NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Northville, Michigan

BOARD POLICY

EXTRA-CURRICULAR, CO-CURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Students are encouraged to become involved in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities. Student participation in such activities, including interscholastic athletics, is provided as an opportunity for students as long as they agree to follow the rules and guidelines as outlined below. In as much as participation is a privilege (not a right), students who violate the guidelines will be subject to the penalties outlined, up to and including suspension from participation in such activities.

The following rules will apply to all students and their involvement in all extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities at Northville Public Schools. **The rules will apply on a twelve-month basis, beginning with the sixth grade and ending with high school graduation.** These rules supplement and do not supersede or modify the District's Student Code of Conduct, with which all students are expected to comply. Any student who participants in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities, who is suspended from school for violation of the NPS Student Code of Conduct, will be ineligible to participate in practices, competitions, or any outside-of-classroom activities for the duration of the suspension.

Extra-curricular activities are defined as those activities that meet/practice before or after normal school hours and offer scheduled competitions and/or performances. Participation in school approved clubs may also be subject to this policy.1

Co-curricular activities are defined as those curriculum subjects, which in addition to class time, involve activities which have scheduled competitions and/or performances. In the case of a suspension under this Code from any Co-curricular activity, pursuant to which the suspended student is not permitted to participate in any scheduled competition(s) and/or performance(s), the student will be given the opportunity to complete an alternative assignment(s) in lieu of any missed scheduled competitions/performances.

A student should realize the extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic student activities' guidelines apply at all times throughout the student's period of enrollment at the Northville Public Schools, including off-season and all vacation periods. The guidelines are not limited to the time period in which the student participates in a particular activity, nor are the guidelines limited to student behavior at school-sponsored activities or on school property. A student who violates the guidelines is subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the penalty provisions. In addition, a student participant and his/her parent or guardian must sign and return to the designated school official, a form which acknowledges the student and his/her parent or guardian understand and agree to abide by the guidelines. All penalties for violation of this code of conduct shall be cumulative beginning with the student's participation in the seventh grade.

Footnote: All school clubs must have advance written approval through the respective school's administration.

Eligibility

A. Athletic/Academic Eligibility

- The current MHSAA requirement for academic eligibility will be followed.

- In addition, an athlete must maintain a cumulative C- (1.6667) GPA to be eligible to participate in interscholastic competition. The cumulative GPA is calculated at the conclusion of each semester. This cumulative grade point average will begin at the end of the first semester of the athlete's ninth grade year and continue in effect until high school graduation.

- A transfer student with a previously established cumulative GPA of less than the Northville requirement may be allowed to participate while progressing towards that standard. However, if that student's cumulative GPA drops before reaching C- (1.6667), he/she will not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular athletics. He/she may resume participation when their cumulative GPA reaches or exceeds the highest cumulative GPA established. A transfer student that has attained a C- (1.6667) must maintain that GPA to remain eligible.

- A student whose cumulative GPA is lower than 2.0 but above the C- (1.6667) GPA requirement will be placed on a watch list for interventions and monitoring by the coach and/or athletic director.

- A student athlete who's cumulative GPA is lower than a C- (1.6667) at the applicable time(s), may appeal to the GPA Appeals Committee, pursuant to the applicable rules and procedures. The application form for a GPA appeal may be obtained in the athletic office.

The following conduct violations referenced directly from the Student Code of Conduct (Policy 5131) constitute examples of eligibility violations of the Northville Public Schools' extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic code of conduct and subject the student to penalty as outlined in the "penalties" section of this code:

B. Gross Misconduct

- A student shall not engage in acts of gross misconduct including, but not limited to, behavior which is addressed in the student handbook such as acts of theft, extortion, vandalism, assault, sexual misconduct, and gross disrespect. Violations will be dealt with on an individual basis and penalties will range from administrative intervention to exclusion from athletic activity/participation.

C. Alcohol and Substance Abuse

Use, possession, attempting to possess, concealment, distribution, sale or being under the influence of the following substances is prohibited:

- Tobacco, tobacco products and inhalants in any form
- alcohol or alcoholic beverages in any form
- illegal or unauthorized drugs including, but not limited to, those substances defined as "controlled substances" pursuant to federal and/or state statute

- steroids, human growth hormones, or other performance-enhancing drugs
- substances purported to be illegal, abusive, or performance-enhancing, i.e., "look-alike" drugs

It shall not be a violation of the activities' guidelines for a student to use or possess a prescription or patent drug when taken pursuant to a legal prescription issued by a licensed physician or for which permission to use in the school has been granted pursuant to Board policy. A student shall notify his/her coach or activities' sponsor if he or she is taking a prescription medicine which could alter the student's behavior or affect the student's ability to participate in the activity.

