

GOOD CONDUCT RULE

Students should understand that it is an honor and privilege to represent Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School. They are representatives for the school and community at home and away. Good grooming and use of acceptable language should be used at all times.

Athletes as well as other students must be aware that academics are the primary concern of any school. Although participation in extra-curricular activities is one of the individual choice, those participating must realize their individual actions reflect upon the image of the entire participating group. In addition to obeying the law, participants are reminded that the practice of good sportsmanship is one of the most desirable traits we can create.

Any student representing the school whose habits and/or conduct, both in and out of school, during the school year or during the summer months, is such as to make them unworthy to represent the school may be declared ineligible for any school activity. The student(s) will remain ineligible until reinstated by the administration. Examples include but are not limited to use or possession of alcohol, use or possession of non-prescribed drugs, use or possession of tobacco, vandalism, theft, criminal conduct, violation of the Student Conduct Policy, or the notification of charges from the juvenile court system.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Under Iowa Law, students must receive passing grades in all academic courses the previous grading period to participate in athletics. Students who do not meet this requirement are not allowed the privilege of participating in athletics. In accordance with the Iowa Department of Education's Scholarship Rule 36.15, if a high school student is not passing all subjects at the end of a grading period (semester), the student is ineligible for the next 30 calendar days of any competitive school activities in which they are a participant. For more details or questions, contact the secondary principal or refer to the Iowa Boys Athletic Association or Iowa Girls Athletic Union WEB pages for a more detailed explanation of the policy definitions.

In addition to the state mandated scholarship rule, the Ruthven-Ayrshire school district has the following academic requirements for participation in competitive events:

- a) Students will be unable to participate for one (1) week if they have received any failing grades at Mid-Term.
- b) Students will be unable to participate for two (2) weeks if they have received any failing grades at the end of the quarter.

Students will be notified at midterm if they are failing a course and their ineligibility period will begin the immediate Monday and run through Saturday.

POSSESSION/USE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND TOBACCO (Refer to Board of Education Policy 906.4 Smoking on School District Premises.)

ALCOHOL POSSESSION OR USE (Also refer to Board of Education Policy 502.9Smoking, Drinking & Drugs.)

A student is forbidden to possess, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol on the school grounds or buses, or at any school functions. This policy will be enforced even at those school functions not held on school grounds. Students, both adult and minor, found to possess, consume or be under the influence of

alcohol on school property or at any school function, wherever held, will be suspended for up to three school days. The second such offense will result in the student being suspended for an additional three school days.

The third offense will result in another suspension of the student and the initiation of proceedings to expel the student from school.

The use or possession of alcohol, use or possession of non-prescribed drugs, use or possession of tobacco, or the notification of charges from the juvenile court system will not be tolerated and will impact extra-curricular eligibility.

The minimum penalty will be:

First Offense:

The student may choose one of the following options:

- a) Ineligibility for four (4) consecutive extra-curricular events and the completion of at least 10 hours of community service. (Community Service requirement will be reduced to 5 hours for students who self-report the violation to the principal or superintendent by the next school day. During times school is not in session, the reporting must be done within 72 hours.)
- b) Immediate ineligibility for two (2) consecutive extra-curricular events, Substance Abuse counseling from an approved agency with the parent/guardian also attending, and the completion of 10 hours of community service. (Community Service requirement will be reduced to 5 hours for students who self-report the violation to the principal or superintendent by the next school day. During times school is not in session, the reporting must be done within 72 hours.)

****Notes:** The student must continue to participate in practices/rehearsals during the ineligibility period. Penalties (including counseling requirements) not completed during one activity will carry over into the next extra-curricular activity in which that student participates.

Second Offense

- a) Will result in six (6) weeks ineligibility, substance abuse counseling from an approved agency with the parent/guardian also attending, and the completion of 30 hours of community service. (Community service requirement will be reduced to 20 hours for students who self-report the violation to the principal or superintendent by the next school day. During times school is not in session, the reporting must be done within 72 hours.)

****Notes:** The student must continue to participate in practices/rehearsals during the ineligibility period. Penalties (including counseling requirements) not completed during one activity will carry over into the next extra-curricular activity in which that student participates.

Third Offense

- a) Will result in ineligibility for one (1) calendar year unless the student and parent/guardian agree to the following conditions:
 - 1. Appear before the Board of Education to determine an appropriate course of action.
 - 2. Obtain an immediate professional assessment for the student from a licensed treatment/counseling agency.
 - 3. Agree to and comply with the recommendations of the assessment counselor.
 - 4. Sign a release of information form between the Ruthven-Ayrshire Community School and the treatment counseling agency that would provide a written report regarding compliance with treatment recommendations.

