

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Since participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege, it is important that students, parents/guardians and other interested persons are aware of the following rules and regulations. As representatives of the schools, students are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. These rules are adopted by the School Board in order to support the social, emotional and physical well-being of students and promote healthy, enriching and safe co- and extra-curricular opportunities for all students.

### 1. Academic Eligibility

In order to participate in athletics or extra - curricular activities, students be in good standing. A student is in good standing if he/she is not the subject of any disciplinary action for violation of any policy or school rule, attends school on a regular basis, and is academically eligible based on MPA guidelines, passed at least 4 subjects per school year, and must have passed four (4) major subjects (or their equivalent) in the ranking period (9 weeks) preceding the particular sport or activity. Fall eligibility is based on the 4th quarter of the previous school year. Entering freshmen will automatically be eligible for the first nine weeks.

### 2. Attendance

Any student missing any portion of a school day the day of a scheduled event may not participate in the co-curricular or extra-curricular activities on that day, unless excused.

Regular participation in practice is essential and failure to attend regularly could result in being removed from the team.

Students staying home the day before a game or the next school day after a game will not be permitted to play in the following game. *Individual exceptions to this rule may be made at the discretion of the administrative/athletic team. Unexcused absences will not be considered for an exception.*

All students are required to be in attendance by 9:00 a.m. in order to participate in after school events. Any exceptions to this requirement must be pre-approved by the Athletic Team: Athletic Director, Principal and Superintendent.

3. Students suspended from school (including in-school and out of school suspension) shall not practice, participate, attend, or compete in extra- or co-curricular activities during the days of suspension.
4. Students are required to abide by all Board policies, school rules and any additional rules, and/or training guidelines imposed by coaches or advisors. Any additional rules and/or training guidelines must be consistent with Board policies and be approved by the Athletic Director or the Building Principal.

5. Students are required to travel to and from athletic events/activities by bus. NO students will be released unless the parent(s)/guardians(s) and/or individuals on the student's contact list attend the athletic event/activity and give a written permission slip to the coach/advisor or Athletic Director.
6. Students are expected to dress appropriately for participation in co-and extra-curricular activities. No blue jeans will be allowed for athletic activities. Additional requirements for co-and extra-curricular activities are at the discretion of the coach/advisor.
7. Students who participate in a sports extra-curricular activity must have on file with the school proof of insurance and proof of a physical exam.
8. Student use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs is illegal and negatively affects student health, safety and performance. Students participating in co- and extra-curricular activities carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, coaches/advisors, parents and school to set the highest possible example of conduct, sportsmanship and training, which includes avoiding any involvement with tobacco, alcohol and drugs. Therefore, students participating in co- and extra-curricular activities may not engage in the prohibited behaviors and activities described in Policy JICH (Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use) **at any time or place from the beginning of the student's first co- or extra-curricular activity of the school year through the end of the school year.**
9. Students are expected to conduct themselves so as not to discredit themselves, their team or organization, their coach or advisor, and their school. If a student is charged with a crime, he or she may be suspended from participation in co- or extra-curricular activities until the case is adjudicated. A student who is convicted of a crime will be suspended from participation in activities for at least 9 months following the conviction. The Principal has the authority to modify these requirements when they would clearly constitute an injustice to the student based on the particular circumstances of the case. At the end of 9 months, the student may request reinstatement to co- and extra-curricular activities in writing to the Principal. The Principal and Athletic Director/advisor will meet with the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). The Principal will then make a determination as to whether the student will be allowed to participate in activities and under what conditions.
10. Students shall be responsible for all equipment and uniforms issued to them by the school. The cost of replacing damaged or lost equipment/uniforms will be the responsibility of the student.
11. All students and their parents/guardians are required to sign the Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Contract as a condition of participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Students participating in an activity/sport prior to the beginning of school (and their parents/guardians) must sign the contract at the beginning of pre-season. All other students who plan to participate in other co- or extra-curricular activities at any time during the school year (and their parents/guardians) must sign the contract at the beginning of the school year (or

upon enrollment in school if transferring to the school).

### **Disciplinary Action**

Improper conduct, as determined by the Athletic Director/coach and/or administration shall result in disciplinary action up to and including removal/suspension from the team or activity (in addition to any discipline imposed under applicable Board policies or school rules). The Athletic Director and coaches/advisors are expected to enforce all policies and school rules at all times and to use their best judgment in applying penalties for violations. The advisor or coach shall consult with the Athletic Director and Principal prior to suspending a student from an activity or team.

For infractions involving drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco, disciplinary action will be taken as specified below (in addition to discipline imposed under JICH and JICH-R). Coaches/activity advisors may not impose additional disciplinary consequences. Repeat or extreme violations will warrant administrative review and additional sanctions. Violations during a student's high school career are cumulative.

#### **Tobacco violations.**

**Violations:** No participation in co- and/or extra-curricular activities for two weeks (14 calendar days). The student and his/her parent must participate in a meeting with an administrator and the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator prior to returning to the activity.

#### **Drug and alcohol violations.**

**Violations:** Any alleged violations of this policy will be investigated and students who are found to have violated this policy will be suspended from all co- and extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the current sport/activity, the following sport/activity, and any co- or extracurricular activity that falls between a sport/activity (i.e. if a student played soccer during the fall, and violated the policy half way through the season; the student would miss the rest of the soccer season, would miss being in the school play between soccer and basketball, and would then miss basketball season). Discipline imposed for co- and extracurricular violations are in addition to discipline for violations of the School Committee's drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy.

If a violation occurs near the end of the school year, the suspension shall carry over to the next school year.

### **Appeal of Suspension from Activity / Team**

A student who wishes to appeal a suspension from a team/activity must first discuss the matter with his/her advisor or coach.

Following that discussion, if the student and his/her parent/guardian wish to appeal the

suspension, it must be done in writing to the Athletic Director/Activity Advisor within three school days of notice of the suspension decision. The Athletic Director/Activity Advisor will conduct an investigation as he/she deems advisable and render a decision, in writing, to the student and his/her parent/guardian within three school days.

If the student and his/her parent/guardian are dissatisfied with this decision, the decision may be appealed in writing to the Principal within three school days. The Principal will conduct whatever investigation he/she deems advisable and render a decision, in writing, to his/her parents within a reasonable time. The Principal's decision is final.

The student shall remain under suspension during the appeal process.

Cross Reference:        JICI-Addendum A- Extra/Co-Curricular Activities Contract  
                                 JICH – Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use  
                                 JICH-R – Student Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use Administrative  
                                 Procedure  
                                 JICDA – Student Code of Conduct  
                                 JICIA – Weapons, Violence, Bullying and School Safety  
                                 JKD – Suspension of Students  
                                 JKE – Expulsion of Students  
                                 JLCD – Administering Medications to Students  
                                 JRA – Student Records

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