

Bow School District Co-Curricular Policy for Student Athletes, Co-Curricular Participants and/or Performing Arts Students

It is the policy of the Bow School District to encourage students to participate in interscholastic athletic programs as well as other co-curricular activities. Additionally it is our policy to ensure that this is done so in an environment that promotes the health, safety and welfare of all students. Therefore, it is the policy of the Bow School District that all students adhere to a strict “no use or abuse” policy regarding alcohol beverages and drugs (prohibited substances). For the purpose of this policy, drugs shall be considered to be illegal drugs, controlled and narcotic drugs as defined by the NH Statute, performance enhancing substances, current NCAA banned drugs and substances, synthetic substances, inhalants, and legally prescribed prescription drugs used in a manner not prescribed by a medical professional.

No use or abuse shall be defined as:

- Consumption, use, or possession;
- The transport, purchase, distribution or sale of a prohibited substance or facilitating any of the above;
- Being in the company of others who are consuming, using, possessing, transporting, purchasing or selling alcohol or drugs, as defined above.

Additionally, if it has been determined that a student has been involved with criminal activity, he or she may be subject to the same range of consequences.

All Bow High School students shall be held accountable to this policy on a 24 hour basis, both on and off campus from the moment they are enrolled in Bow High School for the entire duration of their attendance at Bow High School, 365 days a year. The conditions of this policy shall be applicable to all students even when they are not actively participating in athletic or co – curricular activities.

FIRST VIOLATION

Suspension from 25% of regular season or tournament games or comparable number of performances;

Upon completion of the following conditions, students may return to practice or rehearsal:

- Submit a reflection paper to Athletic Director or Performing Arts Director;
- Perform 5 additional hours of community service (does not count toward BHS requirements);
- Provide proof that they are meeting with a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (if that was the violation);
- Attend 2 mandatory pre-season (pre-return) meetings with coach, Director, and/or Athletic Director, prior to returning to team or performance group;
- Address the team/ensemble and take responsibility for their actions and apologize for their decision.

Any student found to be in violation of this policy based upon a substantiated report, admission or finding by a court of law, shall immediately be subject to this co-curricular policy. The penalty will begin on the day after the conclusion of the investigation, when an athlete/performer is currently involved in a sport/performance that is taking place within its season. Should the penalty not be concluded when a season ends, then the student must serve the remaining penalty during the following season that he/she participates.

Infractions of this Co-curricular Policy that occur when a student- athlete or extra-curricular participant is not playing a sport or involved in a co-curricular activity will receive consequences starting with the next sport season or activity that a student participates. A concurrent suspension from attendance at any Bow High School sanctioned activity both on and off campus including NHIAA tournament games may also be imposed. Full social probation may also be imposed, and could apply to participation in field trips, Intersession, Prom, Graduation, etc. and the loss of Open Campus privileges.

This provision may only be utilized once during a student's tenure in the Bow School District. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Bow School District Athletic Director or Bow High School Principal or his designee of his/her intent to participate in this reinstatement process.

Bow High School Administration reserves the right to pursue to a second offense violation penalty when they deem the documented violation demonstrates the justification for stronger punishment.

The "Host Loses The Most" Penalty Clause: If a student is deemed to have hosted the party/get together at their property, then they are subject to an increased penalty. First offense in this instance may carry a second violation penalty.

SECOND VIOLATION

Suspension from 50% of regular season or tournament games or comparable number of performances;

Upon completion of the following conditions, students may return to practice or rehearsal:

- Submit a reflection paper to Athletic Director or Performing Arts Director;
- Perform 20 additional hours of community service (does not count toward BHS requirements);
- Provide proof that they are meeting with a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (if that was the violation);
- Attend 2 mandatory pre-season (pre-return) meetings with coach, Director, and/or Athletic Director, prior to returning to team or performance group;
- Address the team/ensemble and take responsibility for their actions and apologize for their decision.

THIRD & SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION

A third or subsequent violation shall result in loss of eligibility to participate in any school sanctioned co-curricular athletic or performing arts activity for the remainder of their high school career, and may also include full social probation, as described above.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS

It is also the policy of the Bow School District that all students adhere to a strict no use or possession policy regarding tobacco products. Any student using, possessing, purchasing, attempt to purchase, or distributing any tobacco product, e-cigarette, or liquid nicotine, based on a substantiated report, admission or finding by a court of law, shall immediately be subject to this co-curricular policy.

Penalties are cumulative over the course of a student's career at Bow High school, not per year.

This Co-Curricular Policy shall be reviewed and evaluated every two years.