I. Penalties for Substance Abuse

These guidelines supplement and do not supersede or modify the District's Student Code of Conduct, with which all students are expected to comply. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in suspension or expulsion from school, and may affect a student's eligibility to participate in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities.

A. Extra-curricular, Co-curricular and Athletic Activities

1. First violation

Upon confirmation of a first violation, the student will be suspended for 25% of the scheduled competitions and/or performances for the season, regarding all extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities in which the student is then participating, which will be served without interruption and consecutively. If the suspension is not completed during the season/activity in which it is first imposed, the suspension will continue into the next extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activity in which the student participates until it is completed, which may include the subsequent school year.

If the violation occurs during a season in which the student is not participating in any applicable extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activity(ies) ("out of season") the student will be suspended for the initial 25% of the scheduled competitions and/or performances during the next extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activity(ies) in which the student participates (and completes), which will be served without interruption and consecutively. The suspension will be rounded to the nearest whole number (.4 = down and .5 = up). The student may continue to practice, attend rehearsals and/or similar activities, but will not dress for a game, contest or performance (subject to the coach's and/or instructor's usual discretion to determine if a student may participate in a practice, rehearsal and/or similar activity on any particular day).

The student will be referred to a designated student assistance program, and he/she must attend programs arranged by student assistance program (any cost for required classes or programs is the responsibility of the student). The failure to comply with all recommendations may result in losing the privilege to participate in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities in the future and/or extend the period of the suspension which resulted in the referral to the student assistance program.

2. Second violation

(a) Out of Season Suspension:

Upon confirmation of the second violation which occurs during a season in which the student is not participating in any applicable activities ("out of season") the student will be suspended for the initial 50% of the scheduled competitions and/or performances during the next season in which the student participates in any extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activity(ies), which will be served without interruption and consecutively. The suspension will be rounded to the nearest whole number (.4 = down and .5 = up). The student may practice, attend rehearsals and/or similar activities, but will not dress for a game, contest or performance (subject to the coach's and/or instructor's usual discretion to determine if a student may participate in a practice, rehearsal and/or similar activity on any particular day).

(b) In-Season Suspension:

Upon confirmation of a second violation, the student will be suspended from participation in the scheduled competitions and/or performances for the remainder of the season, regarding all extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities in which the student is then participating, including practices, rehearsals and/or similar activities. The suspension includes any form of organized activities and/or informal activities, associated with the activity(ies) from which the student was suspended, including but not limited to banquets, awards ceremonies and/or similar events, charitable activities and fund-raising activities, which occur during the period of the suspension or thereafter.

(c) Continued Suspension:

If the number of remaining scheduled competitions and/or performances regarding the activities from which the student was suspended under Section II. A. 2(b) is fewer than 50% of the season, the suspension from participation in the scheduled competitions and/or performances, will continue into the next extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activity(ies) in which the student participates (and completes), until the remaining un-served portion of the 50% suspension is completed, which may include the subsequent school year.

In the case of a Continued Suspension, the suspension also includes any form of organized activities and/or informal activities, associated with the activity(ies) from which the student is suspended during the period of the Continued Suspension, including but not limited to banquets, awards ceremonies and/or similar events, charitable activities and fund-raising activities, which occur during the period of the suspension. The student may continue to practice, attend rehearsals and/or similar activities, but will not dress for a game, contest or performance (subject to the coach's and/or instructor's usual discretion to determine if a student may participate in a practice, rehearsal and/or similar activity on any particular day).

The student will be referred to a designated student assistance program, and he/she must attend programs arranged by student assistance program (any cost for required classes or programs is the responsibility of the student). The failure to comply with all recommendations may result in losing the privilege to participate in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities in the future and/or extend the period of the suspension which resulted in the referral to the student assistance program.

