



Student Handbook 2020 – 2021

Clarinda Jr. High and High School



Mission Statement

To educate all students to succeed by ensuring quality leadership, curriculum, and instruction.

Vision Statement

Clarinda Community School District is a leader in education by fostering high standards and expectations through rigorous academics, meaningful learning opportunities, and engaging student activities.

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THE CARDINAL (The Clarinda Fight Song)

Hail to CHS. Hail to CHS.
We've got our banners before us
Ever before us. Banners are flying
Cardinals are trying.
Hail to CHS. Hail to CHS.
We've got a team good and true
We're always fighting for you
We're out to make you win.
C-L-A-R-I-N-D-A

School Colors:

Cardinal Red & Black

Mascot:

Cardinal

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic there are policies and procedures within the handbook that are subject to change to following guidance from the Iowa Department of Education and/or Page County Department of Public Health.

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Foreword

The board, administration, and employees expect students to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to their age and maturity level and with respect and consideration for the rights of others. Students are expected to treat teachers, other employees, students, visitors, and guests with respect and courtesy.

Students are expected to comply with and abide by the school district's policies, rules, and regulations. Students who fail to abide by the school district's policies, rules, and regulations may be disciplined for conduct which disrupts or interferes with the educational program; conduct which disrupts the orderly and efficient operation of the school district or school activity; or conduct which interrupts the maintenance of a disciplined atmosphere. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to: removal from the classroom; detention; suspension; probation; and expulsion. Discipline can also include prohibition from participating in extracurricular activities, including athletics.

The principal has the authority to assess reasonable penalties for any offense that may occur. Students or parents with questions or concerns may contact the school office for information about current enforcement of the policies, rules, or regulations of the school district.

A Message To Parents

Parents are teachers too! You are the first, most long-lasting, most important teachers in your child's life. That is why at Clarinda Schools, we continually solicit your involvement and support. Research shows that parent involvement is high on the list of factors contributing to a student's success in school. Our goal is to work together with you to provide the best educational program possible for your children.

The following suggestions are intended to help you make a contribution in your child's success.

1. Regular and punctual attendance is the greatest factor in school success.
2. The nature of our courses is such that some work outside of the classroom may be needed. You can help by providing a place and time to study.
3. A wholesome attitude toward school is important for your child's success in school.
4. Writing full explanations with dates of absences and signing them yourself.
5. Refraining from telephoning or texting students during school hours except for real emergencies. The office will be glad to take messages for students when needed.
6. Cooperating with the school in carrying out disciplinary action when such action is necessary.

A Message To Students

Now more than ever, the responsibilities of a student are high. The 21st century world requires highly educated students who can problem solve, collaborate, work well with others, and to "be there" so that businesses and organizations can be their best. In order to help you manage this challenge, our school made a huge commitment to provide teachers and students with a well-equipped technological structure that supports iPads for each student.

As you continue this journey of education and life, consider taking the following suggestions as guidance to help you:

- Make school a priority by being here every day.
- Engage your parents/guardian and siblings in discussion about the new learning you are experiencing at school.
- Take care of the new technology provided for you to use at school and home.
- Embrace the partnership between you and teachers to make the most of the educational opportunities.

- Elevate expectations for yourself and others by taking your thinking to higher levels.
- Be an upstander by following the rules and holding others accountable to show Cardinal PRIDE!
- Do your best to improve your skill levels and follow the rules of the student handbook.

Clarinda Jr. High and High School Expectations

General Operating Procedures

Assembly Programs:

Assemblies will be held throughout the year for educational purposes. If you wish not to attend due to religious or personal reasons please contact the building Principal prior to the start of the assembly.

Cell Phones:

Student cell phones are not to be seen or heard during class time, from beginning bell to the dismissal bell for the period.

Leaving The School During School Hours:

Students are not allowed to leave the campus during the school day without permissions from the office. Parents will need to call the office to excuse their student from school.

Dance Regulations: (9th-12th Grade Students)

All school-sponsored dances will be approved by the building principal. Once a student leaves the dance they will not be allowed back in. Out of district students that wish to attend must come with a Clarinda student and be preapproved by the building principal. Student's guests must be under the age of 21.

Dress Code and Appearance

The Clarinda High School Dress Code is designed to encourage and promote proper grooming and hygiene, self-respect and pride in appearance on our campus. Students and parents are asked to use good judgment. However, since research indicates that student dress often sets the pattern for classroom behavior, we do expect that clothes be reasonably neat, that hair be groomed, and that revealing garments not be worn. The student's general appearance must not cause a distraction to the learning environment. Decisions concerning the following guidelines will be made and enforced by all staff members.

Following is a list of examples of attire that is **not considered appropriate**, this list is not exclusive and the Principal for a school setting may deem other forms of attire inappropriate.

1. Students are expected to follow reasonable levels of cleanliness, modesty, morality and not allow their appearance to be a distraction to the classroom.
2. Clothing that shows an inappropriate amount of bare skin, undergarments, is revealing, baggy or is not of an appropriate size.
3. Students must wear shoes. Slippers are not considered shoes.
4. Headwear.
5. Jeans, pants or shorts with excessive holes.
6. Clothing shall not have profanity, nudity, alcohol, or suggestive wording or pictures.
7. Administration will have the final decision on clothing violations.

Students not conforming to the dress code will be detained in the principal's office until the proper clothing may be

secured. The student will be allowed to call home to have proper clothing and etc. brought to the school.

Food and Drinks:

Food is not permitted in the classrooms unless approved by the building principal. This would exclude food or snacks provided by the school.

Drinks will be allowed in a container that has a closed lid. Students may be asked to show an adult what is in their drink container if it is suspected to be of illegal substance.

Outside food or drinks are not allowed from the hours 7:40am - 3:06pm. Students will be asked to throw any outside food or drink away.

Telephone Calls And Use Of Telephone:

Students will not be called out of class except in the case of emergency. The office will take messages for students when needed from parents or persons on their emergency contact list.

Visitors To School for school year 2020-2021:

Visitors to school are not allowed in the building.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is absolutely necessary for a student to gain the maximum benefit from their educational experience. More and more employers, colleges and vocational schools are checking on attendance records for absences and tardiness. They are aware that good and prompt attendance develops dependability in a student. There is an obvious correlation between achievement and attendance.

The Board of Education supports this by restricting excused absences to the following:

1. illness of the student (3 or more consecutive days will require a medical excuse)
2. death or emergency illness in the family
3. doctor/dental appointment unable to be scheduled another time
4. court appearance
5. family/religious activity which is cleared in advance of activity
6. school-sponsored activity
7. family emergencies

Parents are expected to telephone the school office to report student absences in advance of the start of school, if possible, and in all cases by 9:30 a.m. of the day the absence occurs. Any absence that occurs without advance notification by the student's parent will be classified as "UNEXCUSED."

Any absence which does not meet any of the criteria listed above for an excused absence, but there was parental knowledge of the absence, will be classified as unexcused. Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to: oversleeping; missing the bus; car problems; shopping; hunting; concerts; hair appointments; sports physicals; taking, or picking up proofs for senior pictures; getting drivers license/permit; or working for someone other than a parent.

