

SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK *2026-2027*

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HANDBOOK CONSENT INFORMATION

When signing the online agreement form, you will be giving your consent to the following:

Parent/Guardian Permission to Participate in Athletics

I give my permission for my child to participate in interscholastic athletics at Shelby High/Middle School. I understand the school district will make every effort to supervise my child during activities, practices, and contests so that he/she may participate without being injured, but acknowledge that injuries, including serious and permanent ones, and even death, are a possibility in interscholastic athletics. Understanding the risk involved, I consent to have my child participate in athletic department programs and waive and forever release the Board of Education of the Shelby City School District, its officials, agents, and employees from all liability for wrongful death, bodily injury, or property damage that may result to my child during or as a result of interscholastic athletics. WARNING: THIS IS A RELEASE. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Student Risk of Injury in Athletics

I acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned, and warned by the administration and/or coaching staff of the Shelby City School District that my child may be exposed to the risk of serious injury by participating in interscholastic athletics. This could include, but is not limited to, sprains, fractures, ligament, and/or cartilage damage, which could result in temporary or permanent, partial or complete, impairment of limbs, brain damage, paralysis, or even death.

Consent to Perform Urinalysis for Drugs/Alcohol Testing

As a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the Shelby City School District, I have read and understand the District's Extracurricular Handbook as well as the Shelby City School Drug Testing Policy, which applies to high school student-athletes, extracurricular participants, and student drivers. Because my child participates in high school interscholastic athletic and extracurricular activities and/or is a student driver, I hereby voluntarily consent, on behalf of my student, to his/her participation in such activities and to his/her submission to drug/alcohol urine testing. We agree to be subject to the terms of the "Drug Testing Policy" provisions contained in the Extracurricular Handbook ("Handbook") and Board Policy. We accept the method of obtaining urine samples, testing, and analysis of such specimens, and all other aspects outlined in the Handbook. We further agree and consent to the disclosure of the sampling, testing, and results as provided within the Handbook and Board Policy.

I also understand that while my child cannot be compelled to produce a specimen, the giving of a specimen when requested by the District is a condition of my child's continuing to participate in interscholastic athletic activities, extracurricular activities, and/or drive and park on campus. I understand that if a test of my child's specimen reveals an unexplained presence of a drug or alcohol, the District may withdraw the privilege of participating in these activities. I understand that a refusal to submit to a test will have the same consequence as if my child had tested positive. I authorize the officers, employees, and agents of the District to communicate and share

information regarding my child's drug test results both orally and in writing. I understand that these results will also be available to me upon request.

SECTION 1- CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Shelby School System recognizes that the period of adolescence is a difficult time of change, growth, both physical and mental, decision-making, experimentation, and confusion. Great demands are placed on our youngsters, while influences and pressures are constantly present.

The ability to participate in extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, is a privilege and not a right. The coaches, activity advisors, and administration of the Shelby City Schools believe certain standards of behavior are important in the development of a sound extracurricular program. Students who voluntarily participate in extracurricular activities are expected to accept the responsibilities that accompany this privilege, including regulating his/her personal life in ways that make him/her a worthy representative of Shelby Schools. Failure to comply with these expectations may jeopardize a student's entire extracurricular career.

In addition, all students who participate in extracurricular activities at any time must comply with this code of conduct all twelve months of the year, in any season, and in all locations.

1. PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.

A student participating in extracurricular activities is expected to conduct him/herself in a manner that reflects good citizenship and brings honor to him/herself, their family, their school, and their community, both in the classroom, on and off the performance stage or athletic field, as a member of a school club, during and out of season. In keeping with this philosophy, any student involved in any activity that will bring discredit to our school, community, or any team may be suspended or removed from extracurricular activities. Students may also be suspended or removed from extracurricular activities for violations of the Student Code of Conduct or the supplemental training rules for the particular activity in which they participate.

2. NO SELLING OR DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

A student shall not sell, transmit, or distribute alcoholic beverages or look-alikes, illegal drugs, controlled substances (including steroids), or narcotics. School personnel must have documented evidence, and/or criminal charges must be filed relative to the violation of this rule.

3. NO POSSESSION, PURCHASE, OR USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, OR NON-PRESCRIBED DRUGS

Students shall not possess, use, handle, transmit, or conceal alcoholic beverages, look-alikes, tobacco or tobacco products (including any type of electronic cigarettes or similar device), narcotics or any drug, look-alike drugs, or substances thought to be a drug.

