

New Guidelines for Student-Athletes

Earlier this month, Athletic Director, Randy Westrol and Interim Principal, Arthur Albrizio assembled a committee comprised of school counselors, administrators and law enforcement officials to discuss the contract signed by HHS student-athletes. The contract/agreement mandates that all athletes must refrain from the possession/use of steroids, tobacco, alcohol and drug products.

After much discussion, the committee concurred on specific modifications to the student-athlete agreement. Beginning July 1 of 2007, the contract will be "two-tiered." Upon the first offense, the student-athlete will be subjected to a 60 calendar day suspension from athletic involvement and be required to submit to a referral with the district Student Assistance Counselor (SAC). Appropriate school consequences will be imposed as the situation dictates. In addition, the student must comply with the recommendations of the SAC as a result of the referral.

Upon the second offense, the student-athlete will be suspended from athletic participation for a period of one year from the date of the infraction. Likewise, appropriate referrals for professional intervention will be made.

All student-athletes who are within their one year coverage of the required physical examination are subject to this change effective July 1, 2007. Student-athletes who are found to be in violation of the agreement during the summer months will have the athletic participation restriction imposed on the first day of the official start date of the fall interscholastic season.

The HHS administration believes the modification of this contract is in the best interests of all our student-athletes and their parents. Our mission is to provide a competitive and quality scholastic athletic program while conveying a strong message to our student-athletes about responsible behavior. Above all, we wish to take every measure possible to ensure our children's safety.