

I. Statement of Purpose

The Co-Curricular Program of the Coshocton City Schools encompasses all groups and organizations that include students and that conduct activities outside the normal school hours. It also includes those activities planned by the school system and conducted outside normal school hours. Primary goals of the Co-Curricular Program are the mental, moral, physical, and emotional growth of each individual. In growth, each participant must exercise a degree of self-discipline. Self-discipline requires compliance with guidelines, rules, and regulations concerning personal behavior.

Because rules are designed to promote order as well as safety, each participant must adhere to the rules of the school as outlined in the Student Handbook. Additionally, each participant represents both Coshocton City Schools and the community of Coshocton. Each should conduct himself/herself accordingly. Dedication and personal sacrifice by each participant promote a sense of group unity and common goals.

Participation in Co-Curricular activities is a privilege, and not a right, for each student. As a privilege for students, participation can be regulated. All students who participate in co-curricular activities at any time must meet the following regulations from the date of enrollment or the date of participation, whichever comes first. Failure to comply with the regulations could jeopardize a student's entire co-curricular career.

Non-discriminatory clause

Participation in the Co-Curricular Program of the Coshocton City Schools is open to all students who meet the eligibility requirements. No person shall, on the basis of race, color, creed, age, handicap, or economic background, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the Co-Curricular Program.

Proof

For the purposes of this policy, the following categories of individuals will be acceptable sources of evidence: Self-admission, law enforcement officials, teachers, administrators, other staff, coaches, or parent/guardian of athlete whose signature appears in this document.

II. General Regulations

A. Conduct of a participant

An adviser or administration's representative has the right to expect participants to conduct themselves in a reasonably good manner. If the student displays unsportsmanlike conduct, personal misconduct (including verbal and/or physical abuse), insubordination, failure to follow the advisor's required attendance rules for school, practice, and meetings, or continued violations of the Coshocton City Schools' Student Code of Conduct, the student may be subject to disciplinary action. Such misconduct may result in the advisers or administration's representative denying the student the privilege to participate for a period of time, a game, or removal from the group.

B. School Rules

1. All school rules as outlined in the Student Handbook apply to all co-curricular activities.
2. Any student new to Coshocton High School currently denied the privilege of participation at his/her previous school will fall under the guidelines of the Coshocton High School co-curricular code of conduct.

C. Criminal Activity or Violations of Civil Law

Students adjudicated delinquent because of criminal acts or convicted of criminal activities or violation of civil law may be denied the privilege of participation in co-curricular activities. Consultation between the adviser and the administration's representative will be conducted before the denial of participation. If denied participation the student may petition the high school administration for reinstatement by the following the process defined in Section J of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.

D. Attendance

Students must be in attendance in regularly scheduled classroom by the beginning of 4th period in order to be able to participate in any athletic activity that day. Habitual absence before and after activities may result in a denial of the privilege to participate. In extremely unusual circumstances the principal may make exceptions to this attendance rule.

E. Grooming and Dress

Students should dress appropriately for activities. Common sense is the best guideline. Extreme manners of appearance including excessively baggy pants, extreme hair lengths or color, body piercing, tattoos, etc., do not appropriately represent C.H.S. athletics. Athletes should avoid such extreme appearances.

There are times when an adviser may require special attire while traveling. Student participants and advisers should remember that they are representing not only themselves but the school and community. Many times first impressions of schools tend to be long lasting.

F. Coshocton City Schools Academic Eligibility Policy

INTRODUCTION: While recognizing the value of co-curricular activities to the growth and development of students, the Coshocton High School Administration maintains that academic achievement is the foundation upon which success is achieved. Accordingly, the following co-curricular academic eligibility guidelines will apply to all co-curricular activities.

Students wishing to participate in any co-curricular activity (clubs, sports, music groups, etc.) must maintain a 1.0 grade point ratio in all courses during the preceding grading period.

Students with a nine week grade point ratio below a 1.499 must attend study tables for 1 1/2 hours per week to maintain eligibility. Consecutive nine weeks GPA of below a 1.499 will require the student to attend a minimum of 3 hour of study tables per week until the GPA is 1.5 or above for the six weeks. Ineligible students must attend study tables.