Drugs include, but are not limited to:

steroids	stimulants	narcotics
hallucinogenic	marijuana	non-prescribed medications

For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, the term “drug” includes over-the-counter medication or prescription medication, controlled substance(s), and illegal substance(s). Prescription or over-the-counter drug use must be within the limits of a valid prescription and/or manufacturer's guidelines.

A positive test under the Shelby City Schools Drug Testing Policy (See Section II below) constitutes a violation of this rule.

4. PROHIBITED ATTENDANCE AT GATHERINGS OR PARTIES WITH ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS

Students will not attend gatherings or parties where the consumption of illegal drugs or the illegal consumption of alcohol (i.e., underage drinking) is taking place. Students must make a conscientious and timely effort to leave any such party or gathering immediately.

Remaining as a bystander at such gatherings or parties constitutes a violation of this rule.

5. DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN SCHOOL

Students involved in Student Code of Conduct violations/disciplinary action in the classroom or school-related activities during the current season may be subject to denial of participation for an equal length of time. If a coach or activity advisor's additional Supplemental rules are violated, the specified penalty will be followed.

6. ATTENDANCE DAY OF A CONTEST

Students must be in school at least for the second half of the school day to participate in extracurricular activities scheduled on that date. Activities are defined, but not limited to, practice, contests, meetings, etc., which take place after the school day is completed. The one-half day is determined by the attendance office. Exceptions can be granted by the Principal, Assistant Principal, Activity Advisor, or Athletic Director.

Rules 7 & 8 are Applicable Only to Student-Athletes:

7. ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES PUT FORTH BY THE OHSAA.

8. COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

A student-athlete who quits a sport after the official start of the respective sports season (as defined by the OHSAA) or after “athletic cuts” or if removed from the team for rules violations will be unable to participate in any sports program until the sport he/she quit has completed its season, forfeit any awards for that sport’s season, and return all issued equipment, uniforms, etc. Being unable to participate as a result of quitting or being removed from a team includes, but is not limited to, any conditioning, open gyms, weight room use, practices, scrimmages, games, etc. that are in preparation for another athletic program and/or as a member of another in-season program. However, a variance of this rule may be granted with the agreement of all involved coaches and the Athletic Director.

9. SUPPLEMENTAL PARTICIPATION/TRAINING RULES

Supplemental participation/training rules are those rules that a head coach or activity advisor may implement for his/her program. These rules are beyond those outlined in this code of conduct. Supplemental rules may vary from team to team and activity to activity, and only apply to the program of the coach/advisor that implements them during the specified season. Copies of any such Supplemental rules will be distributed to each student. Supplemental rules shall not deal with tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.

SECTION 2- SHELBY CITY SCHOOLS DRUG TESTING POLICY

OVERVIEW

The Shelby City School District Board of Education Drug Testing Policy was developed in an effort to deter Shelby students in grades 7-12 from using and abusing alcohol, prescription, and illegal drugs. This policy reflects the Shelby City School District Board of Education and the community’s strong commitment to establishing a drug and alcohol-free school program.

The Board has selected all: (1) interscholastic student-athletes; (2) students who are issued a permit to drive and park on District property; and (3) students who participate in extracurricular activities to be subject to this Policy.

In addition, any student whose parent voluntarily consents to have them tested under this Policy (or opts in) will be included in the testing pool. This policy applies to all students listed above in grades 7-12.

PURPOSE OF POLICY

1. To continue to provide a healthy and safe environment for all students.
2. To prevent the negative impact that illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco have on the learning centers of the brain, and allow students to achieve their full academic potential.
3. To encourage students to remain drug-free and provide a legitimate reason for students to refuse drugs and alcohol.
4. To provide solutions for students who violate the drug-free policy.

EFFECT OF POLICY

This Policy is not intended to affect or restrict Shelby City School District's authority to perform tests to determine the use of prohibited substances upon individualized "reasonable suspicion" for any student, regardless of whether they participate in an extracurricular activity or park on District property. Drug, alcohol, or tobacco possession and/or use in violation of the Student Code of Conduct (i.e., discovered without the use of random drug testing) shall be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct.

No student will be suspended or expelled from school as a result of any certified "positive" test conducted by his/her school under this program. No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for banned substances. The results of a drug test will not be documented in any student's academic record. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities without legal compulsion by a valid and binding subpoena or another legal process, which the Shelby City School District will not solicit.

