

VIOLATION OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular Code of Conduct Student Form

Descriptor Code: JCDA-Exhibit

A participant in extracurricular activities represents not only himself/herself but also the school, school system and the community. Since participation is a privilege, it is important that students and parents/guardians be aware of the rules and expectations. A violation of the Extracurricular Code of Conduct may result in the denial of the privilege to participate in a sport or activity. Students volunteering to participate must assume the responsibilities of this privilege and are required to meet expectations beyond those set for non-athletes and non-participants in extracurricular activities.

TRAINING RULES

Attendance

Students must attend at least one-half of the school day (2 blocks or 11:00 A.M.) in order to participate in any game, performance, practice, tryout, or conditioning unless a school administrator or designee approves the school absence. Students who are truant, suspended or placed in an alternative education environment for any part of a school day, may not participate in extracurricular activities on the same day.

Travel

Floyd County Schools will provide transportation to and from all competitive interscholastic events. Students are expected to ride school transportation when provided. Any exceptions must be approved by an administrator, coach or supervising teacher.

RULES OF CONDUCT

Infractions

Regardless of whether infractions occur on or off campus, during or after the school day, during or after the school year, the following may result in suspension or dismissal from extracurricular activities. Each case will be evaluated on an individual basis.

- Use, possession, distribution or under the influence of illegal drugs, drug residue, or related paraphernalia, and the abuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs. (Maximum penalty required)
- Use, possession, distribution or being under the influence of alcohol.
- Theft or being in possession of stolen property.
- Vandalism of school property.
- Any act which results in out of school suspension.
- Any offensive act, which in the opinion of coaches/sponsors/administration, reflects in a negative manner on the activities program at a Floyd County high school or middle school.
- Possession of a weapon or assault with a weapon. In such cases where there is an allegation of a violation, the principal may temporarily suspend a student for up to three (3) school days to conduct an investigation to determine the validity of the allegations. (Maximum penalty required)
- Repeated violations of school rules. Violations that have required a minimum of three (3) interventions in an effort to correct behavior. (maximum penalty required)

Consequences

- 1st Offense –
Minimum: Suspension from at least one contest, event or meeting.
Maximum: Suspension for all of the current season (for athletics or performing groups or school year (for club activities).
- 2nd Offense –
Minimum: Suspension from participation for two or more games, contest, or meetings.
Maximum: Suspension from participation for season or school year.
- 3rd Offense: Suspension from all athletics, clubs, or performing events for the remainder of the student's school career.
Minimum: Suspension for season or school year.
Maximum: Permanent suspension for student's school career.

Self-Referral

If a student seeks assistance from a coach, teacher, or school administrator for dealing with a tobacco or drug use and the student agrees to participate in a tobacco education program or drug treatment program, there will be no denial of participation from contests. This is still considered a violation for the purpose of accumulation of violations.

Reasonable Conduct

The Floyd County School System reserves the right to permanently dismiss a student from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of a student's school career upon arrest, conviction or plea, including *nolo contendere*, for any misdemeanor or felony. Any student arrested for, or charged with, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony shall be automatically suspended from extracurricular activities. The student shall remain suspended until the matter is resolved in favor of the student. Appeals in such cases can only be made to the Chief of Operations at the Floyd County Board of Education.

Appeals Process

- A student may appeal a penalty assessment to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct Council.
- The principal shall convene the Council consisting of the athletic director, a certified teacher/coach from another sport or activity (selected by the student), and a non-coaching teacher upon appeal.
- At the hearing, the student will have the opportunity to discuss the circumstances concerning the incident. Due process will be followed according to Floyd County Schools' policy and Georgia law.
- The student or parent has the right to appeal the Council's decision and/or penalty assessment to the superintendent. Any appeal must be requested in writing within five (5) calendar days of the decision notification. The recommended penalty assessment will continue throughout the appeal process unless specified by the principal.

REINSTATEMENT PROCEDURE

In an effort to assist a student who is denied participation, the student may reduce a suspension by completing an Improvement Plan designed specifically for the student and the situation. The Improvement Plan will be designed by the coach and others (parents, counselors, dependency specialists, etc.) who can offer appropriate assistance, and must be approved by the assistant superintendent in charge of extracurricular activities. The student must complete the plan and demonstrate tangible evidence of being able to resume participation without repeating the offense or violating other expectation of the Code of Conduct. The student must petition a hearing before the Code of Conduct Council for reinstatement. During the denial of participation period, the student may be expected to practice and sit on the team bench dressed in appropriate street clothes during contests. All training rules and requirements of the sport will continue to be followed. Improvement plans will not be allowed for third offenses when the three offenses involve drugs, alcohol, vandalism, theft, weapons violations or any combination of these.

I have read and understand the Extracurricular Code of Conduct for
Floyd County Schools.

Student's Name (printed) _____ Grade _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____