Students denied course credit based upon excessive absences may utilize the due process procedures available at Clarinda High School. Students who desire to appeal the principal's and teacher's decision must notify the superintendent within five days of notification of the decision, and return a completed form to the superintendent's office.

Student Appeal For Credit - Procedure:

1. The high school principal will give notice to any student who reaches "No Credit Status" as a result of excessive absences.
2. Any student denied credit as a result of excessive absenteeism would be issued a "Student Appeal for Credit Form". The office will fill in the number of absences and due date at the time the form is given to students.
 - a. NOTE: An appeal deadline is established within the last week of each semester. If a student's excessive absences earn "No Credit Status" after the deadline, the due date of the appeal for credit form will be extended up to one week after the last absence.
3. Students will have the opportunity to explain and validate their attendance record on the appeal form. The student and a parent/guardian must sign the appeal form.
4. The student must return the appeal form to the office by the due date noted.
5. When the appeal form has been appropriately completed, the appeals committee will review the data provided, question the student (parent/guardian is encouraged to attend), make a decision, and notify the student and parent/guardian in writing of their decision.

Make-Up Work

The responsibility rests with the student for arranging to make up work. A Student should make contact with their teacher either before or after school. A student has two days for each day of an excused absence to turn in make-up work assigned, except when the absence has been more than three consecutive days. In this case, more time may be given depending upon the individual case, with the teacher and student determining when make-up work will be due. Announced exams must be taken on the day the student returns to school.

Truancy

Any absence that occurs without parental knowledge will be classified as truancy. A student can be truant for the entire school day, a partial school day, or from a class or study hall. Parents will be notified if a student is truant from school. The building principal is responsible for discipline if needed for truant students. Make-up work will not be allowed for truancy. Excessive truancy, which is more than three (3) incidents in a Semester, may result in the loss of credit in courses impacted.

Attendance and Co-Curricular Participation:

Any student who is absent and does not report to any part of 1st period (excluding field trips and excused appointments) will not attend or participate in any performance, rehearsal, game, meet, contest, or practice that calendar date unless cleared with the principal prior to 3:15 p.m. that day.

Excessive Absences:

Regular school attendance is essential for the student to make the most of his or her education, to benefit from teacher-led activities, to build each day's learning on that of the previous day, and to grow as an individual.

Policy:

The Clarinda School Attendance Policy states that parents of students who have 5 absences will receive a phone call from the student's homeroom teacher. Upon 8 absences during the school year parents will receive a letter informing them that their child is on the verge of having attendance issues and that any further absences will need to be documented with a medical excuse. Students with 13 absences during the school year will receive a letter informing them that their child is having attendance issues and that a Mediation meeting needs to be held at their earliest convenience. The student, parent, and building Principal will be in attendance. If the attendance issue is not corrected at 15 absences, the issue may then be referred to the County Attorney's Office for truancy.

Documented Absences:

A documented (previously excused) absence is an absence that has supporting documentation such as an appointment that is considered unavoidable. An absence with a parent note is not necessarily considered a documented absence.

Student Absences:

Parents are requested to notify the principal's office (712-542-5167) when students are not going to be in school. The school secretary will attempt to call if notification is not received.

Truancy: In Iowa, truancy is defined as "any child over seven and under sixteen years of age, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, who fails to attend school regularly, without a reasonable excuse for their absence, shall be deemed a truant." Parents who fail to ensure their child is in school may have charges filed against them under the "child in need of assistance" provision of the state.

Compulsory Attendance: Parents within the school district who have children over age six and under age sixteen by September 15, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, shall have the children attend the school district at the attendance center designated by the board. Students shall attend school the number of days that school is in session in accordance with the school calendar. Students of compulsory attendance age shall attend school a minimum of 175 days. Students not attending the minimum days must be exempted by this policy as listed below or, for students in grades 7-12, referred to the county attorney or, for students in grades K-6, referred to the Attendance Cooperation process. Exceptions to this policy include children who:

- have completed the requirements for graduation in an accredited school or have obtained a high school equivalency diploma;
- are attending religious services or receiving religious instruction;
- are attending an approved or provisionally approved private college preparatory school;
- are attending an accredited nonpublic school; or,
- are receiving competent private instruction.

It is the responsibility of the parent of a child to provide evidence of the child's mental and physical inability to attend school or of the child's qualifications for one of the exceptions listed above.

A student who is too sick to attend school is also too sick to attend school activities.

Tardy Policy:

Tardies to school will be recorded and monitored by the office. A student's history of tardies will be maintained on a Quarter (9 week) basis. A tardy is defined as arriving late to class ten (10) minutes or less for unexcused reasons. Passing time is three (3) minutes. This is adequate time to take care of all hallway business and arrive at the next class on time.

1. Students arriving late for school in the morning must report directly to the office.
2. Any student reported tardy three or more times in a Quarter will forfeit his/her Open/Off Campus or Honors Study Hall for the remainder of that Quarter.
3. The Building Principal will monitor tardies and assess any discipline if necessary.

Rights And Responsibilities

Cars and Motorcycles:

Driving a motor vehicle to and from school is a privilege - not a right. Permission to drive to and from school can be removed by poor driving habits in and around the schools, as reported by school staff, students and/or patrons. In order to ensure maximum student and vehicle safety and to prevent complaints concerning student driving, several regulations need to be observed.

1. Students are to park in the student parking lot on the north end of the building.
2. Vehicles are to be parked in designated areas/spaces.
3. Vehicles are never to pass a parked bus loading or unloading.
4. Vehicles should not block or interfere with the passage of other vehicles.

5. Students are not to be in the parking lot during the school day without special permission from the principal.
6. Students are not to loiter in their vehicles upon arrival to or prior to departing from the school parking lot.
7. Parking in the fire lane is prohibited.
8. The front drive is for buses only at loading or unloading time. Vehicles must use the northeast entrance/exit during this time. No traffic is permitted in the front parking lot while buses are loading and unloading.
9. Be extremely careful, using a low rate of speed when buses are in and around the loading/unloading areas of the attendance centers, as many students are changing buses for different destinations.

Complaints And Grievances:

It is the goal of the district to resolve students' complaints and grievances at the lowest level. Students are encouraged to address problems to the teacher or other licensed employee, other than the administration, for resolution of the complaint. If the teacher cannot resolve the complaint, the student may discuss this matter with the principal within 10 days. If the principal cannot resolve the matter, the student may discuss it with the superintendent within 10 days after speaking with the principal.

Internet Access

[Link to the Internet Acceptable use policy](#)

Lockers (2020-2021 due to Covid:

Lockers will be assigned to 7th-12th grade students. All students will have a locker partner. Lockers are only allowed to be accessed before school and after school. Students will not be allowed to access their lockers during the school day.