CONSENT

All students and parents/guardians/custodians must sign the "Informed Consent Agreement" form for drug testing to be eligible and/or participate in interscholastic athletics, district-supported extracurricular activities, and/or driving to school and parking on school property.

If the student is age 18 or older, only the student must give consent for testing. This Policy also applies to all students involved in an activity in "club" or "pilot" status.

DEFINITIONS

For this policy, these terms are defined as follows:

1. ALCOHOL

Any liquor, wine, beer, or other substance/beverage as defined in the Ohio Revised Code § 4301.01. The term “alcoholic beverage” includes any liquid or substance that contains alcohol in any proportion or percentage. The term “alcoholic beverage” does not include a substance used for medical purposes in accordance with directions for use provided in a prescription or by the manufacturer and in accordance with school district policy and rules related to the use of prescription and non-prescription drugs, provided the substance is a) authorized by a medical prescription from a licensed physician and kept in the original container, which shall state the student’s name and directions for use or b) an over-the-counter medicine.

2. ATHLETE

Any person participating in the Shelby High School or Shelby Middle School athletic programs and/or contests under the control and jurisdiction of the Shelby City Schools and/or the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). This policy also includes cheerleaders. The athletic program includes, but is not limited to, Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Cheerleading, Football, Softball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

3. DRUG ASSESSMENT AND COUNSELING

A District-approved program designed to assess the degree of dependence of a student on mood-altering chemicals or other illegal substances. As part of drug assessment and counseling, a student may be required to complete an education component designed to teach the harmful nature of the mood-altering chemicals and any follow-up counseling and/or treatment deemed necessary by the assessing agency. The District will not approve any program not certified by the Ohio Department of Health of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

The costs of any such chemical assessment, educational component, counseling, and/or treatment shall be the responsibility of the student and/or his/her parent/guardian/custodian.

4. EXTRACURRICULAR

Any out-of-class pursuits, clubs, groups, teams, or activities sponsored by the Shelby City School that do not involve a curriculum or have a grade associated with participation. The Board will typically issue a supplemental contract to an advisor, supervisor, or coach for extracurricular activities. Such activities include, but are not limited to, the following: Student Council, E-Sports, Interact, Academic Challenge/Quiz Team, and Whippet Theater.

5. ILLEGAL/ILLICIT DRUGS

Any controlled substance (as defined by the Ohio Revised Code § 3710.01). The term “drug” as used within this policy includes over-the-counter medication or prescription medication, controlled substances, and illegal substances. Prescription or

over-the-counter drug use must be within the limits of a valid prescription and/or manufacturer's guidelines. The District may also test for nicotine and steroids.

6. **RANDOM SELECTION**

A system of selecting students for drug and alcohol testing in which each student shall have a fair and equitable chance of selection each time selections are made.

7. **SELF-REFERRAL**

Self-referral is deemed an act of the student seeking help. A self-referral, to the principal, athletic/activities director, and/or head coach/school activity advisor, is not to be used as a means of avoiding the consequences of a Policy violation. Policy violations already reported or pending violations cannot be "self-referred." Students may self-refer only once during their school career. A student cannot be self-referred if police intervention has taken place.

- a) A student may seek assistance from a District-approved program for drug/alcohol problems. The Superintendent or designee will establish the necessary criteria for sanctioning of drug/alcohol programs.
- b) Self-referrals will be considered for first violations; however, no reduction of season or activity will be assessed if the student agrees to follow the student drug assessment and counseling procedure.
- c) Parent/guardian referral may be treated as a self-referral.
- d) If the student fails to complete the drug assessment and counseling, the penalty will be enforced in full.
- e) Each self-referral will be evaluated and approved by the school administration. Approval will be based on the participants' history and disciplinary records.

8. **STUDENT DRIVER**

Students who drive to school and apply for a permit to park on school property.

TYPES OF TESTING AND SELECTION FOR TESTING

1. RANDOM TESTING

At the beginning of each season and/or school year, all student-athletes, students participating in extracurricular activities, and student drivers seeking a permit to park on school property are required to provide the head coach or advisor/instructor with the "Informed Consent Agreement" for drug testing completed by their parents/guardians/custodians (or student if age 18 or older). The completion of this form is a requirement for participation/parking permit.

Once such a form is received, the student shall be placed into the pool for random drug testing. Random testing may be done throughout the season and/or school year.

