

USD #376 STUDENT SUBSTANCE POLICY

The coaches, administrators, and Board of Education of Sterling USD #376 strongly discourage the use of any illegal substance by our student athletes. To be the best student or athlete at Sterling means that young people need to abstain from these substances and encourage others to do the same. To represent Sterling Junior/Senior High School on any playing field, or in any activity is a privilege. We support the following policy in regard to consequences for violations by our student athletes/activity participants.

1st offense: Immediate suspension from participation in all interscholastic activities; a conference including a building administrator, the student, parent(s)/guardian of the student, and the coach or co-curricular sponsor will be conducted. If verification is found to be sufficient by school administration, the student athlete will be suspended from participation in all interscholastic competition for the remainder of the school year. Suspension may be reduced to 28 calendar days upon completion of a drug/alcohol awareness program conducted by a Sterling administrator. In cases of tobacco use/possession, the penalty remains the same for drug/alcohol use. The student will be required to attend an anti-smoking awareness program conducted by a Sterling administrator. The student may practice but will not compete for those 28 calendar days. *Suspension may be reduced to 14 days if the student self-reports and goes through the awareness program. The student may practice but will not compete for those 14 calendar days.

2nd offense: Immediate suspension from participation in all interscholastic activities; a conference including a building administrator, the student, parents/guardian of the student, and the coach or co-curricular sponsor will be conducted. If verification is found to be sufficient by school administration, the student athlete will be suspended from participation in all interscholastic competition for the remainder of the school year. Prior to participation in interscholastic activities the subsequent year, the student must have an assessment by a licensed drug/alcohol agency. In cases of tobacco use/possession, the penalty remains the same for drug/alcohol use. The student will be required to attend an anti-smoking clinic prior to athletic participation. The agency must provide documentation.

To maintain the highest possible standard for Sterling Junior/Senior High requires that students who wish to represent their school sign this form as an acknowledgment of understanding.

Student Name _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ Date _____