Lockers

Student lockers are the property of the school district. Students shall use the lockers assigned to them for storing their school materials and personal items necessary for attendance in school. It shall be the responsibility of each student to keep the student's assigned locker clean and undamaged. The expenses to repair damage done to a student's locker may be charged to the student. A student's locker may be searched whenever an administrator or teacher has a reasonable and articulable suspicion that a criminal offense or a school district policy, rule or regulation bearing on school order has been violated and the administrator or teacher has a reasonable and articulable belief that the search will produce evidence of the violation. Illegal items may be given to law enforcement officials. Lockers may be searched at any time with at least two people present. Locker maintenance inspections are conducted periodically throughout the school year to ensure that lockers are kept clean and well maintained.

Students **MAY NOT** change lockers at any time during the year unless the office grants permission.

Open/Off Campus Guidelines:

(2020-2021 due to Covid) - Open Campus is not available until administration deems it safe for students to come and go during the school day. When the Covid 19 Pandemic is over open campus guidelines will resume.

Juniors and seniors may apply for Open/Off Campus privileges. Students do not have a right to Open/Off Campus; it is an option provided those juniors and seniors who have demonstrated a high level of maturity and can handle the responsibilities of a less structured school environment. Students on Open Campus are required to be in attendance during the times that their classes are in session and for scheduled assembly programs. Seniors who are passing all classes and exhibit responsible behavior are not required to attend first or eighth period study halls. Juniors who are passing all classes must have earned Open Campus privileges to be excused for any portion of the

school day, including study hall first or eighth period. It is very important that students on Open Campus are in school for their classes. The Open Campus option is awarded to students who have earned a GPA of 2.60 for the previous grading period and received passing grades in all courses and satisfactory progress of, including but not limited to, college classes, advanced placement courses, online options, etc.

Students opting for Open/Off Campus must adhere to the following responsibilities:

Exhibit responsible behavior, defined as:

1. Students must be on time for class.
 - A. Any student reported tardy three or more times in a Quarter will forfeit their Open/Off Campus for the remainder of that Quarter.
2. Students reported un-excused for any part of the school day will forfeit their Open/Off Campus for the remainder of that Quarter.
3. Repeated violations of school rules/policies may result in the forfeit of Open/Off Campus.
4. Students will forfeit their Open/Off Campus if found with a truant or unexcused student.
5. Students found to have violated the Good Conduct Policy will forfeit their Open/Off Campus for the term of the Good Conduct ineligibility.
6. Parents must have signed a completed Open Campus application and the application must be on file in the office for a student to be eligible for Open Campus.

(Note: A parent or the principal may remove Open/Off Campus privileges from a student at any time.)

Signs, Banners, Posters:

Signs, banners and posters may be posted with permission from the building principal.

Semester Exams (Grades 9-12):

All students are required to take Semester tests. Students are required to remain in the building during testing. Students are to remain in the classroom when they are finished with the Semester tests.

Videotaping:

Cell phones with cameras and other portable Handheld Technology Devices capable of storing and/or transmitting and/or receiving/taking images are banned from use for any purpose in locker rooms and restrooms at ALL times. Students may be disciplined for any use of Handheld Technology Devices in school locker rooms or restrooms.

At no time are students or visitors authorized to video capture, photograph, or audio record others in the school building, on school property (to include school vehicles), or at school activities (unless recording a public performance, such as a game, honor assembly, concert, contest, etc.), without the consent of a teacher, coach, or school administrator

Behavior Expectations And Consequences

Classroom Conduct Expected by All Clarinda Students

In addition to following classroom rules, you are expected to:

- Be prepared for class.
- Be respectful to all.
- Show Cardinal Pride.

Cheating Or Plagiarism:

Students who are involved in cheating, plagiarism, or theft of academic materials weaken the integrity of the academic process. Cheating includes copying someone else's work (from any source) and presenting it as your own, using someone else's ideas or concepts and representing them as one's original thoughts or ideas, allowing

someone to copy your work, or the use of crib notes. Individuals found to be cheating will be subject to discipline assigned by the teacher with the building principal support.

Consequences For Inappropriate Behavior:

Consequences for behavior deemed inappropriate by a supervising adult could be subject to the following disciplinary actions.

- A. CONFERENCE with student and/or parents.
- B. PROBATION from events.
- C. DETENTION before or after school.
- D. IN-SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENT is the detention of a student in a designated area within the district throughout the school day.
- E. OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION is the removal of a student from the school environment for a period of short duration. The administration may suspend a student for up to five (5) days. The superintendent may suspend a student for up to ten (10) days. This option is employed when a student's behavior creates a hostile environment or represents a gross or chronic infraction of school rules. Credit will be awarded for all completed assignments handed in upon a student's return to school. Assignments not completed upon a student's return to class will receive a zero. A student is not allowed on school property while serving an out-of-school alternate placement or suspension.
- F. EXPULSION is the removal of a student from the school environment by the Board of Directors. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent or designee, the Board of Directors may expel a student for commission of gross or repeated infractions of school rules, or when the continued presence of the student will cause substantial interference with the maintenance of the educational environment or the normal operation of the school.

Due Process:

Due Process occurs when these steps have been followed:

- 1. A violation of rules, regulations, policies or law takes place and the accused is informed or charged with a specific violation.
- 2. The person accused is given an opportunity to respond with their side of the situation.
- 3. Action is taken or a decision is made at this point and the due process procedure may end here.
- 4. The person found to be guilty has a right to appeal the action taken to the next level of authority if they do not agree with the action that is to be imposed

Guidance, Grading, Graduation

College Visitations And Job Interviews:

Juniors and Seniors may take college visits or job interviews as excused absences if approved by the building principal prior to the event. Parent permission will be needed. Visitations for colleges must be made through the counseling office.

Early Graduation:

Students seeking early graduation will work with the school guidance office to complete necessary forms and approval from the school board. Graduating early means the students will not be allowed to attend any senior activities during 2nd semester for seniors, with the exception of Commencement Ceremony.

Grade Classifications:

Class of 2021

Students must have earned the following number of credits:

To be classified a sophomore	12 Credits
To be classified a junior	25 Credits
To be classified a senior	38 Credits

Class of 2022+

To be classified a sophomore	13 Credits
To be classified a junior	26 Credits
To be classified a senior	39 Credits

GRADING SYSTEM:

- A Standard Letter Grading Scale Is Used Throughout The School. In Order To Give A Closer Evaluation Of Students, Plus And Minus Signs Are Also Used With The Letter Grade Whenever Necessary. Cumulative GPA. Will Be Kept With A 4-point System.

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Letter Grade Percentage Cut Off Grade Value

A	95%	4.00
A-	90%	3.67
B+	87%	3.33
B	83%	3.00
B-	80%	2.67
C+	77%	2.33
C	73%	2.00
C-	70%	1.67
D+	67%	1.33
D	63%	1.00
D-	60%	0.67
F	<59%	0.00

ADDITIONAL MARKS THAT MAY APPEAR ON A GRADE REPORT INCLUDE:

I - Incomplete	S - Satisfactory (Credit)
Au - Audit (No Credit)	U - Unsatisfactory (No Credit)
W - Withdrew (No Credit)	X - Work In Progress

Dual Enrollment Eligibility and Career And Technical Eligibility

[Link to Dual Enrollment Options](#)

Clarinda's Board approved alternate measure for dual enrollment eligibility is a minimum score of 21 on ACT English, 21 on ACT Math, and 21 on ACT Science.

