

**SANTA CRUZ HIGH SCHOOL ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG
POSSESSION, USE, and PENALTIES POLICY**

Participation in Santa Cruz City Schools sanctioned co-curricular activities is a privilege and a responsibility which requires all participants to adhere to co-curricular training rules imposed by the school district and member or affiliate school the student attends and represents. Adherence to training rules ensures that all students are in top physical condition, minimizes potential for injury, and further ensures that all member and affiliate school teams and groups are appropriately represented by their students. *Therefore, the possession or use of any controlled substance, alcohol or tobacco products by a student, whether it occurs on or off of school property, is prohibited and shall result in the penalties set forth herein.*

This regulation shall begin once our son/daughter begins participation as a student in high school co-curricular activities. This policy remains in effect for every calendar school year during the course of his/her high school career and when he/she is directly involved in a school activity occurring at any time (summer leagues / camps, etc.). This policy remains in effect regardless of whether our son/daughter is currently participating on a high school team.

a. Definitions: The following terms or phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them for purposes of interpreting this Policy.

1. Controlled Substance – includes any mind altering substance or beverage set forth in Schedule I-V of the list of Controlled Substances as identified by the office of the Drug Enforcement Administration or as set forth in 21 U.S.C. §812.

2. Period of Suspension – means a student is prohibited from appearing in a Santa Cruz City Schools sanctioned sport or event as a member of a team or in individual competition. A suspension from competition begins with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs. A student who is suspended under this regulation who does not serve the entire period of suspension during the sport/event season in which suspension occurs shall serve any remaining period of suspension during the next sport/event season in which the student appears on a Santa Cruz City Schools roster. A violation of this regulation that occurs during a time when a student does not appear on a Santa Cruz City Schools roster shall be implemented at the commencement of the next sport/department season in which the student participates. *The period of suspension is only satisfied after the student completes the next sport/department season on a team in which the student has previously appeared on a Santa Cruz City Schools roster as a member in good standing.* Attendance in a summer school class shall not apply toward satisfying any period of suspension.

3. Possession means a student who is in actual physical control of alcohol, tobacco or a controlled substance.

b. Possession or Use of Tobacco/Alcohol/Controlled Substance/Narcotics. Any student determined to be in possession of, or to have used tobacco, including smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco or snuff, an alcoholic beverage, controlled substance and/or narcotic (unless prescribed by the student's physician for medical purposes), is in violation of this policy. If after an investigation by the school it is determined that the student is in violation of this regulation the student shall immediately be declared ineligible to compete in any Santa Cruz City Schools competition beginning with the first scheduled competition after a violation occurs. Additionally, the student shall be subject to the following discipline:

Substance Use Intervention Program

1. **First Violation**: a ten (10) school day suspension from participation in interscholastic competition *from a co-curricular activity in which the student's name has appeared on any Santa Cruz City Schools roster*, beginning with the first scheduled competition/event after the suspension occurs. Five school days of the suspension of eligibility may be waived if the student successfully completes all components of the appropriate substance use intervention program set forth in subparagraphs (d) (1) (A) and (d) (1) (B) below. The student shall practice with the team during the period of suspension and participate in any out of season activities if approved by the coach and principal.

2. **Second Violation**: The student shall be suspended from interscholastic competition/events *from a co-curricular activity in which the student's name has appeared on any Santa Cruz City Schools roster* for a minimum of twenty (20) school days. The student shall practice with the team during the period of suspension if approved by the coach and principal and participate in any out of season activities and must complete the requirements set forth in subparagraphs A and B below, in order to be considered for reinstatement of future co-curricular activity eligibility, which shall be determined following the twenty (20) day suspension of co-curricular activity eligibility by a group composed of one of the student's parents/legal guardians, the school principal, co-curricular activity director, coach and a substance use program coordinator.

A. A substance use evaluation assessment conducted by a alcohol and drug counselor provided by the school district must be completed within ten (10) school days following the suspension and all assessment recommendations must be satisfactorily met before co-curricular activity eligibility may be reinstated.

