



AVON HIGH SCHOOL **Chemical Use/Intervention Policy**

This is required for all students to have on file in the main office.

The Avon Local School District has a great concern for the welfare of our students and recognizes the negative effects of using unprescribed chemicals and/or tobacco products. Because of our concern for the welfare of our students and because successful programs rely heavily upon well disciplined participants, Avon High School expects all students to refrain from the use and possession of tobacco, alcohol, or unprescribed drugs.

No student shall possess, use, buy, sell, or be under the influence of tobacco products or unprescribed chemicals (alcohol or drugs) during the sports season or activity period. The sports season will be defined as those dates established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association for that particular sport. For any other activity, the activity period will be considered to be the time beginning with the first practice/meeting and ending with the final performance or activity.

Any confirmed violation of this policy will result in immediate disciplinary action by the head coach and/or activity director, athletic director, and assistant principal.

Possession, Use, or Under the Influence during the Activity Period or Season

A. First Offense

1. The coach/advisor and/or athletic director or assistant principal will exclude the student from participation with the team for the remainder of the season. The student will be excluded from the banquet and denied any awards that may have been earned.
2. The exclusion from competition may be reduced to a minimum of 20% of the season or activity period if the student and his/her parents or guardian have a conference with the advisor/coach and athletic director/principal, and agree to the following:
 - a. The student must sign a no-use contract for the remainder of the school year.
 - b. The student is to undergo appropriate counseling and assessment by a professional agency approved by the Avon Schools at the student's expense. The student agrees to follow all recommendations of the assessment.
 - c. A violation for tobacco products carries a 20% exclusion; however, an assessment is not required. If the student does undergo appropriate counseling and assessment, the student will be allowed to practice with the team during the period of suspension from competition. If the amount of time remaining in the season is insufficient to serve the entire suspension, any remaining portion will be carried over and served at the beginning of the next sports / activity participation season.

If item #2 is accepted, the student will be allowed to practice with the team during the period of suspension from competition. If the amount of time remaining in the season is insufficient to serve the entire suspension, any remaining portion will be carried over and served at the beginning of the next sports/activity participation season.

B. Second Offense (Tobacco or Chemical)

The participant / athlete will not participate in an extracurricular, co-curricular, or athletic activity for the remainder of the school calendar year, and forfeiture of all awards and recognition for the activity season. Students who receive professional assistance (at their financial expense) will have their penalty reduced to ten (10) weeks of non-participation in extracurricular, co-curricular, or athletic activities. Again, if the infraction occurs in the last week of a sport season or if the student is not yet in his or her sport season, the time will carry over into the athlete's next scheduled game season.

Should a student seek counseling and participate in a rehabilitation program and have yet another incidence of usage, the student will be denied from any further participation for at least one (1) calendar year pending a review of the case by the Administration.

Sale of Alcohol/Tobacco Products/Unprescribed Chemicals

A. First Offense

The coach/advisor and/or athletic director/assistant principal/principal will exclude the student from participation with the team/activity for one (1) calendar year. The student will be excluded from the banquet and denied any awards that may have been earned.

B. Second Offense

Denial of all future athletic/extracurricular participation.