

**GRAY-NEW GLOUCESTER CO-CURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC
SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

It is the policy of Maine School Administrative District #15 that all students are expected to abide by Board Policy JICH, Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use Policy. **Students participating in athletics and/or co-curricular activities may not engage in the prohibited behaviors and activities described in Policy JICH at any time or place for the duration of the athletic season or co-curricular activity, whether on or off school grounds, 24 hours a day.** For athletics, this applies from the first day of pre-season through the last scheduled event of the sport (including banquets or other recognition activity). For co-curricular activities, this applies from the first day of the activity through the last scheduled event (including banquets or other recognition activity). Any school staff member who has reason to suspect that a student has violated this policy is expected to report the incident to an appropriate administrator as soon as possible.

Students' participation in athletics and co-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Participants in such activities represent the schools to the public and serve as role models to other students. Therefore, students who participate in athletics and co-curricular activities are subject to additional rules and sanctions, including removal from the team or activity.

Sanctions for Co-Curricular Participants

Drugs/Alcohol

If a student violates JICH Student Drug, Alcohol or Tobacco Use Policy on or off school grounds, in addition to any other disciplinary action taken in accordance with JICH Student Drug, Alcohol or Tobacco Use Policy, students will be subject to the consequences described below.

The Co-Curricular Director or other authorized school administrator will investigate a violation of the substance abuse policy. The student and his or her parent/guardian will be notified by the Co-Curricular Director or other authorized school administrator of the findings and the subsequent action to be taken.

Appeals must be placed in writing and given to the Co-Curricular Director within two school days of notification of the findings. Appeals will be reviewed by the building Principal within five school days. All sanctions will continue during the appeals process. The student and his or her parent/guardian will be notified of the final decision in writing. The Principal's decision is final. Sanctions for violations of the policy are cumulative over an entire grade-span (6-8) (9-12) as follows:

1st Offense – Suspension from participation in co-curricular activities for a period of nine school weeks. The student must participate in an educational activity (e.g. 5 page typed paper on the harmful effects of drugs/alcohol) to be overseen by the Co-Curricular Director. If the infraction occurs at the end of the activity the suspension will carry forward to the next activity in which the student participates. Failure to meet this requirement will result in continued suspension from participation until such time as the requirement has been met.

52 2nd Offense – Suspension from participation in co-curricular activities for one calendar year from
53 the date the penalty is imposed. The student will be required to perform a community service
54 project (approved and overseen by the Co-Curricular Director or other authorized school
55 administrator). Failure to meet this requirement will result in continued suspension from
56 participation until such time as the requirement has been met.

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58 3rd Offense – Suspension from participation in co-curricular activities for the remainder of the
59 grade span years (6-8) (9-12).

60 61 **Tobacco**

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63 If a student violates JICH Student Drug, Alcohol or Tobacco Use Policy on or off school
64 grounds, in addition to any other disciplinary action taken in accordance with JICH Student
65 Drug, Alcohol or Tobacco Use Policy students will be subject to the consequences described
66 below.

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68 The Co-Curricular Director, or other authorized school administrator will investigate a violation
69 of the substance abuse policy. The student and his or her parent/guardian will be notified by the
70 Co-Curricular Director or other authorized school administrator of the findings and the
71 subsequent action to be taken.

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73 Appeals must be placed in writing and given to the Co-Curricular Director within two school
74 days of notification of the findings. Appeals will be reviewed by the building Principal within
75 five school days. All sanctions will continue during the appeals process. The student and his or
76 her parent/guardian will be notified of the final decision in writing. The Principal's decision is
77 final. Sanctions for violations of the policy are cumulative over an entire grade-span (6-8) (9-12)
78 as follows:

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80 1st Offense – Suspension from participation for a period of 10 school days. The student must
81 participate in an educational activity, approved and overseen by the Co-Curricular Director (e.g.
82 5 page typed paper on the harmful effects of tobacco use). Failure to meet this requirement will
83 result in continued suspension from participation until such time as the requirement has been
84 met.