Upon selection, the student will be directed to report to the Board-approved drug testing

facility. The collection (and retesting, if necessary) of all samples shall be governed by the standard operating procedures of the Board-approved drug testing facility.

- A. Random Selection of Students: The drug testing company will utilize a random number generator to select students for testing. Students may be tested more than once per season and/or school year.
- B. Scheduling Random Testing: Random testing will be unannounced. The drug testing dates and times will be selected by the principal/designee. The frequency and percentage of students tested each time will be determined by the principal/designee.

The principal/designee will make all final decisions regarding any drug testing issues within his/her building.

2. “OPT-IN” STUDENT DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

Parents/Guardians/Custodians who do not have students involved in athletics, extra-curricular activities, and/or parking on school property may elect to have their students participate in the drug-testing program at the expense of the District. Interested parents/guardians/custodians should contact their building principal for additional information.

DRUGS FOR WHICH STUDENTS MAY BE TESTED

LSD, Alcohol, Marijuana, Amphetamines, Methadone, Anabolic Steroids, Methaqualone, Barbiturates, Nicotine (Tobacco), Benzodiazepines, Opiates, Cocaine, Propoxyphene (Darvon), or any controlled substance (as defined by the Ohio Revised Code § 3710.01). This definition also includes all prescribed and over-the-counter drugs being used in any way other than for medical purposes in accordance with the directions for use provided for in the prescription or by the manufacturer.

REFUSAL TO TEST

Refusal to submit to a random test and/or failure to provide an acceptable sample will constitute a violation of the drug testing policy and will be treated as a positive test result. If a student is unable to provide a urine sample, they will be given no more than 40 ounces of liquid to drink. The student must remain in the testing area. The student will be given no more than three (3) hours to produce a sample. The district also has the option to use an alternative method (hair, mouth swabs, etc) to collect a sample. Refusing to submit a sample through an alternative method will constitute a refusal to test.

RESULTS OF A POSITIVE TEST

In the event of a positive result, the specimen will be reviewed by a certified Medical Review Officer (MRO) at the drug testing facility for verification. Positive tests will be reported to the

District by the testing facility. The following procedures will be followed:

1. The Superintendent or the Principal will obtain the results of the tests from the testing agency.
2. The Superintendent or Principal will immediately notify parents, student(s), the advisor, supervisor, or coach. Due to student confidentiality laws, the only information revealed to the advisor, supervisor, or coach will be that the Policy was violated. No information regarding the substance discovered by the test will be disclosed by the district. *Parents should be notified first.
3. Once the parent/guardian/custodian is notified, the student will then be informed of the positive results. The principal/designee will then provide written notification to the parent/guardian/custodian via U.S. mail.
4. The MRO will review all “non-negatives” or suspected adulterations.
5. The MRO is responsible for determining whether any of the prescribed medications resulted in a positive drug screen.
6. If the parent/guardian/custodian or student wishes to contest the results, the drug testing facility will arrange for a retest of the specimen to be submitted to either the same laboratory or a different laboratory (if requested by the parent/guardian/custodian) approved by the principal/designee. The parent/guardian/custodian or student must pay for this expense. Such a request must be made to the principal/designee in writing within five (5) school days from the first notification of the positive test results.

Note: Consequences for violations of the Drug Testing Policy are immediate, unless specified otherwise in this policy, and cannot be delayed due to the contesting of drug testing results.

CONSEQUENCES OF A POSITIVE TEST RESULT

1. Upon the first positive test, the student will lose any leadership position or lead position on the team, squad, or activity roster for at least the remainder of the current season but no more than one calendar year. If there are any additional positive tests, the student will lose any leadership positions for the remainder of their Shelby City Schools career.

2. FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES:

Nicotine only:

- Denial of participation for 20% of contests. This will carry over to the next season if there are fewer than 20% of contests remaining.
- Completion of a counseling session by a licensed drug/alcohol/nicotine counselor. This must be completed before the student can participate in a contest.
- Participation in every drug test for one calendar year.
- Meet with a school administrator, coach, and parent.

All other drugs and alcohol:

- a) **FIRST INFRACTION:** The student-athlete will be denied the right to participate in athletics and/or cheerleading for the remainder (100%) of his/her remaining high school career.

