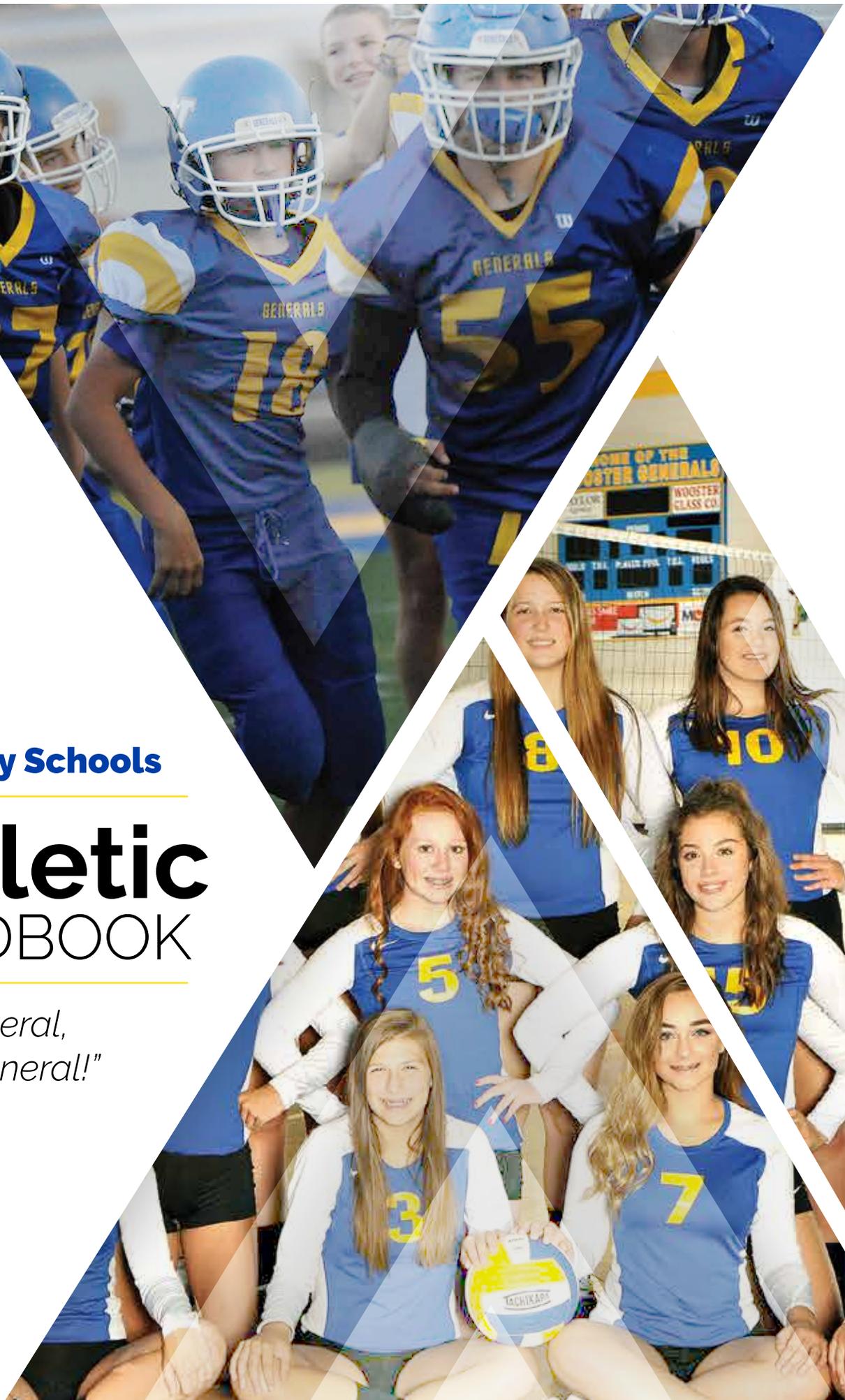




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HANDBOOK

*"Once a General,
Always a General!"*



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The Generals Pledge

As a Wooster High School athlete, I understand I play a huge role in promoting sportsmanship in the school and in the community.

