Blue Valley Schools believe that school activities are a positive influence for students and the community. The expectation for all of our students is to be lawful in the conduct of their daily lives. Students who voluntarily represent Blue Valley Schools in various activities are held to a high standard of conduct. The Athletics and Activities Substance Abuse Guidelines reinforce the expectation of good conduct and positive representation of the District by students who participate in the District's activity programs.

Participation in activities as defined by Blue Valley Unified School District No. 229 is a privilege. This privilege is available to a student for as long as the student complies with District policies and guidelines, Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) policies (where applicable) and coach/sponsor rules. Failure to comply with any of the policies, guidelines, or rules may result in suspension of the privilege of participating in activities. These guidelines are an extension of the District's substance abuse policy #3515 as well as the KSHSAA policy concerning the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.

Under these guidelines, an offense shall mean the use, possession, disbursement, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, inhalants, or any illegal drugs, by a Blue Valley student activity participant whether at school-related activities or not. The students in Blue Valley activity programs shall be held accountable to these guidelines at all times during their high school career. These guidelines also prohibit the illegal use, possession, or disbursement of prescription medicine. Any student suspected of an offense shall be notified of the suspected offense and due process will be afforded to the student. The parent/guardian will also be notified. As an extension of the District's policy against substance abuse, any offense at school or at a school-sponsored activity will also result in appropriate District/school disciplinary action. Appeals may be pursued through established student disciplinary policies. Activity suspensions may carry over from one season to the next and/or from one school year to the next. These guidelines are cumulative throughout the student's entire high school activity experience. Example: Should a student commit a first offense during freshman year and another offense during junior year, the offense in the junior year becomes the student's second offense.

Before a high school student may participate in activities, the student must sign the form below indicating that he/she has read and understands the substance abuse guidelines. This document will need to be signed only one time during a student's high school career.

First Offense (All Apply)
A. Suspension from participation in activities for not more than 50% of one full season; (should a student self-report a violation to a coach, sponsor, or administrator prior to the school learning of the violation, a reduction to the suspension from activities may occur) and
B. A conference with the participant, school administrator, coach/sponsor(s), and parent(s) before reinstatement; and
C. Fulfillment of any additional responsibilities required by the coach/sponsor(s) before reinstatement; and
D. Verification of enrollment and participation in a professional alcohol, tobacco, or drug treatment program may reduce the suspension time.

Second Offense (All Apply)
A. Suspension from participation in activities for not more than one full season; and
B. A conference with the participant, school administrator, coach/sponsor(s), and parent(s) before reinstatement; and
C. Fulfillment of any additional responsibilities required by the coach/sponsor(s) before reinstatement; and
D. Completion of a professional alcohol, tobacco, or drug treatment program before the participant is eligible to participate in an activity in a subsequent season.

Third Offense (All Apply)
A. Suspension from participation in activities for a minimum of 365 consecutive days; and
B. A conference with the participant, school administrator, coach/sponsor(s), and parents before reinstatement; and
C. Fulfillment of any additional responsibilities required by the coach/sponsor before reinstatement.

Co-Curricular Activities: If a student is suspended from a school activity that is also a graded activity to meet a course requirement, the student will have the opportunity to make-up the grade for that school activity. The make-up work must be arranged with the co-curricular sponsor/teacher.

Activity Sponsors will define and communicate to participants the meaning of “Season” for their activity.