then be subject to the full corrective action. This is only in effect for the first offense during a student's high school career. Second and third occurrences are equal to the corrective action listed below.

POSSESSION, USE OR BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, INHALANTS, AND/OR THE MANUFACTURING/POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: Please see Discipline Policies and Procedures for the definition of: Illegal Substance

First Occurrence: Any student under code, who is guilty of misconduct, will be excluded from participation for a minimum of 30 days. They will be referred to the student assistance program for a drug and alcohol assessment. They may regain eligibility after 30 calendar days by being in compliance with assessment recommendations.

Second Occurrence: Suspension – Calendar year from date of second occurrence and must be in compliance with assessment recommendations.

Third Occurrence: Permanently denied the right to participate in any WIAA member school athletic or activities program. After a drug/alcohol infraction, a student must continue to be in compliance with assessment recommendations in order to maintain eligibility.

SALE, SUPPLY OR DELIVERY OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES OR PARAPHERNALIA:

First Occurrence: Suspension – Calendar year from the start date of the sport season in which the violation occurred.

Second Occurrence: Permanently denied the right to participate in any WIAA member school athletic or activities program.

Hosting a party where drinking/drugs occur also falls under this category and will result in the above suspension

Host-to receive or entertain socially

Party-a social gathering; a person or group participating in an action or affair

TRUANCY: Any absence that is not excused by a parent/guardian through the attendance office.

First Occurrence: Probation – Five school days – with a maximum of two (2) games/performances missed (Saturdays would count as part of the five days, if there is an activity/practice scheduled)

Second Occurrence: Suspension – Season in which the offense occurred.

INNAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR:

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM

ASSAULT/FIGHTING

THEFT/VANDALISM

INSUBORDINATION/DISRESPECT

GANG ACTIVITY

BULLYING/HARASSMENT

FORGERY

THREATS.....

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Second Occurrence: Suspension – Season in which the offense occurred.

****ANY VIOLATION OF THE SCHOOL RULES THAT WOULD RESULT IN A LONG-TERM SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION (ARSON, WEAPONS...) WOULD ALSO RESULT IN THE REMOVAL FROM ANY ACTIVITY FOR AN EQUIVALENT TIME.****

Individual coaches and advisors have the discretion to administer additional consequences for violating this policy or program specific policies, which may include removal from the program.