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100+ Penfield athletes sitting on the sidelines

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"I heard that they had a list of almost 200 kids that were in trouble," said Penfield Senior Shannon Hess.

"Overall there's a list of 260, I think," said student athlete Alex Tompkins

A major crackdown in underage drinking at Penfield High School. Students say hundreds of athletes are now sidelined after the school got word of a homecoming party two weeks ago.

Brighton police were called to an intersection for a reported fight, when they arrived they didn't find one, but down the street they did find a party with loud music, teens and alcohol.

The football team is taking the biggest hit. It will have to forfeit one of its upcoming games.

In a statement to News 8 Now, the district says it feels strongly that its athletic code must be enforced.

"You sign a contract when you join a sports team say...you won't drink or do drugs or anything," said Penfield High Student Doug Zogby.

These athletes will be sidelined for 25 percent of their season's games. Alex Tompkins plays on the boy's volleyball team, and he says a few of his teammates are also sitting out.

"Now they're suspended for 1/4 of the season which is five games," said Student athlete Alex Tompkins.

Still, some students are angered by the investigation.

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"Not that they have any proof that anyone did anything wrong. It's all hearsay," said Hess.

The Penfield football team will play tonight, at Gates-Chili, because it's homecoming for Gates-Chili.

The team has forfeited its next game against Pittsford.

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