G. Ohio High School Athletic Association Academic Eligibility Policy

Eligibility

- a. All prospective athletes must meet the OHSAA's age, scholarship, and residency requirements
- b. All prospective athletes must have on file an annual signed physician's statement authorizing participation, an insurance verification, emergency authorization, a signed concussion information sheet and signed copy of the Code of Conduct prior to the first practice.
- c. Grade 7-12 -- during the preceding grading period, a student must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one credit courses or the equivalent which are counted for graduation.

Students who do not pass 5 credits must attend study tables. Otherwise they can't practice, travel, or accompany the team at contests.

- d. Eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth school day of the next grading period, at which time the grades from the immediately preceding grading period become effective.
- e. Summer school credits may not be used to substitute for failing grades from the last grading period of the regular school year.

H. Removal from the Team

In the event an athlete quits or is denied participation in a team sport before a season concludes, he/she may not be permitted to participate in another sport, sport's practice or conditioning until the previous season's team finishes competition. In an individual sport, an athlete who quits or is denied participation before a season concludes may not be permitted to participate in another sport, sport's practice or conditioning until the previous season's team completes the first round of tournament competition. Participation in another sport, sport's practice, or conditioning must be approved by the advisor of the previous sport and the athletic director.

I. Alcohol or Controlled Substances

Any student using or possessing alcohol or using, possessing, or buying illegal controlled substances, or inappropriately using legal substances as illicit drugs shall be denied the privilege of participation in interscholastic athletics. Since such use and activity is harmful to the student this rule is to be in effect and enforced for twelve months of the year. Written reports of violation will be accepted from coaches, teachers, administrators, law enforcement personnel, members of the Board of Education, or parents of students reported and should be made to the adviser, head coach, athletic director, and/or principal.

FIRST VIOLATION

Restriction from participation in scheduled activities for a period of 33.3 percent of the scheduled activities. In the case of athletics, any remaining percentage of the denied participation not served shall be recalculated and applied toward the next sport in which the athlete participates. Any student disciplined for the first violation will be encouraged to practice with his/her team. However, he/she may or may not travel with team or sit the bench as per discretion of the coach. All training rules and requirements of the sport must be followed by the affected athlete.

1. If an individual is found to be in violation and he/she agrees to go through a student intervention program and to follow the intervention recommendations, the denial shall be reduced from 33.3% to 20%. Refusal, or failure to take intervention, or follow the recommendations, will result in the individual serving the balance of the 33.3%. Student intervention may include one, and only one, of the following:
 - a. Redskin Assistance Program (duration to be determined by RAP adviser and individual contract)
 - b. Community service equivalent to 30 hours in a program approved by adviser and individual.
 - c. Private counseling arranged and paid for by the individual and/or his/her family.
2. If a student refuses him/herself, or a parent refers his/her son/daughter for intervention and follows through with the recommendations, there shall be no further denial of participation. Failure to follow through with intervention or the recommendations will result in the first violation penalty.

SECOND VIOLATION

Restriction from participation in scheduled activities for a period of 50 percent of the scheduled activities. (specifics are stated in 1st violation codes.)

1. If an individual is found to be in violation and he/she agrees to go through a student intervention and to follow the intervention recommendations, the denial shall be reduced from 50% to 33%. Refusal or failure to take intervention, or to follow the recommendations will result in the individual serving the balance of the 50%. Student intervention items are explained above.

THIRD VIOLATION

If an individual again violates the Alcohol and Controlled Substance section of the Coshocton Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, he/she may be denied the privilege of further participation in the Co-Curricular Program for a minimum of one calendar year from the date of violation.

REINSTATEMENT

1. A student who is denied the privilege of participation as a result of a third violation may petition to the principal for reinstatement after one calendar year. Reinstatement may be granted if there are no further instances of violation of the alcohol section of the code of conduct during the calendar year and the student has successfully completed a planned intervention program. A student re-instated after a second violation may have no further violations during his/her high school career. Any further violations shall result in permanent denial of participation.
2. The Code of Conduct will be separate for seventh/eighth grade and nine/twelve grades. Any violations occurring during the seventh/eighth grade years will be treated as seventh/eighth grade violations only. No accumulations of violations will be carried into the 7-12 grades. However, students with penalties from seventh/eighth grade violations will complete requirements of the penalties into the 9-12 grades.

