

# 2011-12 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

District 7 has a policy that connects participation in school-sponsored or supported athletic and/or extracurricular activities to academic and behavioral expectations. Participating students are monitored by teaching and administrative staff on a weekly and semester basis. ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE AUTOMATICALLY SUBJECT TO THIS CODE OF CONDUCT. The Code of Conduct shall be enforceable year round, regardless of whether school is in session or the student is currently participating in extracurricular activities (i.e., it is off season). Students may be asked to sign a pledge to reaffirm the commitment to the standards of the Code of Conduct, but receipt of a signed pledge is not required to enforce this Code of Conduct.

### ENFORCEMENT OF ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

District 7's Board of Education, community, and staff support the belief that academics must be first priority. All participants of school-sponsored athletics and/or extracurricular activities must adhere to these guidelines.

#### Weekly Reports

Classroom teachers monitor students' athletic and/or extracurricular eligibility on a weekly basis and provide information to the administrative staff. A student must satisfy the Illinois High School Association's scholastic standing requirements by passing the equivalent of four (4) full credit classes (20 credit hours of work) on a weekly basis. A student will be suspended from participating in any contest while this requirement is not being met.

#### Semester Reports

Students who participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities must satisfy the Illinois High School Association's scholastic requirements by passing four (4) classes for the semester in order to remain eligible for the next semester. A student will be suspended from any participation in athletics or extracurricular activities until the semester following a semester in which four (4) classes are passed.

### ENFORCEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

**This Code of Conduct will be enforced on a year-round basis — student behavior expectations may be enforced 24 hours per day/seven days per week. Disciplinary consequences for violations when a student is “out of season” or during the summer normally will be levied in the student’s next period of competition or performance. If a violation of this policy occurs during times when school is not in session (i.e., summer break), students may be disciplined the following school year. Further, discipline imposed at the end of the school year may be enforced the following school year.**

District 7 offers a wide variety of athletics and extracurricular activities for the students of the middle schools and high school. Extracurricular refers to any activity scheduled outside the regular school day. Such activities include but are not limited to clubs, choir, band, academic groups, or any other school-sponsored activity. Participation in these activities is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the activity, to the student body, to the community, and to the students themselves. This participation also carries with it certain expectations beyond those found in the normal classroom.

Attention is constantly focused on the student in activities, and he/she will be expected to set a good example for the entire community. Participants must avoid situations that bring disrespect to themselves, their teammates, their sponsors or coaches, and their parents.

District 7 opposes the use of tobacco, alcohol, and controlled substances by any student. Through this position statement, District 7 seeks to help our students resist situations that are detrimental to the growth of our young citizens.

### ACTIVITY CODE REQUIREMENTS

**A student activity participant will be subject to disciplinary action if he/she violates any of the rules listed below. Violations and consequences are classified by level. Students are reminded that this Code of Conduct will be enforced year round — 24 hours per day/seven days per week for conduct occurring on and off school grounds.**

#### LEVEL A OFFENSES:

##### Violations:

- The possession, use, purchase, distribution or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, controlled substance, look-alike drug (a substance, that because of its physical characteristics, would lead someone to believe the substance is a controlled substance, or it is represented to be a controlled substance), drug paraphernalia, illicit drug, or the misuse of prescription or over-the-counter medications.
- Violation of the rules and regulations of District 7 that results in suspension(s) greater than four (4) days total in a school year.
- Possession of a weapon, explosive, or incendiary device.

##### Minimum Consequences:

###### **First Offense:**

- *Athletics:* Participant will be suspended for one-third of the season, with limitations as set forth by the IHSA for high school participants. The student must also complete the assessment phase of the substance abuse policy if applicable.
- *Activities:* Participant will be suspended for forty-five school days. The student must also complete the assessment phase of the substance abuse policy if applicable. For those students participating in EHS Drama, the Code of Conduct will be implemented for the remainder of the production the student is currently participating in. If the student is not participating in any EHS Drama activity at the time the violation occurs, the student will not be permitted to participate in the next EHS Drama production. For those EHS students participating in band, the following consequences will be applied:
  - a. First semester: One-third of the Marching Band season
  - b. Second Semester: The student will not be able to participate for forty-five (45) school days.

###### **Second Offense:**

Participant will be suspended from all athletics/activities for period of one (1) calendar year.

###### **Third Offense:**

Participant will be suspended from all athletics/activities for the remainder of his/her middle school or high school career.

#### LEVEL B OFFENSES:

##### Violations:

- Use or possession of any tobacco substance.
- Stealing or vandalizing personal or school property.
- Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed against a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization, club, or athletic team whose members are or include other students.
- Activity that may be considered by the administration to be unsportsmanlike conduct. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, violation of team rules.
- Use of violence, force, coercion, hazing, threats, intimidation, fear, bullying, or other comparable conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Such conduct may occur on or off-campus and during non-participation in an activity governed by this section.

##### Minimum Consequences:

###### **First Offense:**

- *Athletics:* Participant will be suspended from all athletics for a period of one-sixth of the competitive season, with limitations as set forth by the IHSA.
- *Activities:* Participant will be suspended from all activities for a period of two (2) weeks.

