

WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR CODE

I. STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Participation in activities is a significant component of a high school student's development. Through participation, students develop many life long skills and positive values. These include cooperation, leadership, healthful living habits, self discipline, integrity, teamwork, citizenship skills and respect for rules and regulations. Participating in co-curricular activities is a privilege. This privilege asks students to meet certain expectations beyond those found in the traditional classroom situation. These expectations are reflected in the Co-Curricular Code. Evidence suggests that abuse of tobacco, alcohol, steroids, and other illegal drugs usually takes place away from the school setting. Wheaton Warrenville South strongly discourages students from attending parties and other situations where these abuses take place. Students involved in co-curricular activities should not jeopardize their individual or team reputation by attending these functions. Further evidence suggests that students are most successful in avoiding drug/alcohol abuse when students, parents, school personnel, and the community are working together and have consistent standards. These standards should include support and responsibility. If adolescents need help, it is the responsibility of the home, school, and community to provide that help. At the same time, adolescents need rules and regulations by which their actions are guided. When rules are violated, students should be responsible for their actions.

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

II. APPLICATION: THIS CO-CURRICULAR CODE SHALL APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. THE CODE IS IN EFFECT FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.

The Co-Curricular Code-Parent Permission Form is to be signed by a parent (guardian) and participant prior to his/her participation. The commitment that those signatures represent will remain in effect for one calendar year from the date of signing. In order for the individual to participate after that date, the participant must once again sign said form, which in turn will commit the individual for the next calendar year.

III. VIOLATIONS OF THE CO-CURRICULAR CODE

Violations are accumulated throughout a high school student's attendance at District 200 high schools. Students who violate the code must enroll in and complete the steps for re-entry and remediation as outlined in a required parent conference through the student support team to satisfy the terms of the co-curricular code. Students who are serving a code violation must begin and complete the entire season during which the suspension is served. If a student is dismissed from the team/activity or quits the team/activity during the period of their suspension for a code violation, the suspension for the code violation will continue to the next sport/activity season in which the student participates.

IV. ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE A VIOLATION OF THIS CODE:

1. Possession or use of tobacco products.
2. Participants shall not possess, actively seek, solicit, supply or be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, steroids, or other illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, or possess drug related paraphernalia.
3. A participant in co-curricular activities will not attend or host a party or the participant's parent(s) (guardian) or family members will not host a party for high school students at which alcohol, tobacco or any controlled substances are provided or at which the use of any such substances is permitted.
4. Theft, possession of stolen property, or destruction of private property.
5. Criminal acts or serious acts which are determined by the Athletic Director, Activity Director and/or Dean to be detrimental to the individual, the coach, the team, or the school.
6. This list includes, but is not limited to the stated violations. Other acts may be considered violations to the code.

V. CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THE CO-CURRICULAR CODE

- A. **FIRST OFFENSE:** The student shall lose eligibility for the next three (3) consecutive interscholastic/public events or performances in which the student is a participant.

OR

The student shall lose eligibility for the next interscholastic/public events or performance in which the student is a participant. In addition, the student must enroll in and complete an approved substance use or abuse program and follow the recommendations of the program.

- B. **SECOND OFFENSE:** The student shall lose eligibility for six (6) consecutive interscholastic/public events or performances in which the student is a participant.

OR

The student shall lose eligibility for four (4) consecutive interscholastic/public events or performances in which the student is a participant. In addition, the student must enroll in and complete an approved substance use or abuse program and follow the recommendations of the program.

- C. THIRD OFFENSE:** The student will be suspended from participating in athletics/activities for up to one calendar year. Re-entry to activities will be subject to a meeting with appropriate school personnel.
- D. FOURTH OFFENSE:** The student will be permanently suspended from participating in athletics/activities for the remainder of their high school career.
- E. VOLUNTARY ADMISSION:** If a student voluntarily reports an infraction of the Co-Curricular Code prior to just-cause suspicion, the student may continue uninterrupted participation when it is verified that the student has followed the procedures for co-curricular code violations as outlined in the student handbook. The participant who voluntarily admits to a code violation must enroll and complete a school recognized substance abuse program. The participant who voluntarily admits to a code violation will be permitted to continue participation in practices and/or contests provided they follow the procedures for co-curricular code violation as outlined in the student handbook. The voluntary admission will be counted as one of the four code offenses. Voluntary admission may be used by a student one time during high school.
- F. FOR ANY CODE VIOLATION:** A meeting involving the appropriate school personnel must be attended by the student and his/her parents/guardians to be reinstated in school activities. Students and parents should review the code violation procedures in the Student Handbook.
- G.** Violations are accumulative throughout the student's high school career.

VI. HAZING

Every student has the right to attend school free of fear. Frequently students who are associated with teams/activities will engage in acts against other students on the team or in an activity. This is usually considered by students to be a form of initiation. All students should understand that this is a form of hazing and will not be tolerated. Any student participating in any form of verbal abuse/or physical threat will be subject to suspension/expulsion. Hazing occurs when an act is committed against a student or a student is coerced into committing an act that creates a substantial risk of harm to the student or to any third party in order for the student to be initiated into or affiliated with any school group, club, athletic team, grade level, activity or organization.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to:

- A.** Any activity involving an unreasonable risk of physical harm including paddling, beating, sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, placement of harmful substances on the body and participation in physically dangerous activities.
- B.** Any activity involving the consumption of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, or any food, liquid, or other substance that subjects the student to unreasonable risk of physical harm.
- C.** Any verbal and physical actions related to sexual activity, behavior and/or function.
- D.** Any activity that subjects a student to an extreme and unreasonable level of embarrassment, shame or humiliation or which creates a hostile, abusive and intimidating environment for the student.
- E.** Any activity involving any violation of federal, state or local law or any violation of school district policies and regulations. Students should report all forms of such actions to the appropriate school staff member. Police investigation will be included if threats originate or continue outside of the school day. The school will participate in charging students with criminal acts if warranted.

VII. IHSA SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate in athletics, clubs and performing arts activities a student must be doing: passing work in at least 20 credit hours of high school work per week, successfully complete two credits of course work each semester and not fail more than three courses in a semester and weekly. They will, unless entering high school for the first time, have credit on the school records for 20 credit hours of high school work for the previous semester. Such work shall have been completed in the semester for which credit is granted. Students shall not have graduated from any four-year high school or its equivalent.

IX. ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Any student that transfers to Wheaton Warrenville South should contact the Athletic Director to determine whether or not they are eligible for interscholastic athletics.