I realize that my behavior at my events and at other athletic events reflects on my teammates, my coaches, my school, and me.

I understand I am a role model for many, and as such, my actions, both as an athlete and as a spectator, will help determine the sportsmanship shown to opponents, officials, and visiting fans.

I am proud to be a General and to represent Wooster High School and the City of Wooster.

Fully understanding the role I play, I pledge to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, both as an athlete and as a spectator.

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Section 1 Mission, Philosophy and Goals

Athletic Department Mission Statement

The Wooster City Schools Athletic Department shall provide a program that encourages participation and promotes successful, whole-person development of student-athletes within the context of interscholastic athletics.

Philosophy

We believe in interscholastic athletics.

We believe there are substantial educational outcomes from a soundly conceived and executed athletic program for the student-athletes and the school as a whole.

We believe the welfare of the individual student is always to be the primary concern. The game exists for the student - never the student for the game.

We believe the potential values to the players are genuine. Rigorous competition under prescribed regulations and policies provide young men and women an opportunity to develop ideas and habits of health, fair play, initiative, achievement, and emotional control.

We believe students can be taught to win or lose gracefully.

We believe that many students can find a purpose in their schoolwork and lives through the program of athletics.

We believe that athletics provide tangible values for the student body. Athletics can make a substantial contribution to morale and provide an outlet for enthusiasm.

Goals

It is the goal of the Wooster Athletic Department to provide an outstanding interscholastic athletic program as an integral part of the overall mission of the Wooster City Schools. The athletic program is based on the philosophy that interscholastic competition and individual athletic growth is an important part of a student's educational development.

The athletic department seeks to provide a constructive learning experience for its student athletes by offering quality athletic programs with an emphasis on long-term superior performance. The athletic experience will provide an environment, which develops self-discipline, teamwork, character, leadership, and a sense of fair play, which we believe are essential components for success after graduation.

Section 2 - Sportsmanship

WCS Statements of Sportsmanship

We desire to be a world-class organization. Student-athletes, coaches, district staff, and spectators share the responsibility of demonstrating sportsmanship and good citizenship. Honesty, generosity, self-discipline, concern for others, ethical behavior, and a commitment to fair play are all characteristics demonstrated in sportsmanship.

Student-athletes are to accept the responsibility of representing the school and community. They are to treat opponents with respect. They are to accept both victories and defeats with pride and composure, exercising self-control. Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate commitment to excellence, both on and off the playing field. Student-athletes who demonstrate good sportsmanship are encouraging of their teammates and respect the rules of the game they play.

Coaches have the obligation to provide student-athletes with the opportunities to grow as individuals and teammates, using their sport as a medium to teach the qualities of good sportsmanship. They are to be role models for their student-athletes by upholding the policies, regulations and expectations of the sport as well as the Wooster City School District.

Spectators provide important support and encouragement to student-athletes and athletic programs. They should enjoy the skill and competition, make themselves knowledgeable of the rules, and respect the judgement of coaches and officials. Spectators enhance the athletic experience by showing appreciation of excellence and refraining from behaviors that negatively impact the student-athlete or the enjoyment of others.

Ohio High School Athletic Association Statements of Sportsmanship (adapted from OHSAA Handbook)

The major emphasis on interscholastic athletics should be upon skilled play and good sportsmanship. Competition should be equitable in order that full learning and enjoyment may be realized from game participation. Participation in interscholastic athletics programs is a privilege, not a right.

Sporting and ethical behavior are expectations in interscholastic athletics by all participants, coaches, administrators, officials and spectators.

Ohio Cardinal Conference Statements of Sportsmanship

All cheers, chants, and remarks should be of a positive nature and directed to the home school. Please avoid cheers, chants, and remarks that are directed to the opposing fans, student-athletes, coaches, or officials. Signs/Banners/Noisemakers are not permitted at indoor contests. Signs or posters depicting defamatory remarks are not permitted at any contest.