**Second Offense:**

Participant will be suspended from all athletic/activities for a period of ninety (90) calendar days.

**Third Offense:**

Participant will be suspended from all athletic/activities for a period of one (1) calendar year.

**LEVEL C OFFENSES:**

**Violations:**

- Suspensions totalling four (4) or fewer days in a school year for violation of the rules and regulations of District 7.
- Unexcused absence from a contest, performance, or practice.
- Misconduct at a contest, performance, or practice, or on an activity bus.

**Minimum Consequences:**

**First Offense:**

Punishment will be determined by the coach/sponsor with notification given to the athletic director/principal.

**Second Offense:**

Participant will be suspended from the team/activity. Length of time will be determined by the coach/sponsor with notification given to the athletic director/principal.

**SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES**

If a student is charged with a criminal felony offense, the student will be excluded from participating in all athletic and extracurricular activities until the criminal charge is adjudicated or dismissed. If the student is convicted of a felony offense, the student shall be excluded from participation in all athletic and extracurricular activities for a period of one calendar year from the date of conviction.

If a student is charged with an offense reportable to the District pursuant to a reciprocal reporting agreement with local law enforcement and that offense is not already listed above as a Level A, B or C Offense, the student will be excluded from participating in all athletic and extracurricular activities for a period of time determined appropriate by the Administration.

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COVERED ACTIVITIES	IHSA DATES	ONE-SIXTH OF EVENTS	ONE-THIRD OF EVENTS
Field Hockey	18	3	6
Football	9	2	3
Cross Country	15	3	5
Golf	16	3	5
Soccer	17	3	6
Tennis	18	3	6
Volleyball	20	3	7
Ice Hockey	18	3	6
Basketball	20	3	7
Wrestling	18	3	6
Baseball	35	6	12
Softball	35	6	12
Track	21	4	7
Trainers/Managers (sport-specific)			
Cheer/Poms—Fall	9	2	3
Cheer/Poms—Winter	20	3	7
Bowling	18	3	6
Swimming	* SEE NEXT COLUMN		

\*Since there is no official Edwardsville High School swim team schedule, any swimmer who commits a Code of Conduct violation will be unable to compete at the Sectional and/or State Swim Meet.

At Liberty and Lincoln Middle Schools, suspensions from athletics will be based on a percentage of contests scheduled in the affected sport. As an example, if six football contests are scheduled and a student is suspended for one-sixth of the events, then the student will not be eligible to participate in one football contest.

**COVERED EDWARDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

SCARE, National Honor Society, Student Newspaper, Future Teachers, Band, EHS Trend, Orchestra, Youth in Government, Chorus, WYSE (formerly JETS), Computer Applications Team, Human Resources Club, Business Professionals of America, Model United Nations, Yearbook, Computer Team, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, French Club, Math Team, Spanish Club, Literary Magazine, German Club, Chess Team, Student Venture, Drama Club, Thespian Troupe 1534, Medical Careers Club, Plays (Drama at EHS)—**Any extracurricular activity at EHS.**

**COVERED MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Show Choir, Act I, GO, Friends in Touch, Math Team, FUTURE, Student Council, School Newspaper, Yearbook, Intramurals, Model United Nations—**Any extracurricular activity at Liberty and Lincoln Middle Schools.**

Application of Athletic and Extracurricular Activities Code Requirements, Consequences, and Penalties

1. The participant must attend all practices and contests during the time he/she is serving the consequences.
2. The participant must complete the activity for the consequences to be considered served. (See #7)
3. For the consequences to be considered served, the student must start the activity or sport on the original starting date. Students are prohibited from circumventing the penalty by enrolling in an activity or sport in which he or she has not participated in during prior years.
4. In determining the timing of the disciplinary consequence, the Administration shall take into consideration the student's participation in athletics and activities from prior years.
5. "In season" violations will carry over into the next athletic/activity season in which the student participates.
6. "Out of season" violations will be enforced in the next athletic/activity season in which the student participates.
7. Disciplinary actions for the various violations listed in this code are the minimum actions that can be taken.
8. Students who participate in extracurricular activities that are required as part of a curriculum or academic class, such as performing arts (vocal and instrumental music and theater), will not have his/her academic class grades impacted as a result of serving consequences under the Code of Conduct.
9. All coaches and sponsors of extracurricular activities shall annually review the Code of Conduct with participants and provide participants with a copy.
10. A student that participates in one or more sport(s) and/or one or more activity(ies) in the same season will receive the appropriate Code of Conduct penalty for *each* sport and/or activity. Please refer to this Code of Conduct for the penalty to be imposed for the sport(s) and/or activity(ies).

Due Process

A student will be advised of the charges against him/her and be given the opportunity to respond to the charges. The student and his/her parents will be advised by the administration of any disciplinary action taken as a result of the charges. The student or parents may appeal the disciplinary action by responding in writing to the principal within three days of receiving the results of the charges.

I understand and agree to conduct myself in accordance with the conditions of the District 7 Code of Conduct.

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Date Student Signature

I approve of my son's/daughter's participation in the District 7 athletics/activities program, and I also approve of the conditions of the District 7 Code of Conduct and the IHSA Eligibility Rules.

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Date Parent/Guardian Signature