


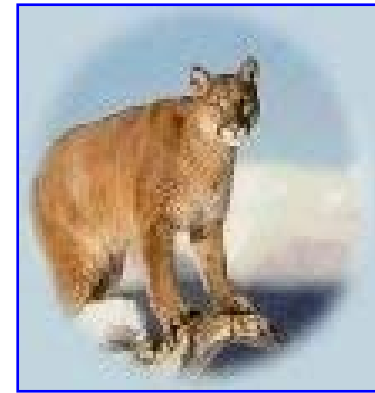
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*ATHLETIC &
ACTIVITIES POLICY
HANDBOOK*

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EXTRA CURRICULAR POLICY

New Prairie prides itself on maintaining a healthy attitude about the balance of academic, athletic, and behavioral standards for student participants. All extra curricular participants are apprised of and expected to fulfill basic requirements of the above three standards, and when any of these is not met, certain disciplinary measures are inevitable.

Whereas most infractions and their consequences are non-debatable, violation of the conduct codes for participants always cause disagreement about the severity of it and the appropriate punishment. Inevitably, parents and friends of the participant question these decisions and many times these people seek to minimize the participants conduct by pointing out others whose similar conduct has gone unpunished.

New Prairie High School can only enforce its rules when it becomes aware of rule violations. Such knowledge must *not* be gained by hearsay; accusations made in anger for retribution; and *not* by the ugly method of the recurring anonymous phone call or letter.

In the spirit of understanding, take a moment to reflect on the difficult task we all face, at school and at home, in providing an atmosphere of discipline and moral excellence for our youth. Some decisions are not easily made, yet they must be made.

We always try our best to achieve the goal of providing and maintaining a quality program, which should be commonly held by all of us interested in New Prairie students. It is hoped that this information will give the parent and the student a better understanding of what we are trying to accomplish. The main purpose is to unify a set of rules so that each and every coach/sponsor, student and parent will have an idea as to what is expected of them. Please review the codes set forth in this handbook.

"Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it."
Thomas Fuller
1608-1661. British clergyman and author

NEW PRAIRIE UNITED SCHOOL CORPORATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR CONSENT FORM AND DRIVING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

I have received, have read, and understand a copy of the New Prairie United School Corporation Extra-curricular and co-curricular Activities Drug Testing Program. I desire that _____

_____ participate in this program, and in the extra-curricular and co-curricular program of New Prairie United School Corporation, along with driving to, from or during school and hereby, voluntarily agree to be subject to its terms for the entire high school career (grades 9-12). I accept the method of obtaining urine specimens, testing, and analyses of such specimen, and all other aspects of the program. I agree to cooperate in furnishing urine specimens that may be required from time to time. I further agree and consent to the disclosure of the sampling, testing, and results provided for this program. This consent is given pursuant to all State and Federal Privacy Statutes, and is a waiver of rights to nondisclosure of such test records and results only to the extent of the disclosures in the program.

Date _____, 20____ Student I.D.# _____

(Please list Extra-curricular/Co-Curricular activities you participate in)

Student Driver: Yes No (circle one)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

I, _____, have decided not to participate in any extra-curricular and co-curricular activities sponsored by New Prairie United School Corporation, or driving to, from or during school for the remainder of this school year. In order for me to participate in the extra-curricular and co-curricular activity program or driving to and from school at a later date, I understand that I must submit to a urinalysis.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

