

SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Competitive Representational Activities Code

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Competitive Representational Activities are an integral part of our school curriculum and contribute to the well-being of all who participate ("Participants"). Participants are reminded they represent the school and community, and their actions must be a credit to both. All school rules apply in all Competitive Representational Activities.

The District strongly opposes student or parent-sponsored activities that condone or promote the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs. Parents are encouraged to make sure their students are not involved in the abuse of these substances.

1.0 SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY (Athletics Only) A student shall be eligible for all Competitive Representational Activities if he/she meets the following requirements:

1.1 In order to be eligible for participation in athletic Competitive Representational Activities, a student in grades 9 through 12 must be enrolled in 20 semester credits of course work, and have earned a 2.0 GPA during the most recently completed grading period. (See CIF Bylaws for further regulations.) A waiver of the 2.0 GPA requirements will be permitted for any one quarter during a student's four years of high school (BP 6145).

1.2. The grade point average used to determine eligibility shall be based on grades of the previous grading period during which the student attended class at least a majority of the time. (Education Code 35160.5)

1.2.1 The most recently completed grading period for entering 9th grade students will be the most recent GPA earned in the last school attended.

1.2.2 When students are simultaneously enrolled in college classes for which they receive credit toward high school graduation, their college grades shall be included in the computation of their grade point average.

1.2.3 Receiving an Incomplete shall have no effect on a student's academic eligibility as long as the resolution of the Incomplete would not lower his/her grade point average below 2.0. If the resolution of an Incomplete could lower the student's grade point average to below 2.0, the student shall be considered ineligible until the Incomplete is removed and the grade point average determined.

1.3 When a student does not maintain 2.0 GPA, he/she is ineligible in the subsequent grading period to participate in athletic Competitive Representational Activities. To regain eligibility, a 2.0 GPA must be earned in a grading period. Eligibility will be based on quarter grades.

1.4 In the event that a student finds that he/she is academically ineligible to participate in athletic Competitive Representational Activities in the first semester of the upcoming year, he/she may request that current summer school grades be added to the grades received in the spring semester and that the total spring semester and summer school grades be used to determine eligibility for the first semester of the upcoming school year. Summer school grades officially placed on a student's transcript will be totaled with the grades from the previous grading period and divided by the total number of courses. If a course is repeated, only the higher of the two grades will be used for calculations.

1.5 Students with any "F" grades must also maintain minimum progress towards graduation in order to meet eligibility requirements.

1.6 Students are expected to maintain good citizenship and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner while in class and on campus, and while representing the school during any Competitive Representational Activity. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility.

2.0 DOCUMENTARY ELIGIBILITY (Athletics Only)

2.1 Athletic Health Screening Examination Record, parent permission forms, insurance forms, emergency consent forms, authorization for student drug/alcohol testing, bus rules and other forms as required shall be recorded, and on file in the School Office. Parent or legal guardian signature is required.

2.2 An annual physical examination is required before a student may try out, practice or participate in interscholastic athletic competition. A student will be excused from the physical examination only in compliance with Education Code 49451 provisions concerning Parents' Refusal to Consent. It is recommended that the physical be passed prior to purchasing insurance.

2.3 A physical examination is good for one calendar year.

2.4 A prospective athlete shall either secure student insurance or have his/her parent or legal guardian complete the Parent's Certification Statement of Responsibility for Athletic Insurance. Proof of payment for student insurance or the statement of responsibility shall be on file at the school.

2.5 The District expects that coaching staff will provide an orientation for parents at the start of each sport season.

3.0 DOCUMENTARY ELIGIBILITY (other than athletics)

3.1 Appropriate parent permission forms, including authorization for student to be included in the drug/alcohol random testing pool, and emergency forms shall be on file at the school. Parent or legal guardian signature is required.

3.2 Competitive Representational Activities advisors (i.e. coaches, band leader, FBLA advisor) shall determine rules concerning appropriate conduct for the specific Competitive Representational Activity.

4.0 ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

4.1 Absence from school on the day of a scheduled Competitive Representational Activity shall result in denial of the privilege to participate. Students are required to attend a minimum of four (4) periods to be considered eligible for participation in the Competitive Representational Activity. Exceptions may be granted by the school administration on a case-by-case basis. Participation in Saturday or holiday events will be affected by attendance the last school day preceding the event.

