

NESHAMINY HIGH SCHOOL
CONCURRENCE ON SCHOOL BOARD POLICY VIOLATIONS

Neshaminy High School recognizes and affirms the individual value and potential of each member of their school community. We recognize through School Board Policy that certain behaviors seriously impair the ability of the individual to develop his/her full potential, and that these behaviors have an adverse effect on the ability of all members of the school community to achieve personal and District educational goals. Such behaviors include substance abuse, potential acts of violence, harassment or other board policy violations.

Neshaminy High School recognizes that certain behaviors are serious problems with legal, physical, emotional and social implications for every member of the school community. It is, therefore, the goal of Neshaminy High School, in part through this Concurrence, to expect all students to adhere to the highest levels of conduct.

The growing concern among national, state and local entities, professional organizations, and parents, regarding unacceptable behaviors by some students prompted Neshaminy High School to expand upon existing school board policies. The school included additional expectations in those policies applicable to all students involved in any school sponsored co-curricular and/or interscholastic activity. These expectations are to assist students, with the help of staff and parents, in the development of a healthy and safe lifestyle, twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

Neshaminy High School recognizes that participation in all co-curricular and interscholastic intramurals and activities is a privilege rather than a right. Students who engage in these activities have the honor of representing Neshaminy High School before the public and the school has an obligation to see that these students exhibit responsible behavior befitting this privilege.

Therefore, all students who are participants in any co-curricular and/or interscholastic activity whose conduct violates any school board policy, the Neshaminy High School Discipline Code as it relates to school board policies and/or this Concurrence shall be subject to the provisions set forth herein.

The procedures set forth in this Concurrence will be equitably applied to all students of Neshaminy High School who participate in any co-curricular and/or interscholastic activity.

The Neshaminy School District takes very seriously the importance of maintaining a safe and appropriate environment. School Board violations will be dealt with appropriately and the District's expectations are that students will be receptive to recommendations.

Each case is thoroughly reviewed by building and District level administration. As such, any violation of school board policy may result in the recommendation for an expulsion hearing. Policy violations of an egregious nature as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee (510, 535, 548) may be subject to expulsion. All recommendations for expulsion are reviewed by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

VIOLATION IN SEASON/DURING TERM OF ACTIVITY

The student may be suspended (decision made by building and district administration) from the activity for the remainder of the season or semester.

If suspended from the activity, a determination will be made by a committee at the building level comprised of the principal, assistant principal for co-curricular activities and athletics, coach/athletic advisor and counselor as to whether banquets, awards, letters, jackets or any other form of recognition will be given by the school or by any organization affiliated with the school or with the activity, to the student for participation in an activity during which the offense occurred. This provision may be in effect for the entire academic year.

If the student wishes to participate in any activity in a subsequent season or semester, the student will be ineligible to participate in the first 25% of that activity's major events. The student may, however, participate in preparatory activities for major events upon the satisfactory completion and/or approved implementation of the Neshaminy Educational Support Team's (NEST) prescribed program. The student also must have the approval of the assistant principal for co-curricular activities and athletics, and the coach/advisor of the activity. This provision may be in effect for one calendar year.

VIOLATION OUT OF SEASON/NOT DURING TERM OF ACTIVITY

The student will be ineligible to participate in the first 25% of the major events in which he/she participates in the next succeeding activity/season. The student may, however, participate in preparatory activities for major events upon the satisfactory completion and/or approved implementation of the Neshaminy Educational Support Team's (NEST) prescribed program. The student also must have the approval of the assistant principal for co-curricular activities and athletics, and the coach/advisor of the activity. This provision may be in effect for one calendar year.

VIOLATION OUT OF SCHOOL

If the violation is a matter of public record or has become public knowledge, the student will incur the consequences stated above, where applicable. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall determine the date of public record/knowledge and such date shall be used as the date of the violation.

STUDENTS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE

A committee comprised of the Director of Secondary Education, Assistant Principal for Co-Curricular Activities and Athletics, the District Coordinator for Student Assistance Programs and the building principal shall, on a case by case basis, review and make a determination on each situation whereby a student voluntarily seeks help prior to the establishment of public record/knowledge. (Reference is made to SB Policy 510, Section IV, C., but is applicable to all school board policy violations.)

REPEAT VIOLATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

Should a student have a repeat violation of school board policy and should the Board of School Directors find that the charge is valid but does not impose the penalty of expulsion, said student may (case by case determination by above referenced committee) be ineligible to participate in any co-curricular and interscholastic activity for up to one year following the date of the Board hearing or be ineligible as the Board may direct. The student may, however, participate in preparatory activities for major events upon the satisfactory completion and/or approved implementation of the Neshaminy Educational Support Team's (NEST) prescribed program. The student also must have the approval of the coach/sponsor of the activity prior to participation.

This Concurrence is a part of SB Policy 505 – Discipline, which references SB Policies 510, 535 and 548.

Please sign and return this section of the Concurrence. Retain the text for your records.

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signature of parent/guardian date

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signature of student date

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approved 92/93
revised 96/97
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print student name