

BROOKLAND-CAYCE HIGH-SCHOOL
"HOME OF THE FIGHTING BEARCATS"



ATHLETIC POLICY, DRUG POLICY AND
PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Both player and Parent/Guardian must read this entire document and sign below. Your signature documents that you have read the entire Athletic Policy, Drug Policy, and Participation Requirements, and you will, to the best of your ability, abide by these rules and expectations, and that you understand all consequences.

Player's Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

Player's Name (Sign): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (Print) _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name (Sign) _____ Date: _____

Brookland-Cayce High School

Athletic Policy and Participation Requirements

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

1. All academic and eligibility requirements must be satisfied as stated by the SCHSL. You can visit www.schsl.org for more info or as your coach.
2. Parent Permission forms must be on file.
3. Physical exam from must be on file.
4. Insurance forms with payment must be on file.
5. Medical release from with signature.
6. Certified copy of student's birth certificate must be on file.
7. Parent and athletic signature on this document.
8. Parent and athletic signature on the Drug test release (JJIE-E).
9. Participate in tryouts and be selected as a team member.

CONDUCT

1. Participation in athletics at BCHS is a privilege and not a right. The principal, athletic director or the head coaches may temporarily or permanently remove any students from an athletic program for conduct detrimental to the school and or team.
2. Athletes are expected to abide by all school rules during all school functions. In themselves, coaches, parents, school, or the community. For inappropriate actions in and out of the school, the athlete will appear before the Athletic Committee consisting of the principal, athletic director and the team coach. Appropriate action will be taken in line with Lexington District Two's Board approved discipline policy.
3. The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in all areas. As an athlete, you must plan your schedule so that you give sufficient time and energy to your studies as well as your athletic practices. An athlete should be attentive in the classroom and respectful towards faculty and other students at all times. Our athletes are expected to be clean and neat in personal appearance. Profanity will not be allowed at any time for any reason. Remember, respect is not given, it is earned.

PRACTICE /ATTENDANCE

1. Attendance at practice and games is mandatory. Absences from practice/games must be made up prior to the next athletic contest. Coaches will set the make-up criteria. If the make-ups are not completed, the athlete will not dress for that game. Coaches can make additional rules governing practice.
2. Students missing or being late for practice will be required to make up all work before the next athletic contest in order to participate. Athletes can attend practice in an observatory capacity unless they have a very confining illness or injury.
3. Students suspended from school will have to make up the work after the suspension has been served. In-school suspension/Saturday Detention students will be allowed to participate in practice and/or games.
4. Any athlete suspended twice within a season will not be permitted to participate in any sport for the remainder of that sport's season barring an appeal to the Athletic Committee.

ATHLETIC SUBSTANCE/DISIPLINE POLICY

Because athletic performance demands the maximum capacity mentally and physically of the athlete, the Athletic Department at Brookland-Cayce declares the use, possession or trafficking of tobacco, alcohol, inhalants, drugs or any other physiologically altering substance as contradictory to our philosophy and purpose. An athlete's responsibility also encompasses out of school activities during nights, weekends, etc. during the entire academic year. Confirmed use or possession of the following substances will result in the following:

- A. The Board approved discipline policy established by Lexington County School District Two will be in effect at all times. All violations of the school discipline policy on campus will be dealt with by the school discipline code.
- B. The use of tobacco and tobacco products is prohibited. Confirmed possession/use of tobacco will result in punishment determined by the coach and a consultation with the athlete conducted and his or her parents would be contacted. Second offense will result in a one-contest suspension, and the third offense will result in dismissal from the team.
- C. The use/possession of alcohol/inhalants is prohibited. Confirmed possession/use of will result in a conference with the principal, the athletic director, the coach, the athlete, and the parents to determine the action to be taken. The student will be suspended for a minimum of 5 days of the season. On the second offense, the athlete will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season. On a third offense, the athlete will be suspended indefinitely. On each offense, the athlete must attend counseling sessions through the B-C guidance department.
- D. The use/possession of drugs is prohibited. Confirmed possession/use of will result in a conference with the principal, the athletic director, the coach, the athlete, and the parents to determine the action to be taken. The student will be suspended for a minimum of 14 days of the season. On the second offense, the athlete will be suspended from all athletic participation for 90 days. On a third offense, the athlete will be suspended indefinitely. On each offense, the athlete must attend counseling sessions through the B-C guidance department.
- E. The board approved Drug Education and Testing Policy will again be in effect for the 2008-2009 school year. See Policy (JJIE) for more information.
- F. Any athlete arrested and/or formally charged with a crime will automatically be suspended until the facts are investigated and known. Students will have a conference with the principal, the athletic director, the coach, the athlete and the parents to determine the action to be taken. *Appropriate action will be taken in line with Lexington District Two's board approved discipline policy.*

