

# HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR/COCURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

## **PHILOSOPHY:**

Participation in any extracurricular/cocurricular activities is an important part of the educational process. A primary goal of these activities is to teach students character and self-discipline skills which will enable them to develop to their highest potential. As role models for their peers and younger students, students who participate in extracurricular and cocurricular activities are held accountable for their actions at a higher standard than other students. This code applies to every student who participates in an extracurricular or cocurricular activity at \_\_\_\_\_ High School ("participating student").

At \_\_\_\_\_ High School we believe in teaching our young people high moral standards, integrity, discipline, character, sportsmanship, citizenship, the importance of teamwork, and the value of hard work and true dedication. The faculty, staff and administration pledge to dedicate their time, energy, and financial resources to this effort.

This code represents the effort of \_\_\_\_\_ High School to provide clear expectations for all participating students and their parents/guardians. It is the responsibility of each student to know and understand the obligations of this code as well as the established consequences that will be imposed if/when the provisions of this code are violated.

*\*\*\*Remember, participating in extracurricular/cocurricular activities is a privilege and not a right.\*\*\**

## **1. OBLIGATIONS AS A STUDENT**

In addition to the rules of this code of conduct, a participating student must at all times conform to the rules of conduct of the extracurricular/ cocurricular organization in which he/she is participating, as well as all school and school system rules. He/She shall not expect nor receive special privileges with regard to meeting his/her obligations to teachers and any other school personnel.

## **2. OBLIGATIONS AS AN EXTRACURRICULAR/COCURRICULAR PARTICIPANT**

- A. Each sport, club, NJROTC and cultural arts activity has certain individual requirements that lead to the development of specific skills requiring different types of training. Every athlete has an obligation to know the rules of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association as well as those rules governing his/her sport. Students participating in clubs, NJROTC or cultural arts are responsible for learning and adhering to the by-laws of their respective organizations.
- B. As an extracurricular/cocurricular participant, the student not only represents himself/herself, fellow team members, coaches, and teachers, but also the school and its student body. For these reasons, the participating student is expected to display the highest form of character and sportsmanship. If at any time a student's actions bring harm or discredit to the organization of which the student is a member or to the school, the student may be subjected to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or removal from the extracurricular/cocurricular organization.

### **3. OBLIGATIONS TO THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY**

A participating student is supported actively by the school and the community. Many volunteers work long hours to provide the finest equipment and facilities so that our extracurricular groups can have the best possible opportunity to compete on an even basis with any established program in the state. Participating students are held accountable for the equipment/materials issued to them and shall reimburse the school for any equipment/materials not returned or damaged beyond normal wear and tear. Participating students are expected to exercise respect for and take care of the facilities and equipment provided by the school and booster club.

### **4. CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING RULES OF CONDUCT**

These consequences apply *in addition to* any consequences imposed by the school, school district or extracurricular/cocurricular organization for violation of their separate rules of conduct.

#### **A. IN-SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS**

1. If a participating student is assigned to in-school suspension, he/she will not be allowed to practice or participate in a game/activity on the day(s) of suspension. Suspensions will be carried out regardless of the game/activity days or events.
2. If a participating student is given out of school suspension for any reason, he/she will be subject to the following additional consequences:
  - a. **FIRST OFFENSE:** A student participating in athletics will not be allowed to practice or play during the suspension period. If there is not a game during the suspension period, the student will not be permitted to play in the next game after the period of suspension. A student participating in other clubs or activities will not be allowed to practice, participate or perform during the suspension period. If there is not a performance or major activity during the suspension period, the student will not be allowed to perform or participate in the next major activity immediately following the suspension.
  - b. **SECOND OFFENSE:** The student will be removed from extracurricular/cocurricular activities for the remainder of that season or semester or for 30 school days\*\*, whichever is greater.
  - c. **REPEATED OFFENSES:** If a student continues to be suspended from school or has consistent disciplinary infractions, the principal may remove that student from extracurricular/cocurricular activities for up to the remainder of the school year or 30 school days, whichever is greater.