5.0 USE OF TOBACCO, ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ALCOHOL (during season of Competitive Representational Activity)

5.1 The Shasta Union High School District believes that Competitive Representational Activities are an integral part of the school curriculum and must contribute to the physical and mental health of the Participants. To accomplish this, the District has enacted policies related to drug and alcohol use, both at school and outside-of-school sponsored events.

5.2 In order to provide for the health and safety of the Participants, to provide a legitimate reason for students to say "no" to drug use, and to provide an opportunity for those taking drugs to receive help in locating a program of assistance, the District is conducting a mandatory random drug testing program for Participants. The program is designed to create a safe, drug-free environment for Participants

5.3 Participants who are under the influence, or in possession, of illegal drugs or alcohol are subject to this policy at all times (i.e. during school, at school sponsored events, and outside of school). Participants who are under the influence or in possession at school or school sponsored events are subject to school consequences as well as the consequences of BP and AR 5131.61, Random Drug Testing of Students Participating in Competitive Representational Activities.

5.4 Participants who attend an illegal event (where drugs or alcohol are being served to minors) are also subject to this policy even if they do not use drugs or alcohol.

5.5 Explanation of Terms

5.5.1 Awards: School letters, certificates, or other honors and/or special recognition.

5.5.2 Competitive Representational Activities: All activities sanctioned by and under the control and jurisdiction of the Shasta Union High School District that are competitive, extra-curricular or co-curricular. These activities do not occur during the regular course of the school day, and include Competitive Representational Activities which occur during summer vacation.

5.5.3 Consent: The parent or guardian and the Participant are required to sign a written consent for drug testing prior to participating in the Competitive Representational Activity.

5.5.4 Drug: Any substance considered illegal or controlled by the Food and Drug Administration. This includes tobacco products, alcohol, and performance enhancing supplements including steroids. Drug panel to be tested: Methamphetamine, Chlorochromate, Amphetamine, Phencyclidine, Cocaine, Marijuana, Methadone, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Opiates, Oxycodone, Nicotine, Alcohol

5.5.5 Medication: The parent or guardian must provide verification (prescription information and number to the Medical Review Officer upon phone call) if the drug test is positive. Participants who test positive and refuse to provide verification will be subject to actions and the reinstatement process specified below.

5.5.6 Participant: Any student participating in Competitive Representational Activities sanctioned by and under the control and jurisdiction of the Shasta Union High School District.

5.5.7 Participant Selection for Testing: Random testing will be conducted during the Season. There will be a random selection of Participants to be tested by the drug testing company; collection of all specimens will be done by the drug testing company. Selection is truly random and SUHSD employees are not involved in the process of selection.

5.5.8 Positive Test: The Participant's sample will first be tested using an Instant Technologies Icup to determine an initial positive or negative. Any initial positive will be sent to a Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) certified lab for further analysis and confirmation. A Medical Review Officer (MRO) will contact the parent or guardian to discuss any prescription medication the Participant may be taking. Final results from the lab will be reported by the drug testing company to the Drug Testing Coordinator at the District Office. The Drug Testing Coordinator will then contact the Assistant Principal. The Assistant Principal will notify the parent or guardian and the Participant of the final lab results.

5.5.9 Season: Official seasons will be the same for all Competitive Representational Activities. The academic year is divided into four seasons: fall (August 1 – December 1), winter (November 1 – March 31), spring (February 1 – the last day of school), and summer (the day after the last day of school – July 31). If tryouts/meetings for competitive activities occur during a season of ineligibility, the student may attend tryouts/meetings at the discretion of the person in charge.

5.6 Action Taken & the Reinstatement Process

5.6.1 Missing a co-curricular Competitive Representational Activity due to a positive drug test will not result in reduction of a course grade. Students suspended from a co-curricular Competitive Representational Activity shall be provided with an alternative assignment in lieu of event missed.