B. The student must successfully participate in all sessions of the appropriate substance use intervention program set forth in subparagraphs (d) (1) (A) and (d) (1) (B) below, and successfully complete a minimum of five (5) alcohol and other drug counseling sessions with Youth Services or other indicated licensed program. Proof of completion must be provided before reinstatement in the form of a letter or certificate of completion from the provider of service.

3. **Third Violation**: The student shall accomplish all objectives of First and Second Violations. Additionally, student shall complete a mandatory drug and alcohol treatment program. There is a potential for suspension from school co-curricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school career.

4. **Appeal**: If student is suspended from co-curricular activities after their third violation they may appeal the ruling through the Santa Cruz City School Board. Both the students and his / her parents must attend this meeting of the Board to present their appeal.

c. **Cumulative Effect of Suspensions**: Multiple suspensions of a student's co-curricular activity eligibility based on violations of this Regulation shall be considered as cumulative over the length of each student's high school career, 9th through 12th grade.

d. The Seven Challenges Program: Any student who has been suspended from co-curricular activity eligibility for violation of the provisions of this Regulation and whose future co-curricular activity eligibility is contingent on successful completion of The Substance Use Intervention Program, or whose suspension of co-curricular activity eligibility may be reduced through successful participation in The Substance Use Intervention Program, shall complete The Substance Use Intervention Program developed by the Santa Cruz City Schools.

1. Successful completion of the The Substance Use Intervention Program shall require, at a minimum:

A. The Seven Challenges, a six session intervention program

B. Attendance at all practice sessions and games/events not interfering with The Seven Challenges Intervention Program. Student will not be allowed to participate in games/events until successful completion of The Substance Use Intervention Program

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Santa Cruz City Schools recognizes and understands that parents / guardians take the primary role in instilling values for their students. It is the goal of Santa Cruz City Schools to work cooperatively with parents to provide guidelines and programs that assist students in making positive choices.

IMPORTANT – Please read the following information and acknowledge with your signature below.

We understand that participation in high school co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and that underage drinking and drug use is against the law. Alcohol, Tobacco usage (including smokeless tobacco), and other drug use is against school policy. Substance use negatively impacts athletics and academic performance, and research indicates that early onset of alcohol use increases the occurrence of addiction in adulthood by four times. Alcohol and drug use interferes in learning processes, brain development and increases the chance of physical injury while participating in co-curricular competition. Because of these risks, and in addition to the laws of the State of California, Santa Cruz City Schools requires participants and parents to agree to the following:

1. We have read the Soquel High School Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Possession, Use and Use Penalties Policy and agree to abide by the Policy as written.
2. We have viewed the video and Power Point presentation regarding the Policy and we have either seen this presentation or agree to waive the requirement of viewing the presentation.
3. We understand that we are encouraged to notify our school's co-curricular activities administrator / director if our son / daughter violates this Policy and / or the laws of the state of California. It would also be acceptable for our child to self-report any violation of this policy to our school's co-curricular activities administrator / director.
4. We understand that knowingly providing erroneous information during the course of an investigation of an alleged violation of the policy will result in a one calendar year suspension from all high school co-curricular activities.
5. We further acknowledge that once our son / daughter begins participation as a student in high school co-curricular activities that this policy remains in effect for every calendar school year during the course of their high school career and when he / she is directly involved in a school activity occurring at any time (summer leagues / camps, etc.). This policy remains in effect regardless of whether our son / daughter is currently participating in high school co-curricular activities.
6. We have also reviewed the California law of Purchase, Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Beverage or Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia by a Minor, and understand the laws of California and how they pertain to our family.

7. We understand that it is against the law for minors to use tobacco in the state of California, we realize it is against this policy and general school policy for students to use tobacco, and that scientific evidence demonstrates it is unhealthy and a detriment to athletic performance.

8. We understand that the use of steroids and other performance enhancing drugs are illegal, dangerous, provide only temporary gains and are a form of cheating other competitors.

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
(Continued)
CALIFORNIA LAW

Purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage by minor.

