

FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

CODE OF CONDUCT - Policy No. 5160X

5160.1 Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Participants

Participation in school activities is a privilege which carries with it varying degrees of responsibility, recognition, and reward. Participating students represent their school and other members of the student body, and it is their duty to conduct themselves in a manner that is positive for themselves, their families, their school and their community.

Participants in the school's extracurricular and co-curricular activities shall be governed by local and state laws, related state association regulations, the FWCS School Behavior Code, the Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct and disciplinary action by the principal or his/her designee.

In addition, with the approval of the principal or designee, each coach, club sponsor, or faculty advisor of an extracurricular/co-curricular activity may develop and impose eligibility rules with respect to attendance or other matters, which may be in addition to the general behavior requirements of the FWCS Behavior Code, an individual school's Behavior Code, or this Extracurricular/Co-curricular Code. These rules and regulations shall be properly distributed to and reviewed by all participants in that particular activity before that activity begins.

Members of athletic programs are also reminded of the IHSAA rules regarding conduct of contestants, both in and out of school (Rule 8, Section 1), and scholastic eligibility (Rule 18, Section 1).

This Code applies to ALL students who are connected with ANY school-sponsored or school-sanctioned extracurricular/co-curricular activity, which includes clubs and athletic programs in various sports, academic competitions, competitive groups that are an extension of the curricular program, such as speech and debate teams, VICA, Business Professionals, COE and DECA contests, and competitive music events such as jazz band, concert band, marching band, solo and ensemble contests, etc. This list is not to be considered all inclusive.

5160.2 Standard of Conduct

Students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities are expected to follow the same rules of conduct expected of all students, and avoid those areas of prohibited student conduct identified in the FWCS School Behavior Code, school behavior codes, association rules, and the rules of each activity. In addition, any student arrested on a drug charge other than a traffic violation will be suspended from any participation pending investigation of the arrest both by civil and school authorities and will be denied participation upon conviction.

Extracurricular/co-curricular participants are reminded that the rules contained in this code prohibiting certain conduct apply both on and off school property. Students are also reminded that the most typical extracurricular/co-curricular discipline imposed involves the possession, use or consumption of controlled substances or substances purported to be a controlled substance and the use of alcohol and tobacco products.

If a student approaches school personnel for help with a problem, he/she will not be penalized by school personnel for this admission. He/She must come forward prior to being caught in a violation of the Code. In such cases, the school will assist the student in finding help.

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This is to certify that the undersigned have read, understand and agree to abide by these rules of conduct for extracurricular/co-curricular participants.

STUDENT'S NAME (please print) _____ GRADE _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____

PA R E N T ' S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ SPORT/CLUB/ORGANIZATION _____

SIGNATURE - AM/ SER/COACH/SPONSOR _____

5160.3 Enforcement

Any alleged violations of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated by the principal or his/her designee. Prior to the initiation of any penalty under this Code, a conference between the principal or his/her designee and the student and parent(s) will be held, during which an informal fact-finding session and discussion, if appropriate, shall occur.

If the principal or the principal's designee determines that a violation has occurred and that an appropriate remedy involves or includes suspension from extracurricular/co-curricular activity, the suspension from extracurricular/co-curricular activities shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:

First Offense

If a violation has occurred and if the student is willing to participate in an FWCS approved assessment and indicated follow-up therapy, at the student's expense or with the current FWCS Student Assistance Program, the student will be suspended from participation for 25% of the sports season or activity. If the student chooses not to participate in the assessment/therapy phase, then the suspension would be for 50% of the season or activity. If less than 25% of the season or activity remains, or the violation occurs between seasons or activities, the penalty shall be extended into the next season or activity in which the student participates for the equivalent remaining percentage of that next season or activity until the total suspension equals 25% or 50% as appropriate.

The offense and action taken will be recorded and filed in the office of the principal or the principal's designee and a copy filed with the area administrator and the executive director of the FWCS Student Services Division.

Second Offense

The penalty shall be suspension from participation and forfeiture of eligibility for any honors or awards related to any season or activity from which the student is suspended for one calendar year from the date of the second offense.

The offense and action taken will be recorded and filed in the office of the principal or the principal's designee and a copy filed with the area administrator and the executive director of the FWCS Student Services Division.

Further Violations

The penalty shall be suspension from participation in all sports or extracurricular activities, as appropriate, for the remainder of the student's high school career.

The offense and action taken will be recorded and filed in the office of the principal or the principal's designee and a copy filed with the area administrator and the executive director of the FWCS Student Services Division.

5160.4 Appeal Procedure

Any student has the right to appeal a decision based on the established disciplinary hearing (due process) proceedings as outlined in the FWCS Student-Parent Guide of the Fort Wayne Community Schools. All sanctions will remain in force pending the appeal hearing and the hearing examiner's final decision.

Approved by FWCS Board of School Trustees: June 28, 1993

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