- c. If the student is on medication, the Medical Review Officer will contact the prescribing physician to verify the prescription and overturning the positive result to a negative result. Failure to cooperate with the Medical Review Office in obtaining this information will result in the positive test being reported to the principal/designee.
- d. The Medical Review Officer will then determine if any of the prescribed medications resulted in the positive drug screen.
- e. Finally, the Medical Review Officer, based on the information given will certify the drug test results as positive or negative and report this to the building principal, initially reporting positive results by phone. The Medical Review Officer will also notify the prevention coordinator that a drug test returned positive giving only the dates of the collection reporting.
 - 1. For example, a drug screen positive for codeine may be ruled negative by the Medical Review Officer when he receives a letter from the treating physician that the student has been prescribed Tylenol with codeine as a pain medication following tooth extraction.
 - 2. Or, if the student has a positive drug screen for codeine and has no documented physician order for the medication (maybe a parent gave the student one of their pills), this would likely be ruled a positive drug test by the Medical Review Officer.
 - 3. Drug screens positive for illicit drugs (marijuana, heroin, cocaine, etc.) would automatically be considered positive by the Medical Review Officer.
- f. The Medical Review Officer will complete the final review on the drug testing custody and control form and return The appropriate copy to the building principal in a confidential manner.

PICK-UP PROCESS

The collector is responsible for seeing that specimens are delivered to or picked up by the testing laboratory and the chain of custody form properly annotated.

<u>CLUB & ACADEMIC</u>	<u>NEW PRAIRIE SPORTS</u>
Color Guard	<u>Fall:</u>
Pom Poms	Football
Cheerleading	Boys & Girls Cross Country
Drama Club	Boys Tennis
Yearbook	Girls Volleyball
French Club	Girls Golf
Honor Society	Cheer
Spanish Club	Poms
Spanish National Honor Society	
Varsity Letter Club	<u>Winter:</u>
FBLA	Boys Basketball
Art	Girls Basketball
Swing Choir	Boys & Girls Swim/Dive
Jazz Band	Wrestling
Newspaper	Cheer
Student Senate	Poms
Rocket Club	
Karate Club	<u>Spring:</u>
Model Club	Boy's Baseball
Quiz Bowl	Girl's Softball
Academic Decathlon	Boys Golf
Hoosier Academic Super Bowl	Boys & Girl Track & Field
State Hoosier Spell Bowl	Girls Tennis
Mock Trial	
Robotic Club	*Must meet eligibility requirement for all ECA
Key Club	
Pep Club	



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PHILOSOPHY

Extra curricular activities offer so much to young people and should be an extension of the student's learning process. We believe interscholastic extra curricular activities to be an integral part of the school's total curriculum. Values and lessons learned through interscholastic competition benefit that person throughout their life.

We are in a supporting role. We can help the student participant get to where they want to go, but most of the work they must do themselves.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To encourage students to participate in athletic and academic programs.
2. To provide a healthy competitive environment for those with an interest in extra curricular activities which they can achieve and excel within a given set of rules.
3. To create for the individual an atmosphere of learning that will develop self-discipline.
4. To provide strenuous workouts which develop the individual's strength and endurance beyond their expectations, and to maintain their physical well-being.
5. To teach fundamental skills and rules of the various sports and academic programs.
6. To teach proper care of the playing area and equipment.
7. Sportsmanship – to develop respect for the other team members, opponents and coach/sponsors and to understand other people's attitudes and feelings.
8. To develop decision making skills in execution and problem-solving skills in correcting errors under different degrees of pressure.
9. To be successful in that we do not always win, but we succeed when continually striving to do so. You can learn to accept defeat only by striving to win with earnest dedication. Develop a desire to excel.
10. To develop the determination of the participant to do his or her best and strive to reach their highest potential.
11. To learn how to handle socially acceptable recognition for victory as well as defeat.

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- F. The student enters the stall to collect the specimen, and then hands the container to the collector. The student may then rewash their hands.
- G. The collector checks the volume, reads and records the temperature within four minutes of collection, and looks for evidence of tampering. If tampering is suspected, a second specimen will be requested. A second suspected tampered specimen will be considered refusal to test and the principal notified.
- H. With the student watching, the collector will recap the specimen bottles tightly.
- I. The collector takes the properly student-signed and initialed bottle seals and places them over the caps and side of the bottles.
- J. The sealed bottles are placed inside the transport bag and the top sealed. As directed.
- K. The top lab copies of the drug testing custody and control form are folded with the top portion visible to the outside and placed in the requisition pouch. This pouch is then sealed as indicated. The student is given the donor copy of the form.
- L. While the student watches, the sealed specimen bag is carried to a secured storage area.
- M. The student is then sent back to class.
- N. The collector distributes the remaining copies of the form as required, being responsible for getting the appropriate copy of the form to the principal/designee and Medical Review Officer in a timely manner.
- O. The principal will be notified immediately of any student who refuses to give a urine sample.

MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Medical Review Officer will review all results of urine drug testing. Any urine specimen testing positive for illicit or banned substances will be handled in the following manner:

- A. The Medical Review Officer determines if any discrepancies have occurred in the chain of custody.
- B. Depending on the substances found in the urine, if necessary the Medical Review Officer will contact the parent/guardian to determine if the student is on any prescribed medication from a physician.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Under this drug testing program, any staff, coach/sponsor, or sponsor of New Prairie United School Corporation who may have knowledge of the results of a drug test will not divulge to anyone the results of the test or the disposition of the student involved, other than in the case of a legal subpoena being made upon that person in the course of a legal investigation. Once again, this will underscore the New Prairie United School Corporation commitment to confidentiality with regards to the program.

OTHER RULES

Apart from this drug-testing program, New Prairie High School Athletic Department and the coach/sponsoring staff of each sport/activity have their own training rules and requirements. Coach/sponsors have the necessary authority to enforce those rules. Any student who violates a rule or requirement as a member of a team or activity will be subject to the consequences as defined in those rules and requirements.

COLLECTION PROCESS

Selected student participants report from class to the collection site. A specimen of urine is collected following this process:

- A. Student first is asked to wash their hands with water and dry them.
- B. No purses, bags or containers may be taken into the collection area with the student. All extra coats, vests, jacket, sweaters, etc., are to be removed before entering the collection area.
- C. The drug testing custody and control form is completed by the student and collector.
- D. The collector adds a bluing agent to the water in the urinal or toilet.
- E. The student is told to urinate directly into the provided container and should provide a sufficient amount of urine (45ml) in one attempt. The student is also told they are to hand the container of urine to the collector.

GENERAL RULES

Attendance: Participants must be in attendance for the last 2 periods of the school day in order to participate in practice or contests, unless excused by the principal or his/her designee.

Suspension: If participants are suspended from school, they will be ineligible for all practices and contests during the term of their suspension.

Juvenile or Criminal Offenses: Participants shall be governed by local and state law, New Prairie High School Athletic/Activities handbook, and all club/activity organization policies, the IHSAA regulations .

Practice Regulations: Participants and their Parent(s)/Legal Guardian **must attend the pre-season mandatory information meeting** held by the Athletic Director before student athlete will be allowed to practice or play in their respected sport season according the official IHSAA start date. Participants are expected to attend all practices and be punctual in attending practice. Illness or other extreme emergencies are the only acceptable reasons for missing practice. The participant or parent should always inform the coach/sponsor when he/she knows that it will be impossible to attend a scheduled practice. Practice schedules will be made out and participants will be informed as to times and areas of their practice by their coach/sponsor each week. Each coach/sponsor will set the practice/game attendance policy for his/her team in regards to special conditions, etc.

Establishing Team Roster: The coach/sponsor staff is hired for their knowledge and expertise in each particular sport and activity. It is at the discretion of the coach/sponsoring staff to decide who will be members of the team. It may be necessary to cut participants after trying out for a particular team. It should be noted that there is no "final cut" and team members may be dropped or added from a squad anytime during a season.

Dropping from a team: Any participant quitting a sport team will forfeit their athletic award in that sport for that season. They also will not be permitted to participate in another sport until the season of the sport they have dropped is completed. The only exception being the mutual consent and agreement of all coaches/sponsors involved. Likewise, any academic activities participant quitting a team during season should do so in good standing with the coach/sponsor involved.

