

Academic Eligibility-Athletics/Activities

Students must meet OSAA and Neah-Kah-Nie High School eligibility requirements each trimester to participate in any athletics/activities at NKN High School. Students must be enrolled in four curriculum classes per trimester. Students who do not pass 4 out of 5 classes are not eligible for the following trimester. Participation for fall sports will be based on the previous year's third trimester grades. Participation in team practices will be determined by the head coach/advisor. Students' grades will be monitored during the season at mid-term for continued eligibility. A student is deemed ineligible will be unable to participate until he/she has fulfilled the OSAA pass-to-play rule (passing 4 out of 5 classes).

Additionally, to be eligible to play, a student must also be making satisfactory progress towards the school's graduation requirements by earning a minimum of the quantity of credits indicated on the chart below for the specified year. (See OSAA Handbook, Rule 8.1.2.)

Minimum Satisfactory Progress Requirements:

Credits to Graduate: 28

Prior to Grade 10: 6

Prior to Grade 11: 11

Prior to Grade 12: 18.5

All returning students who do not meet the minimum credit requirements established above need to enroll in and complete a credit recovery program. Students who are not "on track to graduate" are not eligible to participate unless an Eligibility Request Form has been submitted to the OSAA office and approved by the Executive Director.

Students with unexcused absences or truanancies will not participate in athletics/activities that day, although students with excused pre-arranged absences may participate in athletics/activities that day at the discretion of the administration. Appeals concerning the eligibility procedure must be made to the Athletic Director.

Note: Being more than 15 minutes late is recorded as an absence. The student will be unable to participate in a practice or a contest that day.

These guidelines have been established as a minimum code for athletics/activities. Coaches/advisors may institute additional rules of conduct.

Athletics & Activities offered at Neah-Kah-Nie High School:

Baseball	Honor Society	Speech
Basketball	Math Club	Student Council
Cheerleading	NOSB	Volleyball
Cross Country	Track and Field	Wrestling
FBLA	Quiz Bowl	Golf
Softball	Football	Electrathon
Chess	Dance Team	Outdoor Club
Journalism	Choir	Strength Training

Physical Exams for Athletics

All students must have a physical exam performed by a physician licensed by the Oregon State Board of Medical Examiners, **prior to** practice and competition in athletics. The physical exam is the responsibility of the parents/student and is to be paid for by parents. Any participant that has had an injury or illness and has been under the care of a physician **must** have a "Return to Play" form signed by the physician before participation.

The following guidelines have been established by School District #56 and **MUST** be read by the student and a parent/guardian before that student can participate in athletics or activities.

General Rules

- 1) The policy shall be in effect 24 hours a day from the first day of practice through the last contest in that sport or activity.
- 2) Participants will ride to and from any event held at another school on school provided transportation. A student may ride with his/her own parent or guardian ONLY if it has been pre-arranged with the coach. (This is usually done only for the trip home.) If a student rides home with another player's parent, a change in transportation form must be completed prior to the trip.
- 3) Athletes are eligible to compete in a contest or practice only if they attend school at least half the day of the contest or practice, and only if the absence is excusable. The only exceptions are pre-arranged absences or those with administration approval.
- 4) A student removed from a team or suspended from sports competition may not letter or attend the awards banquet.
- 5) All students must be covered by insurance before being allowed to practice or compete in an athletic event.
- 6) All ninth and eleventh grade students must have a physical examination by a certified medical doctor using the prescribed OSAA physical form, unless they have had one within the last two years. All other students must complete an interim physical report.
- 7) All paperwork must be turned in before the first practice.
- 8) No student will be allowed to participate in more than one sport during a sport's season unless both coaches agree and complete a joint participation agreement.
- 9) Students are expected to attend school **first** period on the morning after a school sponsored event. Any co-curricular participation accompanied by a tendency towards tardiness will require a meeting with the Athletic Director, any advisor or teachers involved, and a parent, to discuss further participation.

CO/CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION REGULATIONS

The use, sale, distribution, or possession of alcohol, tobacco, or prescription drugs prescribed for the student and not used in accordance with the prescription is prohibited on and off campus. Presence beyond a minimal amount of time at places where drugs or alcohol are being used illegally is a violation of the athletic/activity policy. It is the student's responsibility in such a situation to immediately leave the premises where such activities are going on. Administration has the discretion to enact discipline to fit the parameters of student misconduct at any time.

Students who find themselves in jeopardy because of a substance problem should receive professional assistance. If a student voluntarily requests assistance from school officials with regard to an alcohol, drug use or tobacco problem and has not previously committed an alcohol/non-prescribed drug use or possession of tobacco use offense, the participant will receive the discipline of non-co-curricular

participants (see drugs, alcohol and tobacco – page 39 of the student handbook) and be required to complete the following to remain eligible for athletic participation:

- A. The student meets with his school counselor and follows his/her recommendations, including a recommendation for a drug and/or alcohol abuse assessment and any recommended treatment:
and
- B. There are no subsequent incidents of either alcohol, tobacco, or non-prescribed drug use or possession.