Due to Covid 10 Pandemic Shutdown and lack of state testing results:

For the 2020-2021 school year, students that took college classes in the 2019-2020 year with successful completion of a C or higher in all classes, are eligible for dual enrollment in the 2020-2021 school year.

Recognitions

Academic Recognition

Academic Letter Award

An Academic Letter Will Be Given To Students Who Have A Specified Cumulative Grade Point Average. A First-year Letter Winner Will Receive A CHS Letter Inscribed With The Word "Academic." Second-year Recipients Will Receive A "Lamp Of Knowledge" Pin. Third And Fourth-year Recipients Will Receive A "Year Bar." To Be Eligible For An Academic Letter A Student Must Have A Cumulative GPA Of 3.5 At The End Of Second Term At Each Grade Level.

GRADUATING WITH HONORS

At Graduation, The Highest Cumulative GPA Will Be Designated As Class Valedictorian, And The Second Highest GPA Will Be Class Salutatorian.

Student GPA Between 3.25-3.49 Graduates With "Honors"

Student GPA Between 3.50-3.74 Graduates With "High Honors"

Student GPA Between 3.75-4.00 Graduates With "Highest Honors"

Attendance Recognition:

Any Student Who Misses Two Or Fewer Days Of School During The School Year Will Receive A Certificate Recognizing Outstanding Attendance. Students Who Have Perfect Attendance For The School Year Will Receive A Perfect Attendance Pin In Addition To The Certificate. Students Unexcused From More Than Two Periods, Or Assigned In-school Or Out Of School Alternate Placement Forfeit This Recognition.

Honor Roll:

Honor Roll Is Computed And Published Each Grading Period. There Are Three Honor Roll Distinctions:

Gold Honors GPA Of 3.67 To 4.00

Silver Honors GPA Of 3.33 To 3.66

Bronze Honors GPA Of 3.00 To 3.32

National Honor Society:

The National Honor Society Is An Important Part Of Our Program At Clarinda. Every Junior And Senior With A Cumulative Grade Point Average Of 3.50 (A-) Or Above Is Eligible For Consideration For The National Honor Society. A Selected Faculty Council Of Five Voting Faculty Members Appointed Annually By The Principal Shall Meet At Least Once A Year To Consider Non-selection, Dismissal, Other Disciplinary Actions, And Warning Cases. A Rating/Selection Process And Faculty Council Review Of Materials Will Determine New Members. Criteria For Selection In To The National Honor Society Include Outstanding Scholarship, Leadership, Service, And Character.

Health And Safety

Medication Policy:

Whenever Possible, The Parent Or Guardian Should Make Arrangements So That Medication Can Be Administered At Home, Before And After School. However, The School Recognizes That Some Students May Require Medication Be Given During The School Day. Medications Will Be Administered Only When The Following Requirements Have Been Met:

The School And School Personnel Are Not Permitted To Supply Aspirin, Tylenol, Or Other Medication For Internal Use. No Medication Will Be Administered Without Written Consent From The Child's Parent Or Legal Guardian. A Parental Signature On A Statement Requesting And Authorizing School Personnel To Administer The Medication In Accord With The Prescription Or Parent Request Shall Be Filed At The School.

Prescription Medication Must Be Brought To The School In A Container Provided And Properly Labeled By The Dispensing Pharmacist With The Health Care Provider's Order For The Medication. Proper Labeling For School Containers Includes:

Name Of Student, Name Of Health Care Provider, Prescription Number And Date Prescribed, Name And Address Of Pharmacy, Name Of Medication And Dosage, Directions For Administration And Time(S) To Be Given At School, Special Storage Instructions

Non Prescription Or Over-the-counter Medications Must Be In The Original Manufacturer's Container And Labeled With The Student's Name. The Parental Request Accompanying The Medication Must Specify When The Medication Is To Be Given And The Dosage For The Individual Student. School Personnel Will Not Exceed The Recommended Dosage Or Frequency The Medication Can Be Given As Stated On The Label. The Nurse May Determine That An Over-the-counter Medication Ordered By A Parent Could Be Detrimental To The Student. In This Case, The Registered Nurse May Refuse To Administer The Medication And Will Inform The Parents In Writing.

A Written Record Of The Administrative Procedure Must Be Kept For Each Student Receiving Medication. This Record Will Include The Student's Name, Date, Medication, Dosage, Time Given, And Signature Of The Person Administering The Medication. If The Medication Has Been Prescribed By A Health Care Provider, The Prescription Number, Dispensing Pharmacy's Name, And Prescriber's Name Will Be Recorded On Medication Record. The Medication Administration Records Will Be Maintained In The Office.

Medication Administered By School Personnel Shall Be Kept In A Locked Container In A Limited Access Storage Space. Only Appropriate Personnel Shall Have Access To The Locked Container.

Students With IEP's, As Required By Law, As Well As Students Who Receive Controlled Medications (Such As Ritalin, Phenobarbital, Or Codeine), Must Have A Signed Physician's Authorization For Each Medication On File At School. This Includes The Name Of The Medication, Dosage, Administration Route, Time To Be Given At School, Reason Receiving, And Possible Side Effects. Medication Authorizations Must Be Renewed Annually And Updated Immediately As Changes Occur.

It Is The Parent Or Guardian's Responsibility To Provide The Student's Medication To The School, As Well As Picking Up Any Remaining Medication At The End Of The School Year, Or Letting The School Know There Is A Change In Medication Or Dosage. When Controlled Medication Is Received, The Amount May Need To Be Documented. Medication Not Claimed By The Parent By The End Of The School Year Will Be Destroyed. Procedures For Destroying Medication Shall Include Witness And Documentation.

A Student Who Is Usually Responsible For Taking His/Her Own Medication May Do So In School Without Supervision By School Personnel, Provided The Parent Has Supplied Written Authorization To The School. In Instances Of Self-medication, It Is Understood That The School Bears No Responsibility For Safeguarding The Medication Or Assuring That It Is Taken, And The Parent Should Provide A Written Statement Relieving The School Of Such Responsibility.

Health And Immunization Certificates:

Students Who Wish To Participate In Athletics Or Are Enrolling In The District For The First Time, Shall Have A Physical Examination By A Healthcare Provider Stating The Student Has Received The Immunizations Required By Law. This Certificate Of Health Will Be Kept On File At The Building In Which The Student Is Attending. Students Enrolling For The First Time In The District Shall Also Submit A Certificate Signed By A Health Care Provider Stating The Student Has Received The Immunizations Required By Law. Exemptions From This Immunization Requirement Will Be Allowed Only For Medical Or Religious Reasons. The Student Must Provide

A Valid Iowa State Department Of Health Certificate Of Immunization Exemption To Be Exempt From This Requirement.