1. Any person under 21 years of age who purchases any alcoholic beverage or any such person who consumes any alcoholic beverage in any saloon, resort or premises where spirituous, malt or fermented liquors or wines are sold is guilty of a misdemeanor.

2. Any person under 21 years of age who, for any reason, possesses any alcoholic beverage in public is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3. This section does not preclude a local government entity from enacting by ordinance an additional or broader restriction.

4. For the purpose of this section, possession “in public” includes possession:
 - On any street or highway;
 - In any place open to the public; and
 - In any private business establishment which is in effect open to the public.

5. This term does not include:
 - Possession for an established religious purpose;
 - Possession in the presence of the person’s parent, spouse or legal guardian who is 21 years of age or older;
 - Possession in accordance with prescription issued by a person statutorily authorized to issue prescriptions;
 - Possession in private clubs or private establishments; or
 - The selling, handling, serving or transporting of alcoholic beverages by a person in the course of his lawful employment by a licensed manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of alcoholic beverages.

We acknowledge that this form must be signed by **both** parent / legal guardian and our child before our son / daughter will be cleared for athletic competition at his / her high school.

Print Name

Print Name

Student Signature

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Date

GUIDELINES FOR POLICY VIOLATION RESPONSE

If a violation occurs, a school will use the following steps:

1. Notification of Assistant Principal by Coach/ Athletic Director/ Parent/Student or other party that a potential violation has occurred.
2. Conduct an investigation to determine any violation of school and/or Santa Cruz City Schools regulations.
3. If it is determined that the student violated the Policy, the Assistant Principal will notify the student and parents/guardians.
4. Policy and Penalty will be explained and reviewed with the Assistant Principal.
5. Impose the sanctions outlined in the Policy, and complete the clearance form when the student has fulfilled the requirements.
6. A student who has violated this Policy must be cleared by the Santa Cruz City Schools before competing in any sanctioned co- curricular activity.
7. Students must also meet and be approved by the Santa Cruz City Schools and district level athletic and co-curricular activities administrators when appropriate.

If at any time you have questions regarding the procedures established with this Policy, please contact the Santa Cruz City Schools Director of Student Services Eileen Brown (831-429-3410).

Note: Each school district will be provided with a resource library of educational materials on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

**SOQUEL HIGH SCHOOL
DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO VIOLATION
CLEARANCE FORM
FIRST OFFENSE**

Student's Name School

Description of violation:

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The Seven Challenges Program (Describe):

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Other (optional):

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NOTE: Both student and parent have been notified that a second drug, alcohol or tobacco offense will result in a **20-school day suspension from all Santa Cruz City Schools Co-Curricular Activities.**

Print Student's Name Student's Signature Date

Print Parent's Name Parent's Signature Date

School Co-Curricular Activities Administrator Date

Director Student Services, Executive Director Date

**SOQUEL HIGH SCHOOL
DRUG, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO VIOLATION
SECOND OFFENSE**

The student shall be suspended from interscholastic competition for a minimum of twenty (20) school days. The student shall be allowed to practice with the team, and participate in any out of season activities and must complete the requirements below. In order to be considered for reinstatement of future co-curricular activity eligibility, which shall be determined following the twenty (20) day school suspension of co-curricular activity eligibility by the Executive Director, Santa Cruz City Schools.

- A substance use evaluation assessment conducted by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor provided by the school district.

- The student must successfully participate in all sessions of The Seven Challenges program.

NOTE: Both student and parent have been notified that a third drug, alcohol or tobacco offense will result in the student being **ineligible to participate in California interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the student's high school career.**

Print Student's Name	Student's Signature	Date
Print Parent's Name	Parent's Signature	Date
School Co-Curricular Activities Administrator	Date	
Director Student Services, Executive Director	Date	

**SOQUEL HIGH SCHOOL
DRUG, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO VIOLATIONS
THIRD OFFENSE**

Student is ineligible to participate in all interscholastic activities for the remainder of their high school career in all California Schools.

Print Student's Name Student's Signature Date

Print Parent's Name Parent's Signature Date

School Co-Curricular Administrator Date

Director Student Services, Executive Director Date