In an instance where a student has failed to voluntarily request assistance as described above and is determined by a school official to have used or possessed either alcohol, tobacco, or non-prescribed drugs, the student will face the consequences below. Students and parents must clearly understand the offenses accumulate through the four years of high school. For example, a freshman student can break the Code of Conduct and receive a 45 day suspension. If they have a second offense ***at any time*** during their high school career they will receive the punishment for the second offense. Any offense of distributing alcohol or drugs to students may be treated as a Third Offense at the discretion of the administrator.

First Offense

If a school official determines a student has used, possessed, sold, distributed alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, or used prescription medicine not in accordance with the prescription, or has been present in a place for more than a minimal amount of time where drugs or alcohol are being used unlawfully by others, the student will be excluded from representing the NKN School District in a public forum/setting/competition for 45 calendar days from the time the violation is dealt with by school personnel. Within one week of suspension, the student must meet with the school counselor and demonstrate a willingness to follow his/her recommendation for treatment. Failure to comply will be treated as a second offense.

Second Offense At ANY Time During The Subsequent High School Career

A full suspension from all sports/activities will be enforced for one calendar year. A student is considered to be under this policy even during “first offense” suspension. If a student breaks the rules during this time period, the student is automatically suspended for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

Third Offense

Full suspension from all sports/activities for the remainder of the student’s high school career.

Other Severe Violations Include:

- A. Fighting or Physical Aggression - 15 calendar days. No practice during the suspension and at least one contest/game suspension.
- B. Insubordination - 5 school days. No practice and 1 contest/game suspension.
- C. Theft or vandalism while on athletic trips, from our school, or team mate - suspension for the duration of that sport season.
- D. Bullying/Hazing/Harassment- 15 calendar days. Meeting with administrator/counselor. Season suspension possible.
- E. Threats- 15 calendar days. Meeting with administrator/counselor. Season suspension possible.
- F. Weapons – Suspended from school pending an expulsion hearing.

NOTE: Activity suspensions will be consecutive school days and at least one game suspension for the violations listed above. Other consequences, depending on the infraction, may be at the coaches' and/or the athletic director's discretion.

All students may face other school consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion from school, and each individual coach/advisor may set higher standards for reinstatement after violations.

Coaches/advisors may institute higher standards or expectations or additional rules of conduct, which shall be provided to students at the beginning of the season.

Any violation that requires a suspension from the extracurricular activity or sport of 45 days or more may be appealed to the Athletic/Activity Council, which consists of the high school principal, athletic director and up to three head coaches (one of which will be the coach of the sport from which the athlete is being suspended), or four staff members. The student or his/her parents must communicate the desire to appeal the suspension in writing to the high school principal within five days of the suspension. The Council will meet within three days of receiving the notice of the appeal. The student may attend the hearing. The Council will review the incident and consequences, and will notify the student and his/her parents within three days of the hearing date.

Ejections

If a student is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, the student/parent will pay the OSAA fine at the rate prescribed by the OSAA.

OSAA Ejection Policy

First ejection:	\$50
Second ejection:	\$100
Third ejection:	\$150
Fourth ejection:	\$200*

*Each ejection thereafter in a sport during that season shall result in a fine to be increased by \$50 increments for each ejection, without limitation. The fine for an ejection in the last contest of the season shall increase by \$100 over the standard fine for the offenses.

NKN Ejection Policy

For one ejection in a sports season, the player pays NKN High School \$50. The players share the total sum of the fines when two or more ejections occur in the same sports season:

Second Ejection:	Each player pays \$75
Third Ejection:	Each player pays \$100
Fourth Ejection:	Each player pays \$125

An athlete may be dismissed from a team if he/she is ejected from a contest.

Athletic Fee to Play

Each student/athlete is required to pay \$75 for each OSAA sponsored sport or activity. The total cost per family will not exceed \$250 per year.

1. Determination of financial hardship will be based on the same criteria that apply to free or reduced price lunch applications. All user fees will be waived for families who qualify.

2. All fees must be paid before the first contest is played. If a player leaves the team for any reason before the start of the first contest, all fees will be returned. If a player leaves a team after the start of the first contest, NO fees will be returned.

3. If a student athlete is removed from a team at any time during the season for disciplinary reasons or failure to meet district academic standards, NO fees will returned.

4. If a student athlete is cut by a member of the coaching staff, the student will receive a full refund.

5. If a student athlete is injured or moves outside the boundaries of Neah-Kah-Nie School District and cannot complete the season*, refunds will be as follows:

Injured or moved away first half of season – 50% refund

Injured or moved away second half of season – No refund

*Season is from the first practice date to the last contest.