Communicable Diseases:

Students With A Communicable Disease Will Be Allowed To Attend School As Long As They Are Physically Able To Do So And So Long As Their Presence Does Not Create A Substantial Risk That Others Will Contract The Disease. The Term "Communicable Disease" Means An Infectious Or Contagious Disease Spread From Person To Person Or Animal To Person. Once The Administration, In Conjunction With The School Nurse, Decides That The Student's Condition Poses A Health Threat To Other Students, The Student Will Be Excluded From School For The Duration Of The Period Of Contagion. In Order To Prevent The Spread Of Communicable Diseases, Parents Should Use Their Good Judgment In Keeping Sick Children Home From School. When The Administration Has Knowledge Of The Presence Of A Communicable Disease, The State Department Of Health Will Be Notified.

Illness And Injury:

If A Student Becomes Ill Or Is Injured At School, The Student's Parents Will Be Notified As Soon As Possible. Emergency Or Minor First Aid Will Be Administered If A Person Competent To Do So Is Available. In Any Event, Ill Or Injured Students Will Be Turned Over To The Care Of The Students' Parents Or Qualified Medical Personnel As Quickly As Possible. Every Year Parents Will Be Asked To Complete An Emergency Medical Form Providing Necessary Information To Be Used In The Case Of An Illness Or Injury. Injuries Shall Be Reported And Within 24 Hours A "Preliminary Accident Report" Will Be Filed In The Principal's Office. The Principal's Office Will Send The Claim Report To The Student's Doctor Who Will Then Send An Itemized Statement To The Insurance Company.

Protective Devices:

In Accordance With State Law, Students Participating In Certain Classes Are To Wear Protective Devices. Any Student Failing To Comply With Such Requirements Will Be Temporarily Suspended From Participation In Said Course, And The Registration Of A Student For Such Course May Be Canceled By The Principal For Willful, Flagrant, Or Repeated Failure To Observe The Above Requirements.

Student Activities Code

Academic Eligibility: 9th-12th Grade

- Must Be A Full Time Student. A Full Time Student Should Be Enrolled In 8 Classes Each Semester.
- Must Pass All Courses At End Of Grading Period.
- Must Meet All Eligibility Requirements Of The Iowa High School Athletic Association, The Iowa Girls Athletic Union, The Iowa Music Association And The Iowa Speech Association.
- Entering The High School For The First Time As 9th Graders Will Be Declared Academically Eligible. Ninth Grade Students Must Meet The Stated Standards After The First Semester Grade Period.
- Students With IEP's Will Be Eligible Based On The Student Progress On Individual Education Program And The Recommendation Of The IEP Team.

These Guidelines Pertain To All Extracurricular Activities. Classes That Meet During The Course Of The Instructional Day (Band, Drama And Vocal Courses) Are Recognized As Curricular In Nature, Thus, Enrollment Is Exempt From Student Eligibility Guidelines. However, Participation In Public Performances By Students In Curricular Classes May Be Subject To The Academic Eligibility Criteria.

Students Who Are Academically Ineligible After A Semester Remain Ineligible For 30 Calendar Days Of Athletic Competition Starting From The First Day The State Allows Athletic Competition. The Period Of Ineligibility For

Non-athletic Activities Begins Immediately And Runs 30 Calendar Days. This Definition Does Not Apply To 9th Grade Students. Students Must Attend The “Guided Study Program” (See Below) During The Term Of Their Ineligibility.

Academic Probation: Students Who Are Academically Ineligible After Quarter 1 & Quarter 3 Will Be Declared Ineligible Unless Participating In The Guided Study Program. A Probationary Academic Option Will Be Made Available To Students Who Participate In A Guided Study Program. These Students Will Regain Their Eligibility If They Attend All Guided Study Sessions/Or/Document Passing Performance In All Courses. The Following Procedures Will Be Used To Gain The Probationary Status:

- Students Who Are Ineligible Will Be Invited To Attend Guided Study Sessions If Failing Midterm Grades Were Issued. In Order To Gain Probationary Status, The Student Must Acknowledge The Offer And Agree To Attend All Study Sessions.
- The Student Will Become Eligible If Attend All Study Sessions And Demonstrate Improvement In Targeted Courses.
- All Teachers Will Be Notified Of Students On Academic Probation.
- The Activities Director Will Monitor Students On Probation Every Week After The First Three Weeks Of The Quarter For The Remainder Of The Semester. The Activities Director May Rescind The Eligibility Of A Student On Probation If The Student Does Not Attend All Study Sessions Or Fails To Demonstrate Improvement In Target Courses.
- If A Student On Probation Loses Eligibility, Will Remain Ineligible For The Remainder Of The Quarter.
- Students Gaining Probationary Status Must Meet The Academic Eligibility Requirements Of The Iowa High School Athletic Association, The Iowa Girls Athletic Union, The Iowa Music Association And The Iowa Speech Association, At The End Of The Term.

Activity Policy:

Clarinda Community Schools Extracurricular Athletic Teams And Co-curricular Programs Are Before The Public Eye Throughout The School Year. In Order To Prevent Adverse Public Reaction, Prevent Dissension Within The Various Programs, And For The General Welfare Of All Participants And The School, It Is Imperative That Quality Standards Of Conduct, Appearance, Dress, Training And Eligibility Be Established As A Part Of The Extra/Co-curricular Programs.

Activity Participation:

The Activity Program Functions On An Extra/Co-curricular Basis, And, Therefore, Student Participation Is Completely Voluntary. In Order To Participate In Extra/Co-curricular Activities, The Student Must Have On File In The Activity Director's Office The Following:

- Completed Physical Form (Athletics Only)
- Parental Consent To Participate (Athletics Only)
- Purchase Of Student Activity Ticket

Participants Are To Demonstrate Acceptable Standards Of Physical Training Throughout The Sport Season. An Activity Season Shall Be Defined As The Date Of The First Practice Through The Date Of The Final Contest Or Meet. Students Will Abstain From The Use Or Possession Of Alcohol, Use Or Possession Of Tobacco, And The Use Or Possession Of Drugs Or Other Controlled Substances.

Specific Rules For Athletes

The Coaching Staff Or Activity Sponsor Shall Have The Authority To Establish Any Rules Which Will Aid In The Administration Of Their Sport Or Activity During The Season With The Approval Of The Principal And Activity Director. These Standards Have Been Developed For The Purpose Of Establishing And Maintaining A Quality Program At Clarinda High School. Also, From The Desire To Adhere To The Activity Code/Good Conduct Policy, A Sense Of Pride And Self Discipline Will Evolve Which Will Greatly Aid The Programs In Future Goals And Endeavors.

Each Head Coach Will Put Down Training Rules Besides The General Rules For Their Specific Sport. It Is The Responsibility Of Each Participant To Know These Rules And Then Adhere To Them. A Student May Be Dropped From The Sport Or Activity For Not Following These Specific Rules. Parents Will Be Furnished A Copy Of Rules For A Specific Sport. Each Head Coach Is Required To Provide The Activities Director And Principal With A Copy Of Rules And Requirements Of Each Sport.

