

**BEMENT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE – 365 DAY CODE**

Any athlete who is determined by a coach, sponsor, administrator, faculty member, or law enforcement official to be using or in possession of tobacco, illegal drugs, or alcohol at anytime or in any place shall receive the following penalties.

**A. First offense:**

Suspension from Athletics as follows: 1/3 of the season’s contest dates. If the violation occurs, while on a team, beyond the last 1/3 of a current season’s contest the percentage of the suspension not completed during the current season will be carried over to the next sport in which the student participates. If the violation occurs while not out for a sport the student will be suspended for 1/3 of the next sport he or she is involved in, whenever that may occur during their time in high school. The student must finish that sport in good standing.

**B. Second offense**

Suspension from Athletics as follows: 2/3 of the season’s contest dates. If the violation occurs, while on a team, beyond the last 2/3 of a current season’s contest the percentage of the suspension not completed during the current season will be carried over to the next sport in which the student participates. If the violation occurs while not out for a sport the student will be suspended for 2/3 of the next sport he or she is involved in, whenever that may occur during their time in high school. The student must finish that sport in good standing.

**C. Third offense**

Permanent suspension from athletic activities for the remainder of school career.

**D. Stipulations:**

1. All penalties shall begin immediately upon the determination of a violation of this code.
2. A Varsity game and its associated Junior Varsity game are considered one game/date.
3. The student must finish the sport from which they are suspended for whatever period of time it is scheduled. To assist the suspended athlete to be in proper conditioning and sport-knowledgeable, the athlete will be required to practice with the team(s), follow all training rules, and complete the season in good standing with the coach.
4. If any of these stipulations are not followed, no credit will be given for any time served and the consequences will be applied in the next sport or activity.
5. All honors may be forfeited for the suspended sports or activities.

**E. Notification:** The principal will hold a conference with the student and notify, in writing, the student, parents, and coach(s) when a violation is determined and a suspension is imposed.

**F. Right to Review:** The student or parent/guardian(s) may appeal the suspension by requesting a hearing within ten (10) days of notification of same. The request must be in writing to the Superintendent.

**G. Hearing:** The following may be present: student and/or parent/guardian(s) and a representative, Principal, Superintendent, head coach(s), and two peers may be invited by the student as silent observers. Following the hearing the Superintendent will notify in writing the participants. Additionally, the student and parent/guardian(s) will be informed of their further right of appeal to the Board of Education. The Superintendent will have the power to modify the penalties of this code in considering extenuating circumstances. Such a modification may include counseling and/or school/community service in lieu of some suspension time.

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I have read and understand the above "Bement High School Athletic Code". This form must be returned to the high school office before a student may practice in a sport.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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