Subject: Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct

The Board of Education believes that student activities sponsored by the school district are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means of developing social interactions, as well as knowledge and skills. Extracurricular activities are school-sponsored activities that are not directly related to instruction of the essential elements, but that may have an indirect relation to some areas of the curriculum. They offer worthwhile and significant contributions to a student’s personal, physical and social development. All students who participate in extracurricular activities are subject to this Code of Conduct.

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, and students must meet specific requirements in order to participate. Activities may include, but are not limited to, performances, contests, demonstrations, displays, and club activities. The rules and regulations found here will be strictly enforced and students participating in extra-curricular activities will be subject to the listed penalties and consequences. All students participating in extracurricular activities are governed by the District Code of Conduct. Athletes are also subject to the Athletic Code of Conduct.

Code of Ethics and Rules for Extracurricular Activities

A. Controlled Substances

Students shall not use, sell, possess or be in the presence of controlled substances or the illegal consumption of alcohol during the term of the extra-curricular activity. A term is defined as the first day of the activity through the final day of the activity.

Offense: Suspension from the activity, loss of eligibility for 15 school weeks for participation in the extra-curricular activity.

A student may be reinstated prior to 15 school weeks by accepting the following optional program:

Submitting to an assessment procedure at a recognized (as determined by the administration) substance abuse treatment center at the student’s expense. If the center recommends, the student will enroll into the prescribed treatment program and all follow-up treatment (at the student’s expense). Failing to complete the program and/or dropping out of the prescribed follow-up treatment will void early reinstatement. The student may return to participation at the discretion of the Building Administrator and Superintendent.

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B. Smoking
   There will be no smoking or use of tobacco substances during the term of the extra-curricular activity. A term is defined as the first day of the activity through the final day of the activity.

   Violation of this rule will result in the following:

   Offense: Suspension from the club for a total of four club meetings, practices or performances.

C. Conduct
   Any action in violation of the district’s code of conduct by an extracurricular activity participant, such as, but not limited to initiating a fight; gestures to officials, crowds, advisors or audience; harassment; malicious mischief, etc., is subject to the following penalties:

   Offense: Minimum: suspension from the activity for one week.
           Maximum: suspension from the activity for four weeks.

   Further disciplinary action in addition to exclusion from the extracurricular activity may result according to the District Code of Conduct.

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