Factors For Athletic Eligibility

- A Student Must Have A Doctor's Certificate Of Fitness For The Current School Year.
- A Student Must Not Have Attended High School For More Than Four Academic Years (9-12).
- A Student Must Not Be Twenty Years Of Age Or Over.
- A Student Must Pass All Regular Subjects The Last Term And Current Term.
- A Student Must Have Been In School Last Term And Must Have Entered School This Term No Later Than The Second Week Of School.
- A Student Must Never Have Accepted An Award For High School Athletic Participation Other Than The Unattached Letter Of The School Or Other Than An Inexpensive, Un-mounted, Unframed Paper Certificate Of Recognition.
- A Student Must Never Have Received Any Money, Expense Or Otherwise, For Participation In Any Athletic Activity.
- A Student Must Not Compete On A Team Other Than Our School Team During The Season Of A Sport Without The Previous Written Consent Of The Administration.
- A Student Must Not Have Trained With A College Squad Or Have Participated In A College Contest.
- A Student Must Not Have Changed Schools In The Current Term (Except A Residence Change With Parents).
- A Student's Habits And Conduct, Both In And Out Of School, Must Make The Student Worthy To Represent The Ideals, Principles, And Standards Of Our School.
- A Student Must Not Have Been Trained In Any Sport By Their Own Coach Outside The Season As Established By Their State Association.
- A Student Is Not Eligible For Any Extracurricular Activity During Any Period Of Suspension From School.

Personal Appearance-the Variations In The Physical Features Of Different Individuals Create A Need On The Part Of Coaches And Sponsors To Be Flexible When Evaluating A Participant's Appearance.

Conduct-as Representatives Of Clarinda Community Schools, Participants Are Expected To Conduct Themselves Properly In Their Own School And When Visiting Other Schools.

Dress-students Will Conform To The Coach's Or Sponsor's Request For Game Or Contest Days And For Travel.

Attendance-students Are Expected To Be In Regular Attendance The Day Of And The Day After A School Activity. Students cannot miss more than 45 minutes of the day. Failure To Adhere To This Expectation Will Result In Disciplinary Action Which May Include Removal Of Participation Privileges.

Practice Attendance-practice Is Required If The Student Is In Attendance At School, Unless Excused By The Coach Or Sponsor. Penalty Shall Be Suspension From Competition.

School Transportation-all Team Members (Coaches, Managers, And Athletes) Will Travel To And From Competition On School Provided Transportation. Exceptions Will Be Considered If Arrangements Are Made In Advance And Parents Provide The Alternative Transportation.

Make-up School Work-all Schoolwork To Be Missed Because Of Participation In Extra/Co-curricular Activities Must Be Made Up Or Arrangements To Make Up Approved Prior To Departure.

Quitting An Activity-any Student Wishing To Quit An Extracurricular Activity Must Have A Conference With The Sponsor Of That Activity. Before Entering A New Activity In The Same Time Framework, The Student Must First Have A Conference With The Sponsor Of Both The Activity The Student Is Leaving And The One The Student Is Planning To Enter, And Then The Student Must Secure Permission From The High School Administration. Before Any Change In Activity Is Made, Written Parental Consent Must Be Submitted To The Administration. When Both Activities Involve Competition, Permission To Enter The New Activity Will Rarely Be Granted After Competition Has Begun.

Dual Sport Participation: 9th -12th Grade

Students Participating In Two Activities During The Same Season

Students Are Allowed To Participate In Two Co-curricular Sport Activities (This Includes Cheerleading) During The Same Season. Students Wishing To Participate In Two Sports During The Same Season Will Need To Obtain A Request Form From The Athletic Director And Follow The Guidelines Set By The Athletic Department Involving Dual Sport Participation. Requests Must Be Turned In Before The First Practice.

Rules Of Dual sport Participation

A Student Who Wishes To Participate In Two Sports During The Same Season Must Designate A Primary Sport Before The Beginning Of The First Appointed Date Of Practice Set By IHSAA/IGHSAU For The Season Of Participation.

A Primary Sport Is Defined As The Sport Which Takes Precedence Over Another Sport In The Event There Is A Conflict Of Schedule Or Any Other Matter That Could Lead To A Conflict. If One Sport Has A Contest And The Other Has Practice, The Contest Will Take Precedence.

If One Sport Has A Competition And The Other Has A Hawkeye 10 Conference Contest, District/Regional Contest Or State Contest, The Student Will Go To Conference, District/Regional Or State Contest Regardless Of Primary Or Secondary Sport Designation.

The Student Must Practice In Both Sports But The Amount Of Practice Time Will Vary. On Non-competition Days, The Athlete Will Go To The Primary Sport Practice And Then Try To Make It To The Secondary Sport Practice, If That Is An Option. Secondary Sport Coaches Will Need To Work Out Practice Times With The Dual Sport Athletes. Dual Sport Athletes Should Not Be Punished For Missing Practice.

Approval May Be Denied Because Of Academic Concerns At Any Time During The Sport Season. The Athlete Then Will Participate In The Primary Sport Only.

The Student And Parents Or Legal Guardians Must Sign A Contract Of Dual-sport Participation Before The First Practice Session He Or She Attends.

In The Event That A Student Is Disciplined For Any Infraction In A Specific Sport, The Consequence Will Also Be Applied To The Second Sport In The Season Of Dual Participation.

Extracurricular Activities

Clubs/Organizations

Cardinal Yearbook

Class Officers

FCCLA

FFA

International Thespian Society

National Honor Society

Student Council

BPA

Fine Arts

Band (Pep, Jazz & Concert)
Chorus
Ensembles (Instrumental & Vocal)
Fall / Spring Play
Individual/Large Group Contest Speech

Athletics

Baseball (Summer)	Golf (Boys & Girls)
Basketball (Boys & Girls)	Softball (Summer)
Cheerleading	Tennis (Boys & Girls)
Cross Country & Track (B & G)	Volleyball
Football	Wrestling
Bowling (Boys & Girls)	

Family Night:

Wednesday Evening Of Each Week Has Been Reserved For The Families In The School District. No Local School Sponsored Event Will Be Scheduled. Activities Must Be Finished By 6:30 P.M. And Everyone Out Of The Building By 7:00 P.M.

Social Events:

All School-sponsored Events Shall Be Under The Control And Supervision Of School Personnel. Approval For An Event Shall Be Secured From The Principal, And The Event Shall Be Placed On The School Calendar Before Public Announcement Is Made. Hours, Behavior, And Activities Related To School Sponsored Events Shall Be Reasonable And Proper As Determined By The Administration.

Student Organizations:

No Student Organization Shall Exist Unless It Is Approved By The Board Of Directors. The Building Principal Shall Determine Qualifications And Regulations For Student Groups And Shall Make Recommendations To The Board and Superintendent For Groups Seeking Approval. Applications For Organizing Shall Be Relayed To The Superintendent Through The Building Principal.

Student Council:

The Majority Of The Social Functions Of The High School Are Handled Through The Student Council Organization. The Major Highlight Handled By The Group Has Been Homecoming. The Student Council Most Importantly Serves The Chief Purpose As The Connecting Link Between The School Staff And The Student Body. You Are Urged To Make Use Of The Members So They Can Bring Both Individual And Group Problems Before The Governing Body.