Section 3 - Policies and Guidelines

Athletic Guidelines

Parent/Coach Relationship

Communication is key to any relationship building as well as conflict resolution. This section is intended to spell out all levels of communication so that parents, coaches, and athletes are aware of the steps they have available to resolve any questions or concerns they feel may become an issue.

Communication You Should Expect from The Coach

- Philosophy of the coach.
- Expectations the coach has for the athlete (s).
- Locations and times of all practices and contests.

Communication Coaches Expect from Parents

- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
- Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
- Set up meeting time outside of practices or game times to discuss questions.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With The Coach

- The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
- Ways to help your child improve.
- Concerns about your child's behavior.

If You Have A Concern With A Coach, Please Follow The Procedure Below:

- Call to set up an appointment with the coach after a minimum of 24 hours after a game or contest. Please do not attempt to confront the coach before or after a game or practice. These tend to be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Research indicates that meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.
- If the coach cannot be reached after a reasonable period of time, contact the Athletic Director to arrange for an appointment.

The Next Step - What A Parent Can Do If The Meeting With The Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution

- Call to make an appointment with the chain of command:
- Athletic Director/Asst. Athletic Director
- A Building Principal
- Director of Secondary Education
- Superintendent
- Board of Education

Practice During Holidays And Vacations

During holidays and vacations, it is necessary to hold certain practices. There will be no practices held on the following days:

1. Sundays (exception – voluntary only with administrative approval)
2. Christmas Day
3. Thanksgiving
4. Easter

Exception: It is school policy that if a game is to be played on Thanksgiving or the day after Thanksgiving, practice may be held but must be on a voluntary basis.

Practices on any of the following holidays are to be on a voluntary basis:

1. Religious Holidays (corresponding to Christmas and Easter, etc.)
2. Labor Day
3. Memorial Day
4. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Vacations

Practices should be held on a regularly scheduled basis during vacation times (winter break, spring break).

The team policy for excused/unexcused absences during vacation times will be enforced the same as they are during school days.

WHS Athletic Practice Policies

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Calamity Day Guideline

In the event of inclement weather or other calamities resulting in the Wooster City Schools being closed, the following guidelines will be in effect regarding the use of the school facilities or participation in contests and other activities by school co-curricular activity groups:

Athletic Events/Practices

All athletic contests below the JV level will be canceled. The Director of Athletics and Activities, High School Principal, Director of Services, and Superintendent will make the decision on whether JV and Varsity contests will be played. Weather conditions will be assessed by noon to determine if it is appropriate to hold JV and Varsity contests.

Practices are not to be held, unless authorized by the Superintendent of Schools. If authorized, practice can take place after 1:00 p. m. All such practices shall be voluntary for participants.

The Director of Athletics and Activities and the High School Principal will be responsible for notifying the appropriate media of the decisions regarding athletic contests and student co-curricular activities and contests.

Lightning and Inclement Weather

Coaches will monitor weather through the use of available technology as to the approach of dangerous weather. At the first sign of lightning or other threatening weather (thunder) as determined by the coach, coaches are required to remove their team from outdoor playing areas. All athletes are required to leave the playing area and seek shelter immediately. Practice may not be

resumed until 30 minutes after the last bolt of lightning or the last sound of thunder has been heard.

If the lightning/thunder occurs during a contest, the contest official shall follow OHSAA rules, which require that the contest be suspended until 30 minutes after the last bolt of lightning has been seen or the last sound of thunder has been heard.

These rules apply for all sports sponsored by Wooster City Schools.

Guidelines For Students In Concurrent Activities

In the event that students participating in concurrent activities creates a situation in which one or more of the activities cannot function without their participation, then the students must choose prior to the beginning of the season which activity will take precedence.

The student-athlete, advisors, and coaches will cooperate and eliminate as many conflicts as possible.

Competitions and performances will prevail over practice sessions.