Any student-athlete in violation of this Policy who agrees to participate in drug assessment and counseling at his/her own (or at his/her parents') expense may have the penalty outlined above reduced to 30% of the current sport/season. In such cases, the student-athlete will be denied participation during the current season, with any remaining percentage of the denial of participation applied to the next season of his/her participation if needed.

- b) **SECOND INFRACTION:** For a second infraction of this Policy, the student-athlete will be denied the right to participate in athletics and/or cheerleading for the remainder (100%) of his/her remaining Shelby City Schools career.

Any student-athlete in violation of this Policy a second time, who agrees to participate in drug assessment and counseling at his/her own (or at his/her parents') expense, may have the penalty reduced to one (1) calendar year. The calendar year begins from the date of notification of the infraction. *The athlete forfeits all season awards and may be removed from the roster/team should any portion of the season remain and/or the post-season banquet has not occurred. The athlete will not be able to participate in post-season ceremonies, including team or league banquets.*

- c) To continue to be part of the team, the student-athlete must continue to follow all rules during a period of removal. The student will continue to practice with the team and sit with the team during contests. However, the student-athlete may not wear a team uniform during the period of denied participation. Per OHSA regulations, scrimmages are not considered to be contests and will not be counted in the percentage of games missed.

- d) Any student-athlete who has had a positive drug test or violated Extracurricular Code of Conduct Rule 3, and elects to participate in drug assessment and counseling, will be subject to testing by the District's selected testing vendor upon reinstatement for one calendar year.

3. FOR ALL OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Nicotine only:

- Denial of participation for 14 calendar days.
- Completion of a counseling session by a licensed drug/alcohol/nicotine counselor. This must be completed before the student can participate in the group/performance.

- Participation in every drug test for one calendar year.
- Meet with a school administrator, coach, and parent.

All other drugs and alcohol:

a) FIRST INFRACTION: The student will be denied participation for 30 calendar days in all extracurricular activities, with any remaining days of the denial of participation applied to the next season of participation if needed. A student who agrees to participate in drug assessment and counseling at his/her own (or at his/her parents') expense may have this penalty reduced by 50%.

b) SECOND INFRACTION: The student will be denied participation in extracurricular activities for one (1) calendar year. The calendar year begins from the date of notification of the infraction.

The student must participate in an approved drug assessment and counseling at his/her own (or at his/her parents') expense during the denial of participation period to be eligible to participate after 1 calendar year.

Note: To continue to be part of the club/group, the student must continue to follow all rules during the period of removal. The student may not attend club meetings, may not participate in performances or contests, and may not participate in any off-campus trips or special events.

4. FOR DRIVERS:

Nicotine only:

- Denial of driving privileges for 10 school days.
- Completion of a counseling session by a licensed drug/alcohol/nicotine counselor. This must be completed before the student can drive to school.
- Participation in every drug test for one calendar year.
- Meet with a school administrator, coach, and parent.

All other drugs and alcohol:

a) FIRST INFRACTION: The student will be denied 30 school days of driving/parking privileges. A student who agrees to participate in drug assessment and counseling at his/her own (or at his/her parents') expense, may have this penalty reduced by 50%.

b) SECOND INFRACTION: The student will be denied driving/parking privileges for 90 school days.

5. THIRD INFRACTIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS FOR NON-NICOTINE OFFENSES:

The student will be permanently denied participation in athletics, extracurricular activities, and/or driving/parking privileges.

If the student agrees to follow the drug assessment and counseling program, he/she must submit to the athletic/activities director or principal or his/her designee evidence of:

- a) Successful participation, as determined by the principal or his/her designee/ athletic/activities director, of the drug assessment and counseling program; and
- b) An ongoing commitment to non-drug/alcohol use.

Any positive drug test will result in additional testing of the student by the District's selected testing vendor upon the student's reinstatement.

Non-nicotine violations are cumulative throughout the student's school career. (Grades 7-12)

- Exception 1: If an infraction of Rule 3 or 4 is the first infraction by a student in grades 9-12 who has had one (1) previous middle school infraction of Rule 3 or 4, the first infraction consequence will be enforced.
- Exception 2: If an infraction of Rule 3 or 4 is the first infraction by a student in grades 9-12 who has had two (2) previous middle school infractions of Rule 3 or 4, the second infraction consequence will be enforced.
- Exception 3: A middle school athlete who is removed from extracurricular participation for an infraction of Rule 3 or 4 will be able to return to extracurricular participation upon entering high school, provided any required reinstatement program is completed. However, when in high school, the first infraction of Rule 3 or 4 will result in a third infraction consequence.

