

STUDENT ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

I. Purpose

Participation in student activities is viewed by the school as a worthwhile endeavor that enhances the educational process. Participation is considered an extension of, but separate from the regular high school educational program. While the curricular program is a right afforded to each student, participation in the extra-curricular program is a privilege and, as such, carries certain expectations beyond those found in the normal classroom situation. The important goals of the activities program are to offer students direction in developing healthful habits, discipline, leadership, teamwork, citizenship skills, and respect for structure, rules, and responsibilities. It is to these ends that a **Code of Conduct** is established for those choosing to take part in the student activities program. Consequences as a result of **Student Behavioral Regulations** violations override **Code of Conduct** consequences. **New and current students participating in co-curricular activities and summer camps are bound by the terms of the Code of Conduct twelve months a year (including summer, winter, & spring intermissions), both in & out of an activity season, at school, at school events, and in the community at large. Code of Conduct consequences will be imposed for conduct that occurred in a previous school year provided the Code was applicable to the student at the time the conduct occurred, and consequences for the conduct are imposed within a reasonable time after the administration first became aware of the conduct.**

II. Expectations

Conduct themselves at all times in a manner that does not depict, condone or promote the unlawful use, possession or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, controlled substances or look-alikes thereof. This includes representations in photos, videos and the Internet.

- A. Attend school, practices, and contests/performances.
- B. Travel on school arranged transportation to and from all away school events.
- C. Meet the minimum IHSA scholastic requirements (passing four academic classes on a weekly and semester basis) and adhere to all IHSA policies regarding steroid usage.
- D. Adhere to all rules and regulations set forth in the student handbook.
- E. Submit an annual physical examination prior to athletic participation.
- F. Conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for people, property, and public laws at all times.
- G. Refrain from attending gatherings where the unlawful use of, or possession of alcohol or any other controlled or look-alike substance is occurring.
- H. Refrain from the use of, distribution or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or any other controlled or look-alike substances.

III. Consequences for Not Meeting Expectations (In effect for one full calendar year.) Consequences must be completed prior to returning to activity/competition.

- A. Participants violating II-A, II-B, II-C, II-D, II-E, II-F and/or II-G will be appropriately disciplined by the sponsor, director of athletics/student activities, and the building principal.
- B. Multiple or Flagrant violations of II-A, II-B, II-C, II-D, II-E, II-F and/or II-G may result in consequences listed in Section C below.
- C. Participants violating II-H.
 - 1. Participants violating II-H will be suspended from the activity in which he/she is participating. Suspension will be for 1/3 of the activity season in which he/she is participating **if the following conditions are met:**
 - *a. Participant and parent(s) participate in medical counseling, the cost of which is to be paid solely by the parent, at a recommended treatment center.
 - *b. Participant and parent(s) **successfully complete** the medical counseling program. Students are permitted to participate in a sport/activity for the first time and use a portion of that season to serve out a 1/3 of a season suspension, provided all requirements for the sport/activity are met (i.e., attendance at practices while on code suspension and completing the remainder of season; contests and practices once the suspension is served.) Students who are in both sport(s) and activities will receive their consequences for not meeting expectations in both the sports and activities program.

**If the above conditions are not fulfilled, the activity member will be suspended for one full activity season. Applies to A and B only.*

2. Participants violating II-H for a second time will be ineligible for one calendar year from the date of the second infraction.
 3. Participants violating II-H for a third time will be declared ineligible for all activities/athletics/for the remainder of his/her high school career.
 4. While on Code suspension students will be expected to practice and to attend their school sponsored team/activity events. If a student is disruptive in either of these environments, they may be excluded at the discretion of the athletic director, sponsor(s), coach and the building principal.
- D. Any member of the student activities program who *presents* himself/herself to the director of athletic/student activities as having a substance abuse problem will have full practice and participating privileges as long as the following conditions are deemed applicable by the school administration:
1. Admission of the said abuse is not initiated by the participant as a means of escaping disciplinary action
 2. Participant and parent(s) receive medical counseling, the cost of which to be paid solely by the parent(s) at a recommended treatment center
 3. Participant and parent(s) successfully complete such medical counseling.
 4. Participant does not violate II-H after he/she admits said abuse.

IV. Consequence Appeal Process

Students may appeal the decision of the Director of Athletics/Student Activities provided the appeal is filed in writing, specifying the reason therefore, within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the decision of the Director of Athletics/Student Activities to the superintendent or his/her designee. The superintendent or his/her designee shall issue a written decision on the appeal within five (5) calendar days after receipt of the written appeal. The decision of the superintendent or his/her designee shall specify the reasons for the decision and shall be final. All penalties will be documented.

NOTES:

It should be understood that during the course of a Code of Conduct violation investigation, school personnel will review all school records and interview staff, students, and local authorities, when applicable. Records may include but are not limited to; school disciplinary records, educational records, activity records, police records, etc.

Student Behavior Regulations suspensions and expulsions override ***Code of Conduct*** consequences. (i.e. a student on a 10-day suspension will not participate in any school functions, including practices.) .) Students that violate Student Behavior Regulation whose violations result in police charges and arrest will also face Code of Conduct consequences in addition to school consequences.

*Students who have not completed **Code of Conduct** suspensions are not in good standing and as such will not be able to participate in awards nights, recognition banquets, or receive letters or other awards.*

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