Bullying / Harassment

[CCSD Bullying & Harassment](#)

Open Enrollment:

[State of Iowa Open Enrollment](#)

Emergency Drills for Standard Response Protocol: Evacuate / Shelter / Lockout/ Hold /Lockdown

Clarinda Schools conduct emergency drills designed to assure the orderly movement of students and personnel to the safest area available. Even though these are almost always for practice, it is very important for students and teachers to treat them seriously.

All procedures follow the Standard Response Protocol. More information can be found at: [I Love U Guys Foundation](#)



Evacuate (Example Fire Drill, Bomb Threat Drill):

1. An announcement will be made “Evacuate the building, this is a drill, evacuate the building to your evacuation site.”
2. All Staff and Students will exit the building by indicated routes on the posted building diagram.
3. Walk quickly and quietly.
4. Teachers should take attendance and report any missing or extra students to their administrator.



Shelter (Example Tornado Drill):

1. An announcement will be made “Take Shelter, this is a drill , please proceed to your designated shelter area.”
2. Students should sit on the floor facing the wall away from windows and other glass objects at their designated Shelter area which is posted in each classroom.
3. Students should be down on their knees, heads down, and hands should cover their head.
4. Students should remain calm and there should be no cell phone use.
5. Teachers should take attendance and report any missing or extra students to their administrator.



Lockout (Example - Potential threat outside the building):

1. An announcement will be made “Lockout! Secure the perimeter. Lockout, all Students and Staff inside the building.”
2. During a Lockout the building will continue with “business as usual”. Students and Staff may move throughout the building.
3. No one will be allowed to enter or exit the building.
4. Teachers should take attendance and report any missing students to their administrator. Extra students should be sent to their appropriate class.
5. A Lockout can be dismissed over the PA system or by an Administrator or Drill Facilitator walking around and debriefing with rooms.



Hold (Example - Medical Emergency):

1. An announcement will be made “Hold in classrooms, hallways need to be clear. Hold in your classrooms, hallways need to be clear.”
2. Students or Teachers need to remain in classrooms. The hallways should be clear. (During a hold Students and Teachers are not allowed to use the restroom, change classes or leave the room for any other reason.)
3. Inside classrooms Teachers should conduct “business as usual.”
4. Teachers should take attendance and report any missing or extra students to their administrator.
5. A Hold can be dismissed over the PA system or by an Administrator or Drill Facilitator walking around and debriefing with rooms.



Lockdown (Example - Potential threat inside the building) :

1. Teachers will ensure that their door is locked at all times.
2. An announcement will be made “This is a Lockdown drill. Locks, lights, out of sight. Locks, lights, out of sight.”
3. During a Lockdown Teachers and Students will be responsible to double check that doors are locked, lights are off and all students are out of sight.
4. Students and Teachers will sit quietly out of sight of the doorway.
5. Teachers will remind students to turn off data and wifi on their phones and that they will be given a chance to contact their parents.
6. In no instance will a Teacher or Student open their door.
7. The Teacher will take attendance and report any missing or extra students to their building administrator.
8. The drill will be dismissed by an Administrator or Drill Facilitator entering the classroom with a key, just as law enforcement would if this were an actual situation. The Administrator or Drill Facilitator will debrief with each room and give instructions on when everyone will go on with their day.
9. If a Student is out of class, they should make an attempt to get out of sight or exit the building if they are able to do so safely.
10. Any Student or School Staff that exits the building (actual situation) is asked to call Central Office 712-542-5165 and let them know your whereabouts.
11. Building phone calls will not be answered during a lockdown drill.
12. No one will enter or exit the building during a lockdown drill.

Personal Electronic Devices

Students whose personal electronic devices disrupt the learning environment may have the device taken away.

Emergency School Closing or Delay

In the event weather conditions or emergencies make it necessary to close or delay school, KMA radio 960 AM, 99.1 FM and the school website shall provide public information. Parents will be notified through the student information system via text or email.

Good Conduct Rule

It is the belief of the Clarinda Community School District that public education is a right. However, participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and carries expectations of exemplary responsibility and behavior. The district cannot account for every situation and this serves as a guide and is not all inclusive. The district preserves the right and authority to address issues and concerns as it deems necessary and appropriate.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities should display highest character while serving as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from school or at school. Students who wish to have the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities, which are illegal or violate the Code of Conduct. Students who fail to abide by this policy and administrative regulations supporting it may be subject to disciplinary measures. The principal (or designee) shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent (or designee) to adopt rules and regulations for school activities. Students wanting to participate in

school activities must meet the requirements set forth by the school district for participation in the activity.

The following activities are covered by district policies and rules: athletics, instrumental and vocal music performances, drama productions, speech contests, FFA, National Honor Society, all co-curricular clubs (e.g., Spanish Club), all honorary and elected offices (e.g., Homecoming King/Queen/court, graduation speaker, class officer, student government officer or representative), state contests and performances for cheerleading or any other activity where the student represents the school district. Any student with a Good Conduct Violation within twelve (12) months of homecoming, will not be eligible for homecoming royalty, beginning with the class of 2019-2020 school year.

Good Conduct Rule

To retain eligibility for participation in Clarinda High School extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to the members of the community.

Any student who admits to or who is found to have used or to have been in possession or control of an alcoholic beverage (as defined in Chapter 123 of the 1999 *Code of Iowa*) or a controlled substance (as defined in Chapter 124 of the 1999 *Code of Iowa*), or who admits to or is found by school administration to have used or possessed cigarettes, vapes, juuls or tobacco products (as defined in Chapter 453A of the 1999 *Code of Iowa*) or to have committed any criminal offense (other than minor traffic violations), shall be ineligible for public performances in current extracurricular activities.

VIOLATIONS OF THE GOOD CONDUCT RULE

Category A

- Possession, use, distribution/purchase or attempted distribution/purchase of illegal drugs or paraphernalia, or the unauthorized possession, use, distribution/purchase or attempted distribution/purchase of otherwise lawful drugs without a legal prescription.
- O.W.I., felonious charges, and “zero tolerance” (zero tolerance includes violations that align with federal mandates – i.e. weapons on school grounds, commission of serious crimes, etc.).

Category B

- Engaging in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system and chargeable as an aggravated misdemeanor, or serious misdemeanor, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted or adjudicated for the act(s).
- Use, possession, or purchase of alcoholic beverages.
- Any action that could be considered dangerous to the well being of the student, and/or the school is prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to, huffing, over consumption of cough medicine, use of look-a-like chemicals, etc.

Category C

- Use, possession or purchase of tobacco products, regardless of the student’s age.
- Gross misconduct, gross insubordination, hazing, harassment of others, etc.

- Whenever a student engaged in any act that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system and chargeable as a simple misdemeanor, the administration may impose the GCR pending their investigation. (e.g. Shoplifting, trespassing)
- The administration has the discretion to categorize a violation under a higher category if the situation so warrants.

The Activities Director and Building Principal shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule.