3. Third violation and subsequent violations

Upon confirmation of a third violation, the student will be suspended from any form of participation of any kind, in any extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities for the remainder of his/her period of enrollment. The student will not be permitted to practice and/or participate in any extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activity. The suspension includes any form of organized activities and/or informal activities, associated with the activity(ies) from which the student was suspended, including but not limited to banquets, awards ceremonies and/or similar events, charitable activities and fund-raising activities.

After the student has served under suspension for a period of one calendar year, the student may apply to have the suspension terminated and/or modified. The application must be submitted in writing to the Principal. The Principal will then appoint a committee to review the request. The Principal will provide a decision to the applicant in writing within approximately 30 days after the application is submitted.
The student will be referred to a designated student assistance program, and he/she must attend programs arranged by student assistance program (any cost for required classes or programs is the responsibility of the student). The failure to comply with all recommendations may result in losing the privilege to participate in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities in the future and/or extend the period of the suspension which resulted in the referral to the student assistance program.

4. Definition of “season”

The suspension will apply to all extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities in which the student participates during any applicable “season”. A “season” regarding an athletic activity is as defined by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). A season regarding an extra-curricular and/or co-curricular activity is defined as a semester. The definition of “season” as used in this section, applies to first, second, and third violations.

5. Costs

Any cost for required classes is the responsibility of the student.

B. Student Leadership

Any student in a leadership position in any extra-curricular, co-curricular and/or on athletic team who violates the penalties for substance abuse will immediately be dismissed from the leadership position.

II. Disclosures

A. Self-disclosure

Any student, who by himself/herself or together with his/her parent or legal guardian, voluntarily discloses to an administrator a need for assistance for alcohol or substance abuse prior to any reports, charges, tickets and/or complaints, shall be referred to a designated student assistance program, and will be required to complete classes or programs as may be recommended by student assistance program. The student must attend programs arranged by student assistance program (any cost for required classes or programs is the responsibility of the student). The failure to comply with all recommendations may result in losing the privilege to participate in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities immediately and/or in the future.

Under such circumstances, the student will not be charged with a violation of the Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct, unless it is determined by the Principal or his/her designee, in his/her sole discretion, that the student used this self-disclosure provision in any significant part, to avoid a possible penalty/suspension under the Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct. This self-disclosure provision is available to a student only once during his/her period of enrollment and may not be used if the student has previously been found to have violated the Alcohol and Substance Abuse provisions of this Code of Conduct.

B. Honest & Integrity Provision

Any student who is honest and admits to a violation immediately upon being questioned for a first violation under penalties for substance abuse when there is no report, charges or tickets involved, may be eligible for a reduced penalty. A reduced penalty for a first violation will be reduced from 25% of a season to 15% of a season. The final determination of a reduction of a penalty as a result of honesty and integrity will be made by the school administration. This honesty and integrity provision is available to a student only once during his/her period of enrollment at Northville Public Schools. In addition, if a student is found to have been dishonest after being questioned, then an additional 10% penalty may be added to the standard penalty.

IV. Appeal Procedure For Violations of the Code of Conduct

Any suspension of students from extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities for violations of this Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct may be appealed within five (5) school days from notification of the penalty by the athletic director, activity advisor, or designated school official. The appeal committee shall be composed of the principal, athletic director, coach/advisor, or their designees.

All appeals must be based on questions of fact and/or due process only and must be presented in writing. The appeal committee will render a written decision within five (5)

school days to the student and his/her parents or guardian. The decision of the appeal committee is final.

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Acknowledgment Form

Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct

Please Print

Student's Name: _____ Class of: _____
Last First Middle (Year you will graduate)

Statement to be signed by student and parent/guardian:

I have received a copy of and have read the Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct for all the extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities sponsored by the Northville Public Schools. I understand the guidelines and accept my personal responsibility for following all of them. **I understand this code applies to my entire period of enrollment as a Northville Public School student.**

_____ Date: _____
(Student Signature)

I acknowledge receiving the Extra-Curricular, Co-Curricular and Athletic Code of Conduct for all extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic activities sponsored by the Northville Public Schools. I accept my responsibility for helping my son/daughter live up to the guidelines. **I understand this code applies to my son's/daughter's entire period of enrollment as a Northville Public School student.**

_____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

This form must be signed and placed on file in the appropriate administrative office as a condition of participating in extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic programs sponsored by the Northville Public Schools.