

Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities

(See procedure 7:"240-AP1 on the Niles Township High Schools website for the entire
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES)

A student may be excluded from competition or activities during any period of time in which an investigation is being conducted by the school regarding that student's conduct.

Code of Conduct

A student participating in the athletic or activity program in the Niles Township High Schools will be subject to disciplinary action if he or she violates the Extra-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct. Anonymous reports of Code violations will be investigated by District administrators. Students not currently involved in extra-curricular activities at the time of an investigation will have the results of any such investigation entered into the violation record. Should such a student later become involved in the extra-curricular program, additional violations will be treated cumulatively.

Violations will be treated cumulatively, with disciplinary penalties increasing with subsequent violations. The student shall not:

- a. use a beverage containing alcohol (except for religious purposes, culinary course work or the use of containers or packaging as props for theater);
- b. use tobacco in any form;
- c. use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any illegal substance (including mood-altering and performance enhancing drugs or chemicals) or paraphernalia;
- d. use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any object that is or could be considered a weapon or any item that is denominated as a "look alike" weapon (except that this prohibition does not prohibit legal use of weapons in cooking and in sports, such as archery, martial arts practice, target shooting, hunting, and skeet);
- e. be present at a party or other gathering and/or ride in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors;
- f. act in an unsportsmanlike manner;
- g. commit substantial vandalism or theft;
- h. haze other students;
- i. violate the written rules for the activity or sport;
- j. behave in a manner which is detrimental to the good of the group or organization;
- k. falsify any of the information contained on any permit or permission form required by the activity or sport;
- l. fight;
- m. commit bullying/harassment/intimidation;
- n. commit gross misconduct that causes a major disruption to the safe operation of the school; or
- o. accumulate excessive absences from a class, defined as 4 or more unexcused absences or 12 total absences from a class in a given semester (except for school-related activities).

Due Process Procedures

Students who are accused of violating the District Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities are entitled to the following due process:

The administrator may interview material witnesses or others with evidence concerning the case.

Upon conclusion of the investigation, the student and parent or guardian will be informed of the pending violation by the appropriate administrator. The parent or guardian and student will be notified of the student's right to respond to the charges, including the right to offer to the appropriate administrator any additional information to be considered.

If the administrator finds, after reviewing the evidence, that the violation occurred, he/she will impose sanctions on the student, as follows:

(NOTE: Students involved in multiple activities will be required to serve equivalent suspensions for each activity. A suspension may carry over from season to season and/or year to year. The consequences may exceed the minimum guidelines below due to the egregious nature of the infraction.)

This Code of Conduct will be enforced 365 days a year for 24 hours a day

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