## B. USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS/ALCOHOL

The possession, use, distribution or sale of illegal or counterfeit drugs/alcohol by participating students is not acceptable at any time, on or off campus, including off season and school breaks. Every effort will be made by the school and the extracurricular departments to make students aware of the detrimental effects of alcohol and drugs through educational programs and opportunities. Students who willfully violate this policy are subject to the following consequences:

### 1. FIRST OFFENSE FOR POSSESSION OR USE

Any student in violation of this policy for possession or use will be removed from participation for 60 school days or the remainder of the current season/semester, whichever is longer. The student must also be evaluated by a drug counselor as recommended by the school and must comply with all recommendations and treatment programs and receive a negative drug test result before resuming participation in any extracurricular/cocurricular activity.

### 2. SECOND OFFENSE FOR POSSESSION OR USE DURING HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

A student with a second offense of this policy during the student's high school career for possession or use shall be removed from activities for 120 school days or the remainder of the school year, whichever is greater. The student must also be evaluated by a drug counselor as recommended by the school and must comply with all recommendations and treatment programs and receive a negative drug test result before participating in any extracurricular/cocurricular activity and must submit to periodic, unannounced drug testing for a 12 month period. All costs of such drug testing shall be borne by the student.

\*\* For purposes of this policy "school days" includes days that the student is scheduled to participate in school-sponsored activities, including school holidays and summer break.

### 3. THIRD OFFENSE FOR POSSESSION OR USE DURING HIGH SCHOOL CAREER

A student with a third offense of this policy in the student's high school career for possession or use shall be prohibited from participation in all extracurricular/cocurricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school career. The student and the student's parent or guardian will also receive information regarding drug-use counseling and prevention.

### 4. ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING SALE OR DISTRIBUTION

A student with a first violation of this policy for sale or distribution or conspiracy to sell or distribute drugs/alcohol or counterfeit drugs/alcohol shall be prohibited from participation for 180 school days. A second offense shall result in removal from activities for the remainder of the student's high school career.

5. VOLUNTARY ADMISSION BY STUDENT

If a student who is not under investigation for or currently charged with a violation of this section voluntarily admits that he/she has an alcohol or drug related problem and voluntarily enters a rehabilitation program, the principal may choose not to impose the consequences outlined in this section.

C. TOBACCO USAGE:

Participating students are not allowed to use tobacco products of any kind, on or off campus. The following consequences shall be imposed for a violation of this policy:

FIRST OFFENSE: 2 days suspension from extracurricular/cocurricular activities.

SECOND OFFENSE: 5 days suspension from extracurricular/cocurricular activities.

THIRD OFFENSE: Suspension from extracurricular/cocurricular activities for season/semester or 30 school days, whichever is greater.

D. CRIMINAL CHARGES:

Any participating student charged with a criminal offense may be suspended from extracurricular/cocurricular activities while the principal investigates the underlying circumstances and assesses the impact of the matter on the school environment. The principal will review each offense individually and determine what action will be taken.

E. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS/CONSEQUENCES:

1. In order for a participating student to practice or participate in a game/activity, he/she must be in attendance for at least 50% of the school day
2. Any athlete who quits without permission of the coach or who is officially dismissed from a team before the season is over (including the playoffs) may not practice or participate with any other athletic team until that season is completely over (Including the playoffs). An athlete is considered a member of a team if he/she is listed on the final team roster.
3. All participating students are required to turn in all uniforms and equipment that are issued to them. A participating student may not participate in any other extracurricular/cocurricular activity until he/she has turned in his/her uniform and equipment to the coach/faculty representative.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED STUDENT AND PARENTS HAVE READ THE  
EXTRACURRICULAR/COCURRICULAR CODE, UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND  
AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE REGULATIONS/RULES SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE/DATE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE/DATE

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STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

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GRADE

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ADVISORY TEACHER'S NAME

**THIS SIGNED DOCUMENT IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
EXTRACURRICULAR/COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SHALL BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE  
MAIN OFFICE.**