5.6.2 First Offense: 1. Notify parent or guardian. 2. The Principal or his/her designee shall notify the Participant of the charges against him/her and provide him/her a chance to be heard on the matter at a meeting with the Principal/designee, the Participant, and his/her guardian/parent. 3. For reinstatement of eligibility, the Participant must successfully finish a five-week assistance/counseling program at the Participant's expense (evidence must be submitted), or the S.U.H.S.D. drug diversion program. 4. Participant will be given the option of either A or B: **A)** Taking a weekly drug test 879952.2

for six weeks (at the Participant's expense) with all negative results (any positive results are considered a second offense), **AND** missing two weeks of competitive representational activities beginning with the date of the confirmed positive and ending at midnight of the 14th day, **AND** must be actively enrolled in and attending a five-week assistance/counseling program (evidence must be submitted) or the S.U.H.S.D. drug diversion program. The Participant may attend practice/meetings at the discretion of the person in charge. **B**) Being suspended from participation for a period of nine consecutive academic weeks beginning with the date of the confirmed positive and ending at midnight of the 63rd day (the summer season will not count as part of the nine weeks). The Participant will be re-tested before beginning the next competitive representational activity for which he/she is eligible.

5.6.3 Second Offense

1. Notify parent or guardian.
2. The Principal or his/her designee shall notify the Participant of the charges against him/her and provide him/her a chance to be heard on the matter at a meeting with the Principal/designee, the Participant, and his/her guardian/parent.
3. The Participant shall be suspended from participation for the remainder of the Season and for the next Season. Eligibility will be reinstated on the beginning date of the 3rd consecutive season following the 2nd offense (i.e. if the student's second offense occurs during the fall season, he/she will be eligible on February 1 for sports offered in the spring season only). The Participant will be re-tested before beginning the next competitive representational activity for which he/she is eligible.

Athletic Seasons:

Fall: Football, Volleyball, Boy's Soccer, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Swimming, Girl's Golf, Girl's Tennis Winter: Basketball, Ski-Snowboarding, Cheerleading, Wrestling. Spring: Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Girl's Soccer, Boy's Gold, Boy's Tennis.

5.6.4 Third Offense

1. Notify parent or guardian.
2. The Principal or his/her designee shall notify the Participant of the charges against him/her and provide him/her a chance to be heard on the matter at a meeting with the Principal/designee, the Participant, and his/her guardian/parent.
3. The Participant shall be ineligible for all Competitive Representational Activities and participation. For reinstatement, the Participant must take a monthly drug test for twelve months (at the Participant's expense) with all negative results (any positive results are considered another offense).

5.6.5 Further violations shall result in a permanent ban from District Competitive Representational Activities. Participants who do not finish the season will not be eligible for awards, honors, or recognition.

6.0 QUITTING A COMPETITIVE REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITY

Any Participant dropping a Competitive Representational Activity before the Season ends shall not be eligible to practice or participate in another Competitive Representational Activity until the end of the Season during which the drop occurred. Exceptions to this rule can be made by the Principal.

7.0 EQUIPMENT

7.1 All equipment is issued to a student on a loan basis, subject to normal wear and tear. Equipment that is abused or lost must be paid for by the student to whom it was issued.

7.2 For a student to be eligible to participate in a subsequent Competitive Representational Activity, all equipment must be turned in at the end of a Season. Failure to do so shall result in school penalties.

8.0 TRANSPORTATION

8.1 When district transportation is provided, Participants **must be transported to and from school events on aforementioned transportation.** The two exceptions to this rule will be: if a parent or guardian contacts (by note or call) the principal or designee in advance of the Competitive Representational Activity. Upon direct authorization by the principal or designee, the Participant will be released by the coach, or person in charge, to the parent or guardian only for transportation following the Competitive Representational Activity; the second exception will be if the district transportation is for "drop off" purposes only, then the parent or guardian will not need to contact the principal or designee in advance of the event as a prerequisite to picking up the Participant.

8.2 Participants may provide their own transportation for Competitive Representational Activities occurring 1/2 hour after the end of the school day, within the boundaries defined as "The Golden Triangle": (West Valley to Central Valley, Shasta/Foothill to Enterprise). When district transportation is provided, the rule above will be followed.

9.0 INTERPRETATION OF COMPETITIVE REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES CODE

The judgment of the Principal is final regarding the application of this Code, and any needed interpretation of it.