TEAM TRYOUTS AND POLICIES

1. Any student who is qualified under the provisions of the SCHSL and this policy shall have the right to try out for any sport and be evaluated on merit and performance. Length of tryout period will be based on the coach's needs for assessment of player's merit and performance.
2. A student athlete shall have free choice of sports without dictation or coercion. Coaches will not use pressure of any kind to keep student athletes from participating in any sport or to force them to participate in a particular sport. If this should occur, the athlete is to report it immediately to the athletic director. If coercion is by the athletic director, the athletic should report it to the principal.
3. A student will be considered a team member when on the date of the first practice if a tryout is not involved.
4. An athlete must practice with his or her team for at least two weeks before being permitted to play in an event. Athletes who have just finished another sport are exempt from this. The athletic director may make exceptions for transfer students.
5. A coach may deny a team member the right to practice with another team of a different sport before the current team's season is completed, but coaches are encouraged to cooperate with one another with regards to multi-sport athletes.
6. Each athlete must attend school for at least two full periods to be eligible to participate in any athletic event on that particular day. The athletic director may make exceptions in the event of extenuating circumstances.
7. Any athlete who quits one sport may not begin practice with another team before the current team's season is completed.
8. Coaches may make additional rules, which govern practice, games, and participation. Athletes are obliged to comply to their coaches' expectations.

EQUIPMENT

School equipment checked out by the student athlete is his or her responsibility. He or she is expected to keep it clean and in good condition. Loss of any equipment is the athlete's financial obligation at replacement cost.

Travel

1. All athletes must travel to and from athletic contests in transportation provided by the athletic department. Parents may provide transportation if approved by the head coach.
2. It is the athletic director's responsibility to make arrangements for transportation and the coach's responsibility to ensure proper use thereof.
3. Athletes will remain with their team and under the supervision of the coach when attending away contests.
4. When traveling by school bus, all regular school bus rules will be followed plus the following:
 - a. When the bus reports to the pick-up point, the coach will be in charge of the driver.
 - b. If a driver is used, he or she will not operate the bus without the coach being on board.
 - c. The bus will be operated from the point of pick-up, directly to the destination without stops for food or refreshments, pick-up of players who missed pick-up time, or any other reason.
 - d. Upon arriving at the destination, the driver will not be permitted to drive the bus until the entire team is ready to return to BCHS.
 - e. The return trip will be the shortest, most direct route to the school without stops.
 - f. On long trips or late trips, a stop for refreshments may be made if it is on the direct route to the school and prior arrangements have been made with the athletic director.
 - g. All athletes will dress appropriately and in good taste.
 - h. The bus will be cleaned of all trash prior to dismissing athletes from the bus.

Lexington County School District Two
DRUG EDUCATION AND TESTING

(Adopted 10/19/2000: Amended 03/29/2001)

Code JJIE-R Issued 03/01)

Purpose:

Lexington County School District Two is concerned with the physical well-being of its students including those who participate in athletics. While the misuse of drugs is a potential problem for all students, unique pressures and risks exist for student athletes participating in athletics and their use of drugs **will not be tolerated**. The term “student athlete” as used in this policy is defined as anyone listed on the eligibility rosters submitted to the South Carolina High School League. The term “drug,” as used in this policy, is intended to include drugs and alcohol.

The primary purposes of the drug education and testing policy and procedures for student athletes are as follows:

- To employ education, testing and counseling to deter unauthorized drug use and, where deterrence is unsuccessful, to terminate participation in athletics.
- To educate student athletes on the physiology and psychological dangers inherent in the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
- To protect student athletes from the health-related risks inherent in the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
- To protect student athletes and other with whom they compete from potential injury because of the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
- To remove the stigma of substance abuse from those student athletes who do not misuse and/or abuse drugs or alcohol.
- To provide a testing program to identify student athletes who are improperly using drugs and to assist them through education and counseling before they injure themselves or others or become physiologically dependent.
- To reassure student athletes, parent and the community that the health and academic progress of each of its student athletes is the primary goal of Lexington County School District Two.

This policy is designed to deal with testing for use of drugs by student athletes. Any situation of acquiring, possessing, using, selling, or transmitting any controlled substance on school property or at a school-sponsored activity will be covered by the section on zero-tolerance outlined in this policy.

