

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Beaufort County Board of Education believes that students, who participate in extracurricular activities at their school, including athletics, benefit from their participation in numerous ways. The goals of the Board of Education, in encouraging participation in extracurricular activities, are to:

- Promote a sense of accomplishment;
- Provide leadership opportunities;
- Promote good sportsmanship;
- Encourage self-discipline and individual responsibility;
- Encourage cooperation and concepts of team building; and
- Provide healthy outlets for competition and physical fitness.

Each school is expected to have an athletic director, coaches and sponsors that are familiar with the expectations of the Beaufort County Board of Education and any outside governing body (for example, National Honor Society).

Where the SCHSL is applicable, coaches and athletic directors are responsible for complying with the rules established for participation and with disseminating the rules to each student participant.

CONDUCT

Participation in extracurricular activities, including athletics, is a privilege, not a right. The Beaufort County Board of Education expects all students who represent their school through participation in extracurricular activities to be good representatives of their school community. Students should dress, act and conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively on their school. Each student is expected to display good citizenship at all times. Any student who fails to conduct himself or herself appropriately may have the privilege of participation limited or revoked.

ATHLETICS

Participation in sports is a privilege, not a right. Extracurricular sports are generally governed by the rules established by the Beaufort County Board of Education and the South Carolina High School League. In addition to the rules established by SCHSL, each Coach may have rules and expectations for the members of the team which shall be distributed to all players and parents at the beginning of the season. The Beaufort County Schools Code of Conduct applies to all student athletes on and off the field of play. All students who participate in athletics are subject to disciplinary consequences imposed by coaches.

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

A student who is suspended from school is not eligible to practice, play or attend any meeting during the time of suspension. If the suspension includes the last day of school before a vacation or weekend, the student becomes eligible the next calendar day after the last day of the suspension.

A student who is absent from school will not be allowed to practice or attend any meeting of the team or group on the day of the absence. Exceptions such as funerals, field trips, college visitations must be approved by the principal in advance.

TRAVEL

All students will be required to travel to and from events with the coach or sponsor and the team unless the coach or sponsor receives information directly from the parent or guardian that the student has permission to travel by other means.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the implementation of this policy.