Every effort will be made in the scheduling process to eliminate gross conflict between different activities.

When all efforts have failed to resolve the above conflicts, the matter shall be directed to the principal and/or Athletic Director. They shall resolve the issue in question and their decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Guidelines For Students In Multiple Sports

Athletes wanting to participate in two sports during the same season must have both coaches agree to share the athlete. The athlete must choose a primary sport that will prevail over the secondary sport. If both coaches do not agree, the dual participation will not be feasible.

Guidelines For Personal Trainers

All personal trainers who wish to work with Wooster HS athletes during the athlete's season(s) of participation in a school-sponsored sport must be recognized as volunteer assistant coaches in the sport in which the athlete is involved. Personal trainers who agree to serve as volunteer assistant coaches are subject to all OHSAA rules, Board of Education policies, and high school guidelines. Trainers may only become volunteer coaches with the permission of the head coach.

Personal trainers who do not wish to serve as volunteer assistant coaches during the athlete's season(s) of participation are not permitted to work with athletes during Wooster High School practices or events. Personal trainers who are not serving as volunteer assistant coaches will be charged a rental fee for use of Wooster City Schools facilities.

Guidelines for Out of State Competition

I. General Guidelines:

All OSHAA rules for Out of State Competition must be followed for all WHS sports (see below).

II. Specific Guidelines:

- A. Athletic Department funds will not be used for trips over 100 miles (one way) unless the trip is for a league contest.
- B. Funding for trips should come from private donations or approved fundraisers.
- C. Trips must be approved by the high school administration and the Board of Education as per current Board policy.

Anti-Hazing/Anti-Harassment - BOE Policy 5516, 5517, 5517.01)

The Board of Education believes that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with and disruptive to the educational process and prohibits all such activities at any time in school facilities, on school property, and at any school-sponsored events.

Hazing activities of any type are also prohibited at any time in school facilities, on school property, and/or off school property if the misconduct is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school property. No administrator, faculty member, or other Board of Education employee shall encourage, permit, authorize, condone, or tolerate any hazing activities. No student shall plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing.

Hazing is defined as performing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, team, or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

Administrators, faculty members, and other employees of the Board shall be alerted to possible situations, circumstances, or events that might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, the students involved shall be informed by the discoverer of the prohibitions contained in this policy and shall be ordered to end all hazing activities or planned activities immediately. All hazing incidents shall be reported immediately to the Superintendent. Students, administrators, faculty members, and other employees who fail to abide by this policy may be subject to disciplinary action and may be held personally liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with law.

The Superintendent shall incorporate this

**Does not apply to 501(c)(3) organizations not governed by the Board of Education.*

policy into building, staff, and student handbooks.

Administrators, staff members, and volunteers shall not intentionally remain ignorant of hazing or potential hazing activities.

Transportation - Athletic Teams

1. All athletic teams will travel in Board-owned vehicles, chartered commercial buses, or athletic department vehicles.
2. A Board-approved coach will always drive any Board-owned vehicles. Under no circumstances should an individual not employed by the Wooster City School System be permitted to drive any school vehicle.
3. All passengers are required to wear seat belts when riding in the school vans. No student other than team members and support personnel (managers, score keepers, etc.) are allowed to travel in school vehicles.
4. No food or drink is permitted in Board-owned vehicles. Coaches are responsible for the cleanliness of the buses and vans.
5. All vehicles for athletic transportation will be scheduled by the Athletic office, and any requests for cancellation of this transportation will be made to the Athletic office.
6. All team members are required to travel to and from athletic events and practices by school-approved vehicles with their coach(es) and team unless prior arrangements have been made between the parent(s) and head coach. Student-athletes are not permitted to travel to and from athletic contests with other students or friends even with parental consent.
7. Student athletes may travel to and from athletic events with their own parent/guardian only if the parent/guardian provides the appropriate form to the coach. The head coach has the right to disapprove any parental request for a student athlete to

travel in a non-athletic vehicle when prior arrangements have not been made and the situation appears to be not in the best interest of the team or student athlete.