Zero Tolerance

The Zero Tolerance policy deals with all student athletes who will be randomly tested throughout the school year. It does not conflict with the section on zero tolerance, which authorizes disciplinary action for the acquisition, possession, use, sale or transfer of alcohol or controlled substances while on school property or attending school-sponsored activity. This policy addresses student athlete’s use of controlled substances while not on school grounds or at a school-sponsored event which has been detected through the testing program.

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The **Zero Tolerance** guidelines apply to all Lexington School District Two Students.

No student, while on school property or attending any school-sponsored activity, will acquire, possess, use, sell or transfer any alcoholic beverage or other substance containing alcohol, or any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, or any manner of illegal controlled substance(s) represented as if they were alcohol or drugs.

The use of recommended dosage of a current drug prescription from a licensed physician for the named student possessing the prescription will not be considered a violation of this policy.

However, sale or transfer of such a prescription drug will be considered a violation of this policy.

Any student violating this policy may be expelled from Lexington School District Two for the remainder of the school year after due process has been followed. This may include a hearing before the Lexington School District Two Hearing Officer and, if requested, by the Lexington School District Two Board of Trustees.

The school official in charge will immediately remove from contact with other students any student believed to be under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances as determined by an administrator in consultation with a school nurse. Thereafter, the school official will contact the parent or legal guardian. The principal must notify police of any incidents involving the acquisition, possession, use, sale, or transfer of alcohol or controlled substances.

Drug Testing Procedure

Before a student can become eligible for participation in athletics, a signed consent form must be on file with the coach or school designee. Failure to consent to drug testing will automatically exclude any individual from participation in any athletics. Student athletes will be subject to testing for the use and/or abuse of controlled substances as well as prescription and over-the-counter substances, drugs or medications. Testing will be conducted through the analysis of urine specimens and breath alcohol screening. The testing will also ensure that the specimens being analyzed are identified with the appropriate student, that the purity of the samples are maintained, and that positive results are retested for confirmation purposes. All chemical analyses will be conducted by a professional laboratory and will be at the district's expense, except for follow-up testing as described below which will be at the student athlete's expense. The results of drug testing will be cumulative for the duration of the student's athletic eligibility.

Frequency of Testing

All student athletes will be subject to random drug testing throughout the year. Since the process is random, it is possible for an athlete to be tested more than once during the year. The district will test a minimum of ten percent (10%) of high school athletes annually. All past positives will be subject to further drug testing throughout the year at the student athlete's expense.

Test Results

If a student withdraws consent for testing and refuses to submit to testing at the time requested, they will automatically be removed from participation in athletics and their refusal to submit to testing will be treated as a "*First Positive Drug Test*" as outlined below.

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The results of positive drug tests will be forwarded to the parent/guardian and the following actions will be taken:

First Positive Drug Test – the principal, athletic director, head coach, and district designee(s) will be notified. The student athlete will face a minimum fourteen-day suspension from participation in any South Carolina High School League activity. The suspension will occur while school is in session commencing with the day of notification to the parent(s)/guardian(s). A conference will be scheduled and the student athlete and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be counseled concerning the assistance that is available and the consequences of any subsequent positive drug test(s).

The student athlete will be subject to periodic retesting throughout the school year to evaluate indication of further use.

Any sample that has been altered or any student athlete attempting to alter a sample will be treated as a positive test result in terms of actions taken.

In order to resume athletic participation, the student must produce a negative test sample and must complete a mutually agreed upon counseling program. Although the district will provide counseling options, this does not prohibit the student athlete's choice of other counseling services at the student athlete's expense.

Second Positive Drug Test – A second positive drug test at any time following a first positive drug test will constitute a second positive test. The head coach, principal, athletic director, district designee(s), parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student athlete will be notified. Completion of mutually agreed upon drug counseling program will be required. The student athlete will lose the privilege of any further participation in any athletic program in any capacity for 90 consecutive days. The student athlete will be allowed to try out for an athletic team at the next tryout after the 90-day period of removal. The student athlete must produce a negative sample and provide written documentation regarding the completion of a drug of a drug counseling program before being allowed to try out.

Third Positive Drug Test – A third positive drug test at any time will result in permanent loss of the privilege of participation in any athletic program.

Education

At the time of their initial participation and annually thereafter, student athletes will be advised in writing of the purposes and procedures of the drug education and testing program.

Educational seminars on drug and alcohol abuse will be made available to all student athletes through the regular curriculum and through the support of coaches.

A drug/alcohol counselor will be available for counseling on campus.

Supervision and Evaluation

The Drug Education and Screening Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the committee”) will have overall supervisory responsibility for this program. The committee will consist of the principal, athletic director, and district designees as appointed by the Superintendent.

The committee will meet annually to evaluate the program. The evaluation will include the effectiveness of the educational program, procedural safeguards and testing procedures.