J. TOBACCO POLICY

Any student using or possessing tobacco in any form (cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco, e-cigarette, vape, juul, or similar device) is a violation of Board Policy and will result in the following consequences.

FIRST VIOLATION

The athlete or individual will be denied participation in 20% of regular season contests of that sport. The athlete will be expected to practice, travel and sit on the bench with the team (not in uniform). The above consequence can be reduced to 10% if 6 hours of community service is performed as approved by school administration.

SECOND VIOLATION

The athlete or individual will be denied participation in 40% of regular season contests of that sport. The athlete will be expected to practice, travel and sit with the team (not in uniform). The above consequence can be reduced to 20% if athlete or individual completes a tobacco education program as approved by school administration.

THIRD VIOLATION

The athlete or individual will be denied participation for 50% of regular season contests of that sport. The athlete will be expected to practice, travel and sit with the team (not in uniform). The above consequences will not be reduced and individual must complete both of the following conditions or be subject to denial of participation for 1 year from all extracurricular activities.

1. Tobacco Education Program as approved by school administration.
2. Community service equivalent to 30 hours in a program approved by advisor and individual.

FOURTH VIOLATION

If an individual again violates the Tobacco Policy section of the Coshocton Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, he/she may be denied the privilege of further participation in the Co-Curricular Program for a minimum of one calendar year from the date of violation.

REINSTATEMENT

1. A student who is denied the privilege of participation as a result of a second violation may petition to the principal for reinstatement after one calendar year. Reinstatement may be granted if there are no further instances of violation of the alcohol section of the code of conduct during the calendar year and the student has successfully completed a planned intervention program. A student re-instated after a second violation may have no further violations during his/her high school career. Any further violations shall result in permanent denial of participation.
2. The Code of Conduct will be separate for seventh/eighth grade and nine/twelve grades. Any violations occurring during the seventh/eighth grade years will be treated as seventh/eighth grade violations only. No accumulations of violations will be carried into the 7-12 grades. However, students with penalties from seventh/eighth grade violations will complete requirements of the penalties into the 9-12 grades.

K. Sale and/or Distribution of Controlled Substance

Individuals in violation of selling or distributing alcohol and/or drugs will be denied the privilege of participation in the Coshocton City School Co-Curricular Program for the remainder of his/her high school career. After one calendar year from the date of violation, the student may petition the high school administration for reinstatement. Before considering this petition, the following criteria must be met:

1. The student had no further criminal violation of the law.
2. The student had no further violations of the CHS code of conduct that results in suspension.
3. The student has maintained grades in accordance with the athletic eligibility criteria during his/her entire athletic suspension.
4. The student has maintained proper attendance in accordance with the Coshocton High School student handbook.
5. The student must present a clean drug screening at his/her expense and if reinstated must submit to random drug testing at his/her expense.
7. If reinstated, any violation of the above criteria will result in the immediate loss of privilege to participate.

III. Egregious Circumstances

The district reserves the right to lengthen an athletic suspension, or to impose a suspension in circumstances not addressed by this Policy, such as where a student's conduct is abusive, egregious, malicious, reckless, or where the consequences of the student's conduct are severe.

IV. Due Process

Students shall be given written notice of an adviser's or administration's representative intention to deny the privilege to participate and/or removal from the group as well as the reasons for such denial. Students will be requested to sign a form indicating their awareness of the notification. The signing shall not be an admission of any facts. Parents shall be notified by phone and subsequently by mail, if requested. Students and/or their parents have the right to an informal hearing before the adviser or administration's representative to review the charges. The hearing request must be within two (2) days of student receipt of the denial of privilege to participate, and the hearing shall be held within two (2) days of receipt of the hearing request. Advisers shall make their decision within twenty-four hours. Administration's decision will be considered final.

STUDENTS SHOULD KEEP THE PRECEDING PAGES OF THE COSHOCTON CITY SCHOOLS CODE OF CONDUCT.

STUDENTS AND PARENTS SHOULD READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING PAGE IN ORDER FOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE.

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