CONSEQUENCES

Category A:

1st offense:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended for 50% of current sport or sports, if participating in more than one sport during a season, or next sport in which the student is involved, and which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next 2 drama performances which take place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next 2 speech contests which take place within the next 12 months
- Suspended for 50% of the vocal performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school
- Suspended for 50% of the band performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school. However, if the student is involved in summer performances, the suspension period will begin at the time of the next performance
- If involved in extracurricular organizations other than those addressed above, the student will be suspended from the next 4 upcoming performances/contests in each organization, which take place within the next 12 months
- Completion of the education program

Category A:

2nd offense or more:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended from sport, or sports, if participating in more than one sport during a season, and other extracurricular performances/contests for the next 12 months
- Completion of the education program

Category B:

1st offense:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended for 25% of current sport, or sports, if participating in more than one sport during a season, or next sport in which the student is involved, and which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next drama performance which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next speech contest which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended for 25% of the vocal performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school
- Suspended for 25% of the band performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school. However,

if the student is involved in summer performances, the suspension period will begin at the time of the next performance

- If involved in extracurricular organizations other than those addressed above, the student will be suspended from the next 2 upcoming performances/contests in each organization, which take place within the next 12 months
- Completion of the education program

Category B:

2nd offense:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended for 50% of current sport, or sports, if participating in more than one sport during a season, or next sport in which the student is involved, and which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next 2 drama performances which take place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next 2 speech contests which take place within the next 12 months
- Suspended for 50% of the vocal performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school
- Suspended for 50% of the band performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school. However, if the student is involved in summer performances, the suspension period will begin at the time of the next performance
- If involved in extracurricular organizations other than those addressed above, the student will be suspended from the next 4 upcoming performances/contests in each organization, which take place within the next 12 months
- Completion of the education program

Category B:

3rd offense or more:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended from sports and other extracurricular performances/contests for the next 12 months
- Completion of the education program

Category C:

1st offense:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended for the next athletic contest in which the student is involved, and which takes place within the next 12 months (if the student is involved in more than one sport during any given season, will miss the next athletic contest in each sport.)
- If involved in other extracurricular activities, will miss the next upcoming performance/contest in each activity, which takes place within the next 2 weeks

Category C:

2nd offense:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended for 25% of current sport, or sports, if participating in more than one sport during a season, or next sport in which the student is involved, and which takes place within the next 12 months

- Suspended from the next drama performance which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next speech contest which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended for 25% of the vocal performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school
- Suspended for 25% of the band performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school. However, if the student is involved in summer performances, the suspension period will begin at the time of the next performance
- If involved in extracurricular organizations other than those addressed above, the student will be suspended from the next 2 upcoming performances/contests in each organization, which take place within the next 12 months Completion of the education program

Category C:

3rd offense or more:

- Including, but not limited to, activities listed
- Suspended for 50% of current sport, or sport, if participating in more than one sport during a season, or next sport in which the student is involved, and which takes place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next 2 drama performances which take place within the next 12 months
- Suspended from the next 2 speech contests which take place within the next 12 months
- Suspended for 50% of the vocal performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school
- Suspended for 50% of the band performances which take place within the next 3 months. If the incident occurs during the summer, the 3-month suspension period will begin on the first day of school. However, if the student is involved in summer performances, the suspension period will begin at the time of the next performance
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Suspension from Sporting Events - Regulations

Suspension from sporting events is described below. The number of suspensions listed represents dates; not necessarily games/meets. The suspension will move to the next regularly scheduled date if the activity scheduled on one of the identified dates is postponed or cancelled. Each day of a multi-day meet or tournament is considered a date (e.g. John Harris Wrestling tournament is two dates). Furthermore, the suspension applies to the student's primary level of competition. Additionally, the student will be ineligible to compete in all other performances or contests at any level during the primary level suspension period.

If a sports season ends prior to completion of the suspension, there will be a "carry-over" to the next sport in which the student is participating. Also, the student will be required to complete the sport season in which they are participating, or the suspensions served during that season will be invalid.

During the suspension period, the student will be expected to continue practicing, but will not be able to participate in contests or performances, as outlined below:

High School Sports

Timely Admission

	<u>25%</u>	<u>50%</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>50%</u>
Football	2	4	1	3
Cross Country	2	4	1	3
Volleyball	3	7	2	6
Basketball	5	10	4	9
Wrestling	3	7	2	6
Bowling	3	7	2	6
Tennis	3	6	2	5
Track	3	6	2	5
Golf	3	6	2	5
Baseball	7	15	6	14
Softball	7	15	6	14
Cheerleading	Corresponds with sport in season			

Education Program

Following a violation in Category A or B, the student will complete a series of questions (short answer & essay) pertaining to drug awareness/illegal offenses, and will address issues such as: effect on self, effect on family and others, effect on other members of the team/group, knowledge of the good conduct rule and what happens on the next offense, etc. The student will remain ineligible as long as the educational component is incomplete. Satisfactory completion of the educational component will be determined by the administration.

Honesty Clause/Timely Admission

We want to encourage students to be honest with the school regarding violations of the Good Conduct Rule. Students who make a “timely admission” to school administration regarding a violation of the GCR will be given the opportunity to take a one-performance/contest suspension reduction in all activities to which the suspension applies.

“Timely Admission” means the student notifies school administration on the next day of attendance following the violation. If the violation occurs during the summer break, the student has (3) days to make a “timely admission” to school administration. This “timely admission” option is available only once and only with a first violation of either Category A or B.

PENALTIES:

When the administration believes it is more likely than not that the student violated the Good Conduct Rule, during the school year or summer, the student is subject to a loss of eligibility as follows:

First Offense: up to six (6) weeks of ineligibility.

Second Offense: up to ten (10) weeks of ineligibility.

Third Offense (and each subsequent offense): up to twelve (12) calendar months of ineligibility.

An ineligible student is expected to continue to attend all practices, rehearsals, or organizational meetings to the conclusion of an activity, but may not “suit up”, perform/ participate, nor exercise the duties or privileges of any school organizational office.

Reduction in penalty:

First Offense - A two (2) week reduction period of ineligibility will take place if a student “self reports” a violation to the principal/activity director after having had opportunity to do so. To “self report” a student must notify a school administrator of the Good Conduct violation the first school day following the incident and/or before the school administration is made aware of the incident from another reliable source.

Second Offense - A two (2) week reduction of ineligibility will take place if a student “self reports” a violation to the principal/activity director after having had opportunity to do so. To “self report” a student must notify a school administrator of the Good Conduct violation the first school day following the incident and/or before the school administration is made aware of the incident from another reliable source.

Homelessness

[State of Iowa Homeless Students](#)

Search and Seizure

[Link to Board Policy](#)

Policy 502.8R3 Use of Dogs to Search School Property

[Link to Board Policy](#)

Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances

The use or possession of tobacco, and the use or possession or being under the influence of alcohol, other controlled substances, or “look alike” substances that appear to be tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances by individuals under the age of eighteen and all students regardless of age on school property or at any activities sponsored by the school is strictly forbidden. The possession of tobacco or drug paraphernalia is also forbidden. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action, which may ultimately include expulsion. Such violations may also be reported to local law enforcement authorities.

Video cameras

The school district will annually provide the following notice to students and parents: The Clarinda Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras in school buildings and on school grounds. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior, to maintain order, and to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.