SECTION 3- PENALTIES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT INFRACTIONS

1. **Penalties for infractions of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct Rule #1** may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Removal from a team, club, or activity for the remainder of the season or for a temporary period.
 - b. Denial of participation in tryouts, open gyms, fitness programs, practices, competitions, and contests.
 - c. Denial of participation for the remainder of the student's high school career.
2. **Penalty for Extracurricular Code of Conduct Rule #2 infraction:** Immediate denial of participation for the student's high school career.

3. **Penalty for Extracurricular Code of Conduct Rule #3 infraction:** Penalties will reflect those outlined within the “Consequences for a Positive Test Result” section of the foregoing Drug Testing Policy.
4. **Penalty for Extracurricular Code of Conduct Rule #4 infraction:**
 - 1st offense- denied participation for 30% of the season

NOTE- Successive violations of Rule #3 and/or#4- A successive violation is defined as an offense of Rule #3 or Rule #4 that follows having a prior violation (or violations) of Rule #3 or Rule #4. To impose penalties for successive violations of Rule #3 and/or #4, violations of either rule will be considered equivalent and interchangeable. Therefore, in the event of a successive violation of Rule #3 and/or #4, the penalty imposed will be consistent with a second or third offense under Rule #3.

To continue to be part of the team, the student-athlete must continue to follow all rules during a period of removal. The student will continue to practice with the team and sit with the team during contests. However, the student-athlete may not wear a team uniform during the period of denied participation. Per OHSAA regulations, scrimmages are not considered to be contests and will not be counted in the percentage of games missed.

SECTION 4- REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

If a student violates the Extracurricular Code of Conduct, the Principal, Coach, or Activity Advisor will be notified. An informal meeting with the student will be held with the principal or his/her designee, and the student will be permitted to respond to the alleged rules infraction.

After the meeting, the Principal, Coach, or Activity Advisor will decide the penalty to be imposed for the rules infraction and will communicate that to the student and his/her parents.

While there is no right to appeal a suspension or removal from an extracurricular activity, the student may request, in writing, that either the Principal (in the case of athletics) or Superintendent (in the case of all other activities) review the penalty imposed. The decision of the Principal or Superintendent concerning the review of the suspension or removal shall be considered final.

SECTION 5 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

1. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETES:

Shelby High School and Shelby Middle School offer their students, both boys and girls, the opportunity to observe and participate in sports. Shelby is a member of the Mid Ohio Athletic Conference as well as a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, and as such, must abide by the academic eligibility rules and bylaws set forth by these organizations. To be academically eligible to participate in athletics, each student must meet Shelby City Schools and OHSAA Eligibility Requirements. These requirements are found on the OHSAA website, www.ohsaa.org/eligibility, in the guidance office, and/or in the athletic office. Furthermore, all questions and/or decisions concerning academic eligibility must be directed to the principal.

Per OHSAA rules, academically ineligible students may not participate in any contest and/or scrimmage during the period of ineligibility. However, if granted permission, ineligible athletes may continue to practice and attend contests with a team before and after the current grading period interim report, provided a student's interim grades are such that they meet the OHSAA academic eligibility standards. Should an athlete's interim report fail to meet the OHSAA academic eligibility standards, the student will be denied participation for the remainder of the current grading period.

2. HAZING

Hazing is defined by the Ohio Revised Code as “doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization or any act to continue or reinstate membership in or affiliation with any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person, including coercing another to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse, as defined in section [3719.011](#) of the Revised Code.” Hazing is illegal and will not be tolerated by the Shelby City Schools. Suspected cases of hazing will be investigated by the appropriate law enforcement personnel. Punishments for hazing may include extracurricular and school discipline.

3. SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

The Shelby City Schools expects all spectators to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect to game officials, opposing players and fans, and to our coaches, fans, and athletes. According to the Board of Education Policy (KGB), no person on District property may assault, strike, threaten, menace, or use improper, indecent, or obscene language toward a teacher, instructor, other District employees, or students. This prohibition is extended to all athletic officials,

coaches, and athletes in the District and all visiting teams. Whoever violates the above policy and building regulations will be asked to leave the property by whoever is in charge. Spectators who are asked to leave the property will also have a minimum suspension of attendance at all athletic activities (middle school and high school) until completion of two (2) games (1 game in football) played at the level of suspension. Additional penalties could also be levied.