

Behavioral Standards For Students Participating in
Extra-Curricular Activities

Participation in extra-curricular activities, to include interscholastic athletics, is a privilege, not a right. It must be earned, and can be forfeited. Stratford students represent their schools to the community, and their town to other school districts. They should be role models for other students to emulate. Participation, however successful, will not be allowed at the expense of the learning environment, the reputation of the school or the students own education.

For these reasons, it is necessary and appropriate that students be accountable for their behavior to their schools, teams, clubs and organizations. Commencing with the 1997-98 school year the following Behavioral Standards will be applied to all students engaged in extra-curricular activities. There will be no exceptions to these standards.

Student Athletes

- 1) Any athlete suspended from school (out-of-school suspension) must sit out the next regular or post-season athletic contest, whether that contest occurs during the suspension period or after the student returns to school.
- 2) Any athlete suspended from school (out-of-school suspension) a second time in one school year will be declared ineligible to participate for the remainder of the season. (In the sport he/she was participating when the suspension occurred).

Students Participating in any Extra-Curricular Activity (Including Athletics)

- 1) Any student suspended from school (out-of-school suspension) more than twice during one school year will be declared ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year.
- 2) Any student expelled from school will be declared ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular activity during the entire period of expulsion.
- 3) Students shall not engage in behavior in school, at a school sponsored event or in the community that harms the reputation of or brings shame to the school, team, club or organization. Failure to conform to this standard may result in ineligibility to participate for a period of time at the discretion of the principal, based upon the recommendation of the coach, athletic director or advisor.