Injury Referral - BOE Policy Stated in 2431

Emergency Plan

Before any activity begins, the coach should ensure that access to phones or other methods are available to contact EMS. At away activities, the coach should ensure that an adequate emergency plan is in place at that location.

In the event an athlete must be transported via the emergency squad, the following steps should be taken:

1. Call 911-give name, phone number, location of injured athlete, nature of emergency. Stay on line until EMS hangs up.
2. Provide First Aid and CPR as needed until EMS arrives.
3. Send someone to a location easily seen by the squad to direct them to the injured athlete
 - Roadside, exterior door, etc.
4. Have a copy of the injured athlete's Emergency Medical Authorization form available when the EMS arrives.
 - Send the EMA form with athlete.
5. Contact parents.
 - Each number on the EMA form should be tried at least 3 times until contact is made.
 - Leave a message at each number if unavailable.
 - Give nature of problem, time and actions being taken.
6. Send an assistant coach with athlete to hospital if available.
7. Contact Athletic Director or Certified Athletic Trainer.
 - Advise as to the nature of the problem, if parents were contacted, etc.
8. Follow up with hospital, parents, and athlete at earliest time.

Transporting Injured Athletes

The emergency squad will be used in all life-threatening conditions and when necessary to avoid further injury. At no time will an injured athlete be transported in any student's vehicle.

Physicians Referral Guidelines

In the event an athlete at Wooster High School requires medical attention, the following options will be available:

Option One

The athlete may be seen by the certified athletic trainer (ATC) pursuant to the athletic training coverage contract. The trainer may elect to refer that athlete for further evaluation. The ATC is available to assist with making an appointment and speaking with the physician on the athlete's behalf.

Option Two

Athlete may contact their personal physician or medical facility of their choice to obtain care.

Option Three

Athletes, coaches, and parent may contact any of the team physician's offices below during normal business hours and be seen on a priority basis.

Primary Care - Dr. Denny Davis
330.287.5400

Orthopedics - Dr. Mike Knapic
330.264.7643

Ophthalmologist - Dr. Tom Fenzl
330.202.3440

Dentist - Dr. Mike Baus
330.264.2249

Option Four

Medical attention is always available at the emergency department at Wooster Community Hospital, and the emergency squad will be used in all life-threatening situations and whenever necessary to avoid further injury.

According to case law, the team physician is the ultimate medical authority for the school's athletes. They are responsible for all return to play decisions and injury guidelines. The school may not act in conflict with any medical decision made by a team physician, even with the recommendation of another physician.

Injury Prevention

Strength, cardiovascular conditioning and flexibility are the main components of injury prevention. Athletes need to address each of these components in preparation for participation. Athletes should not participate in any activity without proper safety equipment. It is the coaches' responsibility to ensure that all athletic equipment is safe for repeated use and free from unusual wear.

Injury Management

Coaches will follow the recommendation of an ATC, when available, in all injury situations. The coach will solicit the help of an ATC at all away events. In the absence of an ATC, the coach will use their best judgment and have the athlete follow up with the ATC or physician at the earliest convenience.

Returning to Participation

If an athlete is injured and a coach or ATC has recommended that he/she see a physician, the athlete must receive clearance to return to play by a physician. The athlete may not return to participation until written permission is received from a physician.

Whenever a physician restricts an athlete's participation, the athlete may not return to participation until written permission is received from a physician.

When the physician clears the athlete, they will then be returned to play based on the ATC's protocol. The athlete's return is based not only on that clearance but on strength, function and pain level.

Any athlete who is restricted by a physician from normal school activities due to injury or illness will be restricted from participation and must provide written permission from the doctor before being allowed return to athletic participation.

All physicians' notes, slips, prescriptions etc. should be given to the ATC.

Section 4 - Eligibility Information

Standard of Eligibility - BOE Policy 2430.01

The eligibility rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) are to be followed. They can be found in section 4 of the OHSAA Bylaws.