Equipment/Uniforms: All athletic &/or activity equipment must be turned in promptly when called for and missing items settled for at that time. A participant who willfully neglects to turn in equipment and uniforms will be ineligible for all extra curricular activities until he/she returns the equipment, or makes restitution and is in good standing with the school.

GENERAL RULES CONTINUED

Classroom behavior:

When a discipline report from a classroom teacher has been filed with the Administration involving an extra curricular participant (in or out of season) the following should occur.

First violation- The coach/sponsor will have a conference with the teacher involved and with the student.

Second violation- (in any class) the student will have a conference with the Coach/sponsor, Parents and Athletic/Activities Director. (Conditioning penalty may be imposed)

Third violation- (in any class) the student will be suspended for (1) one contest. If the extra curricular participant is out of season the penalty will be imposed during his/her next active season.

Fourth violation- (in any class) the student will have a conference with the Coach/sponsor, Parents and Athletic/Activities Director, with possible dismissal from the team.

Additional Training/Team Rules:

Each coach/sponsor may choose to establish his/her own rules not covered by the above guidelines prior to the start of the season. These rules will be in writing so that there will be no misunderstanding on the part of the extra curricular participants and their parents. These additional rules may be more stringent than what this policy calls for, provided that they are reasonable, lawful and do not conflict with the policies and regulations of New Prairie High School.

If the test is verified "positive", the principal/designee will meet with the student and his/her parent/guardian at a school corporation facility. The student and parent/guardian will be given the names of counseling and assistance agencies that the family may want to contact for help.

A "follow up" test will be requested by the principal/designee after the suspension period and after such an interval of time that the substance previously found would normally have been eliminated from the body. If this "follow up" test is negative, the student will be allowed to resume extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and/or driving. Subject to the disciplinary consequences of the Athletic Code of Conduct and/ or applicable Student Activities Code of Conduct. If a second "positive" result is obtained from the "follow up" test, or any later test of that participant, the same previous procedure shall be followed. In addition, the New Prairie United School Corporation reserves the right to continue testing at any time during the remaining school year any participating student who tested "positive" and did not make satisfactory explanation.

Information on a verified "positive" test will be shared on a "need to know" basis with the student's coach/sponsor or sponsor. The results of "negative" tests will be kept confidential to protect the identity of all students being tested. All drug test results will be kept in locked files with access only by the principal/designee.

STATISTICAL REPORTING AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF DRUG TEST RESULTS

The testing laboratory, Medical Review Officer or third party administrator may not release any statistics on the rate of positive drug tests to any person, organization, news publication or media without expressed written consent of the New Prairie United School Corporation Board of Education. However, the third party administrator will provide the building principal with a quarterly report showing the number of tests performed, rate of positive and negative tests, and what substances were found in the positive urine specimens.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. Under this policy, New Prairie United School Corporation will pay for all initial random drug tests, all initial reasonable suspicion drug tests, and all initial "follow up" drug tests. (Once a student has verified "positive" test result and has subsequently tested negative from a "follow up" test, any future "follow up" drug test that must be conducted will be paid for by the student or his/her parent/guardian.)
2. A request on appeal for another test of a "positive" urine specimen is the financial responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian.
3. Counseling and subsequent treatment by non-school agencies is the financial responsibility of the student or his/her parent/guardian.

Before the student's urine specimen is tested by the laboratory, students will agree to fill out, sign and date any form which may be required by the testing laboratory. If a student chooses, he/she may notify the administrator that he/she is taking a prescription medication.

A sanitized kit containing a specimen bottle will be given to each student. The bottle will remain in the student's possession until a seal is placed upon the bottle. The student will sign that the specimen has been sealed. Only the lab testing the specimen may break the seal.

If the seal is tampered with or broken, after leaving the student's possession and prior to arriving at the lab, the specimen is invalid and the test will be canceled.

