

Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name (Printed): _____

Rationale

Extracurricular activities, as offered by the North Polk Community Schools, are an integral part of the total educational experience for all students. Those who participate in these activities serve as ambassadors of the school district throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school, and accept the responsibility of adhering to even more stringent and demanding behavior codes than non-participating students. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participation in extracurricular / co-curricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy and must refrain from activities that are illegal, unhealthy, and inappropriate. Participation in these activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual coaches and sponsors. The activities director and/or principal shall keep records of violations of the Good Conduct Rule.

The following activities in grades 7-12 are covered by the board's policy and these rules:

- athletics
- instrumental and vocal music performances other than the following:
 - concerts in NP buildings
 - assemblies during the school day in NP buildings
 - drama productions
 - speech contests
- FFA
- honor Societies
- all honorary and elected offices (e.g., Homecoming King/Queen/court, class officer, student government officer or representative)
- state contests and performances for cheerleading and dance company
- North Polk Key Club
- any other activity where the student represents the school district outside the classroom

Good Conduct Rule

Any student who is observed by his/her own parent, a staff member, a law enforcement official, or admits to, or who is otherwise found by the school administration to have violated the school's Good Conduct Rule and will be deemed ineligible for a period of time, as described below. A student may lose eligibility under the Good Conduct Rule for any of the following behaviors:

1. Possession, use, under the influence, or purchase of tobacco products, regardless of the student's age
2. Possession, use, under the influence, or purchase of alcoholic beverages
3. Possession, use, or purchase of e-cigarettes, or components (battery, atomizer, cartomizer, and/or clearomizer) or "look alike" substances that appear to be tobacco, beer, wine, alcohol or controlled substances.
4. Possession, use, under the influence or purchase of over the counter or prescription drugs when used for improper purposes, or other controlled substances.
5. Being in attendance at a function or party where alcohol or other drugs are being consumed illegally by minors.
 - If a student finds him/herself in a situation where alcohol or other drugs are being consumed illegally by minors, the student's options are:
 - Leave the premises immediately. "Immediately" means as soon as possible after learning that minors are consuming alcohol or drugs, in no case more than 15 minutes. An intention to leave is not a defense, nor is being the designated driver. Loitering in a nearby area (e.g. street) may not be considered leaving. By failing to leave the premises immediately, the student risks the loss of eligibility for extracurricular activities.
 - In the event a student is not able to leave immediately, the student will report the situation immediately to a parent or adult responsible for the well being of the student. The student and parent must promptly report this incident to the school the next school/business day to potentially avoid a violation.

6. Engaging in any act that results in arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system, excluding minor traffic offenses, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted, or adjudicated for the act(s).
7. Violation of Hazing Iowa Code Section 708.10.
8. Refusing to cooperate with school officials in the investigation procedures (i.e. breathalyzer, sobriety test, etc). This may also result in a violation of other school policies.
9. Any behavior that results in an out of school suspension results in a one-game/performance suspension and will not count towards violation total. The cancellation of a scheduled event does not count towards the number of events missed. The good conduct rule applies to any activity where the student is representing the school district outside the classroom or school.

If a student transfers in from another school district and the student has not yet completed a period of ineligibility for a violation of a Good Conduct Rule in the previous school, the student shall be ineligible until the full period of ineligibility has been completed. Once that period of ineligibility has been completed, the student is then immediately eligible for interscholastic competition.

Consequence

Violation #1

- Miss 30% of scheduled events
 - The resulting number will be rounded. Any number .5 or higher will round up, and any number lower than .5 will round down.
- Receive education/counseling from Employee and Family Resources or other comparable program. Completion and confirmation of counseling session is required prior to gaining eligibility.
- Arrangements are made and legal fees are paid by the student.

Violation #2

- Miss 70% of scheduled events
 - The resulting number will be rounded. Any number .5 or higher will round up, and any number lower than .5 will round down.
- Receive education/counseling from Employee and Family Resources or other comparable program. Completion and confirmation of counseling session is required prior to gaining eligibility.
- Arrangements are made and legal fees are paid by the student.

Violation #3

- Permanent suspension from all activities. The student can appeal to the building council and then to the Board of Directors for reinstatement after at least eighteen weeks of ineligibility have been served and 50 hours of community service have been completed. In addition, the student must have received an additional EFR evaluation and to have followed the recommendation.

Enforcement Guidelines

Each Parent and Student involved in activities at North Polk will be required to sign a “Good Conduct Acknowledgement Form” once per year. This form must be signed prior to participation in any activity.

The administration will establish the number of events for each violation within the established range, according to the honesty of the student and the seriousness of the violation. This will not be an appealable item under this policy.

- The student is expected to attend and participate in all practices during the period of ineligibility. The student must finish the season/activity in good standing. If a student quits the activity, his/her period of ineligibility has not been served and will begin again when the student again becomes involved in another activity.
- Any student who violates the policy, serves the necessary consequences, and then does not violate policy again for at least two calendar years after the date of the last violation, shall have his/her record “cleaned.” This means that another violation after the two-year clean period would be considered violation #1, although the consequence for said violation would be at the maximum level for a violation #1 offense.
- If a student is in multiple activities, the % continues until one of the activities has completed the required %.
- If a student’s behavior results in a suspension, the student will be ineligible for all before and after school activities as a participant or a spectator.