

# Expect the Best but Make It Fair

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At Kingswood Regional High School, the Student/Athlete commitment to excellence contract states that use or involvement with alcohol, controlled drugs, or tobacco will not be tolerated, and that includes being in the presence of these substances, even if you are not using them.

This part of the contract is easy to understand and fair, seeing as these substances are illegal for students to use regardless of whether or not they are student/athletes.

The problem with this contract is that it is directed only toward student athletes. If you are a member of the Drama Club, the Key Club, International Club, or any other club for that matter, it is a certainty that your activity of choice means just as much to you as athletes' sports mean to them.

The only problem that could arise from an extended contract could be deciding on the proper amount of suspension time for certain clubs if a student does break the contract. This could become problematic because extra-curriculars such as Drama Club and National Honor Society take up more of students' time than other smaller clubs that only meet once or twice a month. Despite the variation of dedication from club to club, I still believe that this is a necessary addition.

Students should be held responsible for their actions no matter what activity they partake in. It is only fair to have the same rules apply for students who participate in any extracurricular activity.