Students will be instructed to remove all coats and wash their hands in the presence of the collector prior to entering the restroom. The door will be closed so that the student is by himself/herself in the restroom to provide a urine specimen. The collector will wait outside the restroom. The student will have four minutes to produce a urine specimen. The commode will contain a blue dye so the water cannot be used to dilute the sample. The faucets in the restroom will be shut off.

TEST RESULTS

This program seeks to provide needed help for students who have a verified "positive" test. The student's health, welfare, and safety will be the reason for preventing students from participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and restrict him/her from driving to or from school.

The principal/designee will be notified of a student testing "positive" only after the test result is verified by the Medical Review Officer. The laboratory will report the test result to the Medical Review Officer after initial and confirmatory test results are completed. The student and his parent/guardian will be notified by the Medical Review Officer where they will be given an opportunity to present documentation of a prescription for the positive substance. The Medical Review Officer will contact the prescribing physician and verify the prescription

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY-In order to represent New Prairie High School in any interscholastic competition, a student must meet all eligibility requirements of the IHSAA, as well as those of New Prairie High School.

Between May 1 and the extra curricular participant's first practice in preparation for inter school athletic participation, the extra curricular participant shall have had (1) a physical examination or certification by a physician, (2) written consent of parent or guardian for such participation unless emancipated and (3) notice of disclosure. (4) Attend Parent/Athlete informational meeting held at the beginning of each sport season at New Prairie High School.

A student who is or shall be twenty (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be ineligible for inter school athletic competition in that sport; a student who is nineteen (19) years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be eligible as to age for inter school athletic competition in that sport.

To be eligible scholastically, students must have received passing grades at the end of their last grading period in school, in at least six (6) full credit subjects for students in grades 10-12. Students in grade 9 must have received passing grades at the end of their last grading period in at least 5 full credit subjects or the equivalent and must be currently enrolled in at least 5 full credit courses. Semester grades take precedence. (IHSAA c-18-1)

Transfer eligibility-A student who transfers to an IHSAA school shall not be eligible to participate in interschool athletics for a period not to exceed 365 days after enrollment, unless: (A) The principal of the school to which the student transfers (receiving school) files with the IHSAA a signed and completed IHSAA athletic transfer report, and (B) such IHSAA athletic transfer report shall have been approved by the commissioner, or his designee.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

In order to earn a varsity letter each participant must meet the standard set by the varsity coach/sponsor of that sport. The standard will be explained within a set of team

Rules that each participant will receive from his or her coach/sponsor prior to trying out for that particular sport.

In addition to meeting that standard, each participant must be academically eligible and in good standing with his/her team until the team has been eliminated from the IHSAA sponsored tournament series.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION-Each participant that successfully completes a sport season will receive a certificate of participation.

LETTER SWEATER – An participant will receive a varsity letter sweater when they earn their first (1st) varsity letter. Participants may also purchase their letter jacket at this time, (see below). They will be invited to join the Letterman's Club upon receiving their first letter.

SPORT BAR-An participant will receive a sport bar when they earn a varsity letter in a sport for the first time.

CHEVRON- An participant will receive a chevron when they earn a varsity letter in a sport.

HONORED PLAQUE – An participant that has earned six (6) varsity letters will receive an engraved plaque with each lettered sport listed and how many letters were received in that sport.

LETTER JACKET –Starting with the 03-04 school year, letter jackets will no longer be earned as an award. Letter jackets may be purchased by any participant, information is available in the high school athletic office.

ATHLETIC BLANKET-An participant that has earned ten (10) varsity letters will receive a varsity athletic blanket.

SPECIAL AWARDS-Each sport is responsible for the determination of any special awards to be given. These may be in the form of plaques, stars, and special certificates. These awards may be based on team member's votes, statistic leaders or coach/sponsoring decisions.