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86 All Subsequent Offenses – Suspension from participation for the remainder of the year. The
87 student will be required to perform a community service project, approved and overseen by the
88 Co-Curricular Director or other authorized school administrator. Failure to meet this
89 requirement will result in continued suspension from participation until such time as the
90 requirement has been met.

91 92 **Sanctions for Athletes**

93 94 **Drugs/Alcohol**

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96 If a student-athlete violates Policy JICH on or off school grounds during the athletic season, in
97 addition to any other disciplinary action taken in accordance with JICH Student Drug, Alcohol
98 or Tobacco Use Policy, student-athletes will be subject to the consequences described below.

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100 The Athletic Director, or other authorized school administrator will investigate a violation of the
101 substance abuse policy. The student-athlete and his or her parent/guardian will be notified by the

102 Athletic Director or other authorized school administrator of the findings and the subsequent
103 action to be taken.

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105 Appeals must be placed in writing and given to the Athletic Director within two school days of
106 notification of the findings. Appeals will be reviewed by the building Principal within five
107 school days. All sanctions will continue during the appeals process. The student-athlete and his
108 or her parent/guardian will be notified of the final decision in writing. The Principal's decision
109 is final. Sanctions for violations of the policy are cumulative over an entire grade-span (6-8) (9-
110 12) as follows:

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112 1st Offense – Suspension from participation in athletics for the remainder of the season. The
113 student must participate in an educational activity (e.g. 5 page typed paper on the harmful effects
114 of drugs/alcohol) to be overseen by the Athletic Director. If the infraction occurs after three
115 quarters of the official contests have taken place then the suspension will carry through the entire
116 following season. Failure to meet this requirement will result in continued suspension from
117 athletics until such time as the requirement has been met.

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119 2nd Offense – Suspension from participation in athletics for one calendar year from the date the
120 penalty is imposed. The student will be required to perform a community service project
121 (approved and overseen by the Athletic Director or other authorized school administrator).
122 Failure to meet this requirement will result in continued suspension from athletics until such time
123 as the requirement has been met.

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125 3rd Offense – Suspension from participation in athletics for the remainder of the grade span years
126 (6-8) (9-12).

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131 school grounds during the athletic season, in addition to any other disciplinary action taken in
132 accordance with JICH Student Drug, Alcohol or Tobacco Use Policy, student-athletes will be
133 subject to the consequences described below.

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136 substance abuse policy. The student-athlete and his or her parent/guardian will be notified by the
137 Athletic Director or other authorized school administrator of the findings and the subsequent
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141 notification of the findings. Appeals will be reviewed by the building Principal within five
142 school days. All sanctions will continue during the appeals process. The student-athlete and his
143 or her parent/guardian will be notified of the final decision in writing. The Principal's decision
144 is final. Sanctions for violations of the policy are cumulative over an entire grade-span (6-8) (9-
145 12) as follows:

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147 1st Offense – Suspension from athletic participation for a period of 10 school days (regular
148 season/post season games held on non-school days will be counted as a school day). The student
149 must participate in an educational activity, approved and overseen by the Athletic Director (e.g.
150 5 page typed paper on the harmful effects of tobacco use). Any suspension that occurs at the end
151 of the season will be carried over to the next season in which the athlete participates. Failure to

152 meet this requirement will result in continued suspension from athletics until such time as the
153 requirement has been met.

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155 All Subsequent Offenses – Suspension from athletic participation for the remainder of the
156 season. If the infraction occurs after three quarters of the official contests have taken place then
157 the suspension will carry through the entire following season. The student will be required to
158 perform a community service project, approved and overseen by the Athletic Director or other
159 authorized school administrator. Failure to meet this requirement will result in continued
160 suspension from athletics until such time as the requirement has been met.

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163 Cross Reference: JICH - Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use