

# LAKOTA WEST BANDS

## Substance Abuse Policy

### LAR 6201.2 CONSEQUENCES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE MARCHING BAND GUIDELINES

#### **First Offense: Possession and/or Use**

1. Student will be suspended from all band practices up to five continuous practice days and the next 30% of regularly scheduled performances.
2. If the substance abuse violation occurs during the academic school year Lakota Board Policy 6201 for Rule 9 will apply.
3. Positions of leadership (i.e. field commanders, sections leaders) are forfeited.
4. If the first offense occurs after the end of the student's marching band season, but prior to awards program, the student will be denied participation in the awards program. The student will receive his/her awards only upon successful completion of the reinstatement process.
5. Financial responsibility of the professional assessment and counseling sessions lies with the parents of the student.
6. To be eligible for reinstatement in the marching band program the following requirements must be met:
  - A. The student must submit to a professional drug/alcohol assessment. Proof of assessment completion must be provided to the building principal or designee. The professional assessment agency must be accredited and acceptable to the school district.
  - B. If the assessment indicates treatment procedures, the student must follow the prescribed program to be eligible for reinstatement.
  - C. For all substance abuse policy violations, the final phase of reinstatement will require a hearing with the student and his/her parent/s before an appeals board. Parent/s must accompany the student.
  - D. It is the student's responsibility to schedule the appeal hearing with the building principal.
    - 1) The appeals board will consist of the building principal or designee (asst. principal), marching band director, a member of guidance department and/or district substance abuse coordinator.
    - 2) Upon hearing the appeal made by the student and his/her parent/s, the appeals board will make a recommendation to the principal as to whether reinstatement to the program is justified.
    - 3) If the student is reinstated, he/she must re-sign the substance abuse pledge form. If reinstatement appeal is refused, the student will be denied participation until the following marching band season.
7. The student's grade may be affected because of missed rehearsals and performances.
8. The student will not participate in "overnight" trips during the current marching band season.

## Substance Abuse Policy (cont.)

### Second Offense: Possession and/or Use

1. Student is denied participation in Lakota's Marching Band program for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.
2. In order to be reinstated to the Lakota Marching Band program after one year of denied participation, a student must complete all aspects of the reinstatement criteria as outlined in the "first offense" section.
3. It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the building principal or designee all aspects related to the completion of the reinstatement criteria.
4. If the second offense occurs after the end of the marching band season but prior to the awards program, the student will be denied participation in the awards program and will not receive any awards.
5. Financial responsibility for all professional assessment and counseling sessions lies with the parent/s of the student

### Disciplinary Procedures and Appeals Process

1. When a student is suspected of using or possessing drugs of abuse, alcoholic beverages or tobacco products, the student will immediately be removed from the activity pending the outcome of a school hearing.
2. The band director shall notify the parent/s and school officials of the alleged violation.
3. The student and parent/s must have the opportunity to appear at a hearing before the principal or designee and the marching band director. The student has the right to challenge the reasons for intended program suspension or otherwise explain his/her actions. The hearing shall be held within 5 working days.

History: Adopted 6/27/2005

Legal References: ORC §§ 3313.20, 3313.534, 3313.66-3313.662, 3321.13  
OAC § 3301-35-03

Cross-References: Board Policy 6201  
Form 6201I

## Substance Abuse – Student Pledge

As a participant in the Lakota Marching Band program, I agree to abide by all rules and guidelines, especially those regarding the use, sale and/or possession of alcohol/drugs/tobacco. Chemical dependency is a progressive but treatable disease characterized by repeated alcohol and/or drug use in spite of recurring problems. Therefore, I accept and pledge to abide by the rules listed in the Student Marching Band Handbook, the Student Code of Conduct as established by the Lakota Board of Education, and all other rules established by the marching band director. To demonstrate my support, I pledge to:

1. Not use or possess any alcoholic beverages, drugs of abuse or tobacco during marching band season.
2. Support my fellow students by setting an example and abstaining from the use/possession of drugs/tobacco/alcohol.
3. Not to enable my fellow students, who use drugs/tobacco/alcohol, I will not cover for them or lie for them if any rules are broken. I will hold other band members accountable for their actions.
4. Seek information and assistance in dealing with my own or other band members' problems.
5. Be honest with my parents about feelings, needs, and problems.
6. Be honest with my band director or other school personnel when the best interests of my fellow students are jeopardized.

I have read and understand the Lakota Local School District and Lakota Marching Band program's substance abuse policy and agree to abide by it.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the Lakota Local School District and Lakota Marching Band program's substance abuse policy and agree to hold my child responsible to abide by it.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FORM 62011  
Cross-Reference: Board Policy 6201

Adopted 6/27/2005

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## Lakota West Marching Firebirds Contract

Having read the contents of the Marching Band Handbook, I hereby agree to all the rules and regulations stated. I will act at all times for the good of the Lakota West Marching Firebirds.

Student Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign the Student Pledge and Contract. Return prior to start of Band Camp.**