

Topeka High School Substance Abuse Policy

Participation in athletic or academic activities at Topeka High School is a privilege. This privilege is available for students as long as USD #501 and Kansas State High School Activities Association policies are followed by participants. Failure to adhere to the following policy will result in suspension of the privilege of taking part in activities at THS. This policy is an extension of the USD #501's substance abuse policy, as well as the Kansas State High School Activities Association policy concerning the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. Due Process will determine time and duration of suspension from activities and loss of student in good standing status.

** All students who wish to participate in KSHSAA-sponsored athletic/academic activities at THS and their parents must sign the receipt below indicating that they have read and understand the policy before they may participate in any THS activities. These activities include all teams.

Note: The term "offense" indicates use, possession, disbursement, or reasonable suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, or any illegal drugs, in or out of school at any time the offender is enrolled as a student at THS. As an extension of USD #501 and Topeka High School disciplinary policies, any "offense" at school or any school activity will also result in appropriate district/school disciplinary action (invoked through due process channels). An offense must be verifiable via student admission, police reports, documents from a court of law, direct observation by school personnel, or other evidence which is found to be reliable: Activities suspensions may carry over from one season to the next and/or from one school year to the next.

First Offense

- A. Up to 50% suspension of one full season participation in activities (in addition to school discipline invoked).
- B. Professional alcohol, or other drug and/or tobacco counseling (as per Board policy), may be required before reinstatement.
- C. Conference with student, administrator, coach, and parents before reinstatement.
- D. Coach/sponsor may require fulfillment of additional responsibilities before reinstatement w/approval of A.D./Principal.

Second Offense

- A. Complete loss of one full season of participation in THS activities (In addition to school discipline invoked).
- B. Completion of a professional alcohol, or other drug and/or tobacco counseling (as per Board policy), before student may participate in next eligible season may be required.
- C. Coach/sponsor may require fulfillment of additional responsibilities before reinstatement w/approval of A.D./Principal.

Third Offense

- A. The student is no longer eligible to participate in any THS activity for a minimum of 365 consecutive days.
- B. A conference with the student, school administrator, coach/sponsor and parents.
- C. Coach/sponsor may require fulfillment of additional responsibilities before reinstatement w/approval of A.D./Principal.

Topeka High School Substance Abuse Policy Receipt

I have read and understand the Topeka High School Eligibility and Substance Abuse Policy and realize that failure to follow this policy will result in consequences as stipulated in the Topeka High School 'Student Activities Handbook'.

Student's Name (Printed)

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

***Note:** This receipt must be turned in to the Activities Department at Topeka High School before a student may participate in any school activities.