

Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship for Athletic and Co-Curricular Events

Any person, including an adult, who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic or co-curricular event and receives a verbal warning from either the officials or school administration in charge will be ejected from the event. An appeal may be made to the Superintendent for a first offense within 4 working days. A second offense in a school year will be an automatic suspension from all athletic co-curricular events for up to 1 calendar year after a Board hearing. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct include, but most certainly are not limited to:

1. Using vulgar or obscene language or gestures;
2. Possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance;
3. Possessing a weapon;
4. Fighting or otherwise striking or threatening another person;
5. Failing to obey the instructions of a security officer or School District employee;
6. Engaging in any activity which is illegal or disruptive of the educational process; and
7. Using abusive or harassing language towards officials, coaches, players, or School District employees.

The Superintendent may seek to deny future admission to any person by delivering or mailing a notice, sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, containing:

1. The date, time, and place of a Board hearing;
2. A description of the unsportsmanlike conduct; and
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied.

This policy is to be printed on the back page of every roster/program for home athletic and co-curricular events for K-12 activities. It is also to be distributed to parents/guardians of players/participants at the beginning of each school activity.

Legal References:	IC § 18-916	Abuse of School Teachers
	IC § 18-6409	Disturbing the Peace
	IC § 33-205	Denial of School Attendance
	IC § 33-512	Governance of Schools
	IC § 33-1222	Freedom of Abuse

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