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Section I: Uniform Code of Conduct for Extra-curricular Activities

All school rules apply while students are participating in all extra-curricular activities.

The rules set out below apply throughout the school year to all students who participate, or who seek to participate, in extra-curricular activities. Students may be excluded from participation in activities for violation of these rules regardless of when or where the prohibited behavior occurs if the violation occurs during the school year. These rules also apply during any period of participation in an activity that occurs outside the regular school year.

1. Students shall not engage in actions that are threatening or harassing toward any person, including hazing or initiation activities that threaten, abuse, intimidate, humiliate, endanger, or otherwise harass other students. To do so will result in immediate disciplinary action ranging from suspension from the next competition to exclusion from the activity for the remainder of the season or longer, given the nature of the offense. If a student is engaging in such actions, the person feeling threatened or harassed should immediately report the incident to either the Coach or the Activities Director.

2. Students who engage in the illegal use and/or possession of drugs or alcohol, regardless of whether that use results in the student's prosecution for a crime, or students who test positive to a random drug test, will be excluded from participation in extra-curricular activities in which the student is participating at the time of the offense or positive drug test. In addition, students will be excluded from participating in any additional extracurricular activities for a minimum of 20 school days following the incident and must successfully complete a district-approved drug or alcohol assessment/intervention plan in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year following the conclusion of the period of exclusion.

   In addition, a student who has engaged in the illegal use of drugs, or a student who has had a positive result in a random drug test, must agree to submit to periodic drug testing in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity for the remainder of the school year following the conclusion of the period of exclusion. For a second offense, the period of exclusion shall be increased to 90 school days. For a third or subsequent offense, the period of exclusion shall be 12 calendar months.

   The term "drug" is defined to include all controlled substances, all chemicals that release intoxicating vapors and other harmful psychoactive substances, and any prescription or over-the-counter medication, except those medications for which a student can demonstrate lawful possession, consistent with applicable district policies, and a legitimate medical need.

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3. Students are expected to disassociate themselves from situations where alcohol or drugs are being used illegally. Students who attend parties or other gatherings where alcohol or drugs are being used illegally shall be excluded from participation in all extra-curricular activities for a period of 20 school days following the incident.

4. These rules do not prohibit students from consuming alcohol in religious settings or provided by their parents or guardians in a family setting or associating with individuals who use alcohol or controlled substances legally in a family or religious setting.

5. Students who are convicted of misdemeanor or felony crimes shall be excluded from participation in all extra-curricular activities and may be removed from any team of which the student is a member either permanently or for a period appropriate to the offense, but not less than 30 school days.

6. Students who engage in the sexual or violent assault of another person, or who are a party to such an assault, or who engage in other violent behavior toward any person, regardless of whether the assault or other behavior results in a criminal charge or conviction, shall be excluded from participation in all extra-curricular activities and may be removed any team of which the student is a member either permanently or for a period of time appropriate to the offense, but not less than 30 school days.

7. Smoking and using tobacco are prohibited. Students will be excluded from participation in all extracurricular activities for a period of 15 school days if they are found smoking, vaping, or using tobacco.

The following rules of conduct apply to traveling students:

- Students will abide by the town's curfew rules unless the coach/advisor establishes an earlier curfew; in that case, the coach's rule takes precedence.
- Students will maintain a high standard of personal appearance.
- Students may not get tattoos or piercings while traveling on a school trip.
- Any act of violence, vandalism, theft, or other serious misconduct will result in a student's return home (at parent's expense), the student's exclusion from that activity and his or her exclusion from future activity travel for a period appropriate to the offense.
- Students will effectively use all mandatory study times established by the coach/advisor for each trip.

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- Students will always conduct themselves in a manner that will make their school and themselves proud. Any inappropriate show of affection will not be allowed (example: excessive kissing, hugging, inappropriate sexual gestures, inappropriate touching). While on the ferry, males and females will sleep in different sections.
- Students will adhere to all extra-curricular rules and regulations that normally apply when students are in Wrangell.
- Any violations will result in the suspension of travel privileges or exclusion from the team/activity (to be determined by the coach and/or principal depending on the circumstances).

Section II: Disciplinary Guide

The following points and procedures will guide the administration of Wrangell Public School District's Uniform Code of Student Conduct established for students participating in extra-curricular activities. That Code appears below as Section II of these regulations.

1. Discipline as Process.

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right. Students who participate in extra-curricular activities are representatives of this school district and are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. It is impractical to attempt to list all possible violations of the district's Uniform Code of Student Conduct. Further, the seriousness of a given offense may vary, as can the circumstances involved. This guide then establishes a process for dealing with infractions rather than delineates a set of linked violations and consequences. The guidelines below apply only to discipline that relates to participation in extra-curricular activities.

Students who violate school rules may also be subject to discipline pursuant to BP-5030 and BP-5144.

2. Two Discipline Levels

a. Decisions about discipline should be made, when possible, at the coach/advisor and student/parent level. These are the parties with the greatest knowledge of the violation of the code of conduct and individual circumstances involved. A coach may elect to consult with the school principal or other administrative designee regarding disciplinary decisions. Failure of a coach/advisor to maintain the uniform code of conduct will be grounds for his or her removal from the coaching position for the remainder of the season and/or for subsequent to seasons.

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b. If a student who violates the Code of Student Conduct is involved in more than one extra-curricular activity, the coach/advisor initiating disciplinary action will consult with the student's other coach(es)/advisor(s) and a mutual decision shall be reached regarding student participation in each activity.

3. Appeals Process

Any disciplinary decision that results in the exclusion of a participant for more than three competition weeks, community service of greater than ten hours, or the loss of an athletic award, is appealable through the normal district appeals process for student complaints set out in BP-5150. However, any sanctions applied will be in effect during such an appeal. The school superintendent should be the highest appeal for any disciplinary decisions with lesser consequences than indicated above.

4. Effective Dates

The district's Code of Student Conduct will be in effect for all students beginning with the first day of school in a given school year and ending on the last day of the school year. This Code of Student Conduct will also apply to any individual participating in any extra-curricular activity whether or not such activity falls within the first and last day of the school year.

5. Periods of Exclusion

a. For purposes of exclusions from competition, a competition week is defined as a seven-day week that begins on Monday, ends on Sunday, and includes a scheduled competitive event in the activity in question.

b. If a period of exclusion exceeds the number of days or weeks left in the school year, the period of exclusion will continue into the next school year. When an activity includes days of practice or competition during the summer or during a school break, then a day of practice or competition is considered the equivalent of a school day for purposes of calculating periods of exclusion.

c. During a period of temporary exclusion that extends only to competition, a student must participate in practice and must continue to meet all other eligibility requirements to remain a member of the team.

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d. If an activity begins and the initial two weeks for joining that activity passes within the period of a student's exclusion from activities pursuant to these provisions, the student will not be permitted to join the new activity.

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