ACADEMIC TEAM EXTRA CURRICULAR AWARDS

Each Team/Club is responsible for the determination of any special awards to be given. Most awards are determined by the outcome of established competitions participated in.

All students will remain under school supervision until they have produced an adequate urine specimen. If unable to produce a specimen, the student will be given up to 40 ounces of fluid. If still unable to produce a specimen within three hours, the student will be taken to the principal's office and told he/she is no longer eligible for any of the extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and driving to and from school. In addition, the parents/ guardian will be telephoned and informed the student is unable to produce a sample for the testing procedure and that he/she may be tested at a later date to be reinstated for eligibility.

All specimens registering below 90 degrees or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit will be invalid. There is a heat strip on each of the specimen bottles indicating the validity of the urine specimen by temperature. If this occurs, the student must give another specimen.

If it can be proven that tampering or cheating has occurred during the collection, the student will become ineligible for all of the "extra-curricular and co-curricular activities" and driving to and from school for the remainder of the school year. This will be reported to the parent/guardian.

Immediately after the specimen is taken, the student may return to class with an admit slip or pass with the time he/she left the collection site. The principal/designee must time and sign the pass.

The specimens will then be turned over to the testing laboratory, and each specimen may be tested for alcohol, and "street drugs" (which may include all drugs listed as controlled substances under the laws of the state of Indiana). Also "performance enhancing" drugs such as steroids may be tested.

The laboratory selected must follow the standards set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It must be certified by HHS under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP).

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

All Collection personnel will be trained according to Department of Transportation collection procedures. To maintain confidentiality, the student's name will not appear on the laboratory copy of the chain of custody and control form.

The principal/designee will be responsible for escorting students to the collection site. The student should bring all materials with him/her to the collection site and should not be allowed to go to his/her locker. The administrator should not bring all the students drawn from the pool to the collection site simultaneously.

No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs or banned substances. The results of drug tests pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the New Prairie United School Corporation Board of Education will not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the student and the student's custodial parent, legal guardian, or custodian will be notified at least 72 hours before response is made by the New Prairie School Corporation Board of Education, to the extent permitted by such subpoena or legal process.

BANNED SUBSTANCES

For the purpose of this Policy, the following substances or their metabolites that can be tested for are considered illicit or banned for New Prairie United School Corporation students.

Alcohol, Amphetamines, Anabolic Steroids, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine, Metabolites, LSD, Marijuana Metabolites, Methadone, Methaqualone, Ecstasy, Opiates, Propoxyphene, Other Specific Drugs.

TESTING PROCEDURES

The selection of participants to be tested will be done randomly by the principal/designee, or outside agency and selections will be made from time to time throughout the school year. The drug-testing pool will consist of those persons agreeing to be tested. Testing may occur on a different day, Monday through Saturday. This variable schedule will keep students conscious of the possibility of being tested at any time during the year. Each student will be assigned a number that will be placed in a drawing. The principal/designee or outside agency will use a system to assure that students are selected in a random fashion. This system will utilize a computer-based system designed specifically for the purpose of randomly selecting individuals for drug testing.

No student will be given advance notice or early warning of the testing. In addition, a strict chain of custody will be enforced to eliminate invalid tests or outside influences.

Upon being selected for a urinalysis test under this policy, either by random draw, or a "follow-up" test, a student will be required to provide a sample of "fresh" urine according to the quality control standards and policy of the laboratory conducting the urinalysis.

VIOLATIONS AND PUNISHMENT

This code is to be observed at all times, **365 days a year**. If violations occur when out of season the penalty will be enforced during the next active season for participation.

DRINKING AND ABC VIOLATIONS –
POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Violations to be dealt with by this Code of Conduct include, **but are not limited to**, the following:

1. Use and/or possession of drugs or alcohol
2. Hosting, attendance, or remaining at parties, activities or other places where drugs, alcohol or performance enhancing substances are illegally being used.
3. Use of tobacco or tobacco products.
4. Engage in hazing or harassment.
5. Repeated disregard of school or activity rules.
6. Theft of property.
7. Vandalism or destruction.
8. Lying regarding an alleged violation or failure to cooperate with a District investigation of an alleged violation.
9. Not reporting a violation of this code of conduct within a reasonable amount of time to a school official or school representative.

