

North Schuylkill School District

15 Academy Lane

Ashland, PA 17921

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CODE OF CONDUCT

The following guidelines apply to ALL extra-curricular activities and clubs in the North Schuylkill School District. Extra-curricular activities are generally defined as, but not limited to, activities that occur outside of the normal school day. This Code of Conduct is to be regarded as rules governing the conduct of students involved in extra-curricular activities.

BEHAVIOR/DEPORTMENT:

Participation in any extra-curricular activity is a privilege afforded the students in the North Schuylkill School District. Good behavior is, and will continue to be, rewarded for those who show common courtesy, follow established rules and regulations, use appropriate language, cooperate, show self-discipline, and demonstrate integrity.

Students assigned to the In-School Suspension (ISS)/ Detention are ineligible for participation in a scheduled practice or event on that day and the next scheduled event. If a student is in ISS on the day of an event, that event that he/she will miss, counts as the one competition penalty for the time in ISS. He/she will not be penalized with additional event/practice ineligibility. If there is no scheduled event on the day he/she is in ISS, he/she will be ineligible for the next scheduled event. Missing a practice is not the equivalent of missing an event.

Students on Out of School Suspension (OSS) are not eligible for participation while on suspension, and are not eligible for the next event immediately following the completion of their OSS.

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to be in attendance at school the day of an event. If a student is absent from school on the day of an event he/she will be ineligible to participate in practice or events on that day. Exceptions to this include college visitation, school related functions, emergency, or pre-approved absence by a school administrator. Any early dismissal that is non-medical or not pre-approved by a school administrator will result in the participant being ineligible to participate in practice or events on that day.

Students tardy for school must report to school by 9:15 AM to be eligible for participation in any extra-curricular activities on that day. If the student does not have a legal excuse and/or pre-approval for being tardy, he/she will not be allowed to participate in practice or events on that day.

Coaches and advisors also have the right to enforce their own attendance policy for their extra-curricular activity.

ELIGIBILITY:

Academics are a vital part of the educational experience and should be placed as the highest priority during the school year. Students must adhere to the North Schuylkill School District's academic policies to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. Grades are tracked weekly by the teaching staff and reported to the Athletic Office. Any participant who has one (1) failing grade, as reported by his/her teacher, must retain tutoring in that subject until the grade is passing. During that time, the student is eligible to participate in an activity without restrictions. If a student is failing two (2) subjects, he/she will be placed on probation for the following week and will be allowed to practice, but not participate in any events during that week. The student must retain tutoring in the deficient subjects. If a student is failing three (3) or more subjects, he/she will be suspended from all participation during the following week. The student must retain tutoring until the grades are listed as passing. Following the week of suspension or probation, the student's grades will be re-evaluated for improvement and/or subsequent probation. Tutoring can be arranged by contacting the Guidance Office.

Substance Abuse:

Use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco, anabolic steroids, and other controlled substances is illegal. Violation of the school policy prohibiting the use, possession, and /or distribution of such substances on school property or at school events, including transportation to and from, will result in an immediate suspension from all extra-curricular activities and referral to the Student Assistance Program (SAP). First offense will be a ban from all extra-curricular activities for a period of forty-five (45) school days. A second offense would result in a student being banned from all activities for a period of one year, from the date of the offense. A third offense would result in being banned from all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of his/her academic career.

Any student who feels that he/she is experiencing personal problems with substance abuse has the opportunity to come forward and self-report to a school administrator without fear of punishment. The student will be immediately referred to the SAP for help. A self-reporting student must complete all recommendations set forth by the SAP team; if at any time the student fails to comply with all recommendations set forth by the SAP team, he/she will be immediately placed on the suspension period of sixty (60) school days. A student does not have the right to self-report following a violation being committed; the student will serve the appropriate suspension and referrals.

A suspended student will immediately be referred to the SAP team for review. To participate in the extra-curricular activities after the suspension period, the student must follow the recommendations of the assessor. The SAP team is composed of school personnel with special training in adolescent

chemical dependency, intervention, and after care. The teams have established school wide intervention procedures for referring “at risk” students who demonstrate problems with drugs/alcohol. Intervention procedures include identification of students, collection and review of pertinent data, referral for assessment and evaluation, and participation in support programs.

The suspension period shall be from the date of infraction. If the school year concludes before the suspension has been completed, the suspension will continue at the beginning of the next season. Offenses occurring during the summer months when the student s participating in activities under the direct supervision of school district personnel will result in immediate removal from that activity and the suspension shall begin with the first day of the next season, as determined by the PIAA.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The principal may exclude students from any extra-curricular activities due to serious academic problems, attendance, or disciplinary infractions that result in a suspension.
- During the regular school year, these regulations are in effect twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week, and extend to summer months when students are participating in school activities under the direct supervision of district personnel.
- Everyone involved in extra-curricular activities has a fundamental responsibility to uphold the rules and regulations of the district and/or outside organizations involved with the programs when it relates to any extra-curricular activities.
- The signed Code of Conduct will be in effect for all activities and athletics for one (1) calendar year from the date of signature.
- Suspended students may not make use of school facilities for extra-curricular purposes.
- It is the principal’s responsibility to enforce the policy. Appeals to his/her decisions should be made to the principal in writing and should list the reasons for appeal.
- A season or activity will begin with the first available day of practice (as determined by the PIAA) and end with the day of the last event of the season or activity. (including any post-season activities)

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Signature of Acceptance

In order to participate in extra-curricular activities in the North Schuylkill School District, students and parents are required to formally accept the Code of Conduct.

“I have read the Code of Conduct and hereby accept the specifics as stated in this document. I will represent the North Schuylkill School District in a faithful and responsible manner, adhering to its policies and expectations.”

Student Name

Date

Grade Level

Name of School

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Tentative List of Extra-Curricular Activities