First Offense - Suspension for 33% of scheduled contests if an athletic participant, and/or 60 school days if in other extra-curricular activities. Loss of captain star and/or officer position.

Second Offense – Suspension for one (1) calendar year with Alcohol/ Drug counseling from an administrative approved program at parent expense, and administration receives proper notification of attendance.

Third Offense – Permanent suspension.

ATHLETIC / ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

The Athletic/Activities council shall be composed of the high school principal, assistant principal, athletic director, three (3) head coach and three (3) activity sponsors.

The purpose of the Athletic/Activities Council is two-fold. The council will review disciplinary cases as requested by parents, student/participants, and /or coach or sponsor. In addition, the council will review athletic/activities department policies and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of School Trustees

NEW PRAIRIE DRUG TESTING POLICY

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & STUDENT DRIVER DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

A STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE

A program of deterrence will be instituted as a pro-active approach to a drug free school. Through driving or participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, students using illegal drugs pose a threat to their own health and safety, as well as to that of other students. The purpose of this program is three fold: (1) to provide for the health and safety of students; (2) to undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students to refuse to use illegal drugs; and (3) to encourage students who use drugs to participate in drug treatment programs. Students involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and driving to and from school need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. It is further the purpose of this program to prevent students from driving to and from school or participating in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities while he/she has drug residues in his/her body, and it is the purpose of this program to educate, help, and direct students away from drug and alcohol abuse and toward a healthy and drug free lifestyle. It is designed to create a safe, drug free, environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed. No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any verified "positive" test conducted by his/her school under this program other than stated therein.

INTRODUCTION

The effective date of this program is August 1, 2003. This program does not affect the current policies, practices, or rights of New Prairie United School Corporation with drug and/or alcohol possession or use, where reasonable suspicion is obtained by means other than drug testing through this policy.

REASONABLE CONCERN

New Prairie United School Corporation has a strong commitment to the health, safety and welfare of its students. Our commitment to maintaining the extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in New Prairie United School Corporation and driving to and from school as a safe and secure educational environment requires a clear policy and supportive programs relating to detection, treatment, and prevention of substance abuse by students involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and driving to and from school.

SCOPE

Participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and driving to and from school is a privilege. This policy applies to all New Prairie United School Corporation students in grades 9-12 who wish to participate in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities that are listed below:

Athletics (Participants include, but are not limited to, athletes, cheerleaders, managers, and other athletic student personnel).

Music (Participants include, but are not limited to, performing band members, performing choir members, and participants in solo/ensemble contests).

All Extra-Curricular student clubs and organizations

This policy also applies to any student who wishes to drive to school, from school, or during school.

CONSENT FORM

It is MANDATORY that each student who participates in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities or drives to or from school sign and return the "consent form" prior to participation in any extra-curricular and co-curricular activity. Failure to comply will result in non-participation and/or no issue of a student-driving permit to school.

At the beginning of each selection date, school year or sport season, as determined by the Indiana High School Athletic Association, or when a student moves into the district and joins an activity, all students wishing to participate in that season's sports may be subject to urine testing for illicit or banned substances. Up to 10% of eligible students may be randomly tested on a weekly basis anytime during the school year. Any student who refuses to submit to urine drug testing will not be allowed to practice or participate in designated extra-curricular and co-curricular New Prairie United School Corporation activities or drive to and from school.

Each student shall be provided with a "consent form", a copy of which is attached hereto, which shall be dated and signed by the participant and by the parent/guardian. In so doing, the student is agreeing to participate in the New Prairie United School Corporation random drug-testing program.