Students and parents are encouraged to read the OHSAA eligibility bulletin, which is available in the athletic office or at www.ohsaa.org. For any questions, please contact the athletic office.

Minimum GPA and Study Tables (Board Policy)

All high school students MUST be enrolled in and earn passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses (or the equivalent) each and every grading period to have continuing eligibility. (OHSAA Guidelines)

1. Students with the range of a 2.0-1.51 GPA will be required to attend the Boys & Girls Club Study Table. Program one (1) time per week.
2. Students with the range of a 1.50 - 1.1 GPA will be required to attend the Boys & Girls Club Study Table. Program two (2) times per week.
3. Students with a 1.0 and below GPA will be required to attend the Boys & Girls Club Study Table. Program three (3) times per week.

Additional Eligibility Policies BOE Policy 2430.01, 2431

Athlete – Eligibility Day of Contest Attendance Eligibility for Participation BOE Policy 5200

To participate in extracurricular activities, an athlete must be in school by 10:30 and stay in school for the remainder of the day (unless they have an excused absence). It is the responsibility of the coaches to see that students comply with this rule. If an athlete is absent from school on Friday, however, he/she may participate on Saturday.

Section 5 - Code of Conduct

Student Co-Curricular Code Of Conduct - BOE Policies 2431, 5500, 5530, 5560, 5610.05, 5772

Principles, Philosophy, Guidelines And Expectations

The Board of Education, WCS Administration, and coaching staff believes that school co-curricular and athletic activities are an important part of the school program, and adherence to appropriate standards of behavior by students representing the district through participation in elective student activities is important for the success of the program. Participation in athletics and activities programs is a privilege, not a right.

To be eligible to represent the district through participation in District-sponsored elective activities, which includes athletics, students and their parents/guardians must read and sign a statement indicating their understanding of an intent to comply with the provisions of the Student Co-Curricular Code of Conduct (hereinafter "Code of Conduct").

The statements set forth below broadly define the expectations of the Board of Education for those students who participate in elective co-curricular student activities. Accordingly, the expectations and consequences established by the Wooster Schools' coaches and advisors and approved by the Board of Education are based upon the following beliefs:

- Use of or possession of controlled drugs, alcohol, or tobacco/tobacco substitutes (including illegal use of prescription drugs) by any high school or middle school student creates an environment that compromises his/her individual health, safety, and welfare, as well as the health, safety, and welfare of all student participants in that program; inhibits attainment of individual potential; is illegal; and jeopardizes the student's health and safety; therefore, use of alcohol, tobacco/tobacco substitutes, or drugs (including illegal use of prescription drugs) by students participating in the co-curricular program will not be tolerated. (Policy 512, 5330)
- Student (Athletes) will be held to a higher standard of accountability and conduct than the student who chooses not to represent a Wooster School because the participant is in a highly visible setting as a leader and performer; therefore, use of or possession of alcohol, tobacco/tobacco substitutes, or drugs (including illegal use of prescription drugs) will not be tolerated by students who participate in the co-curricular program.
- A violation of these expectations is a betrayal of the trust placed in a co-curricular participant by teammates or fellow organizational members, coaches, advisors, and the school community; therefore, violations discovered independently from the self-referral process will carry heavier penalties in regard to competition, contests, and performances.
- Participation is better than exclusion; therefore, the student, with the coach's consent, may remain a participating member of the group/organization as long as he/she follows the (Disciplinary outcomes) and so long as the student has not been suspended, expelled, or removed from school for violations of the Code of Conduct.

A. Student Conduct - BOE Policy 5500

Respect for law and for those persons in authority shall be expected of all students. This includes conformity to school rules as well as general provisions of law affecting students. Respect for the rights of others, including tolerance of diversity of race, color, religions, gender, familial status, national origin, handicap, age, or ancestry, consideration of their privileges, and cooperative citizenship shall also be expected of all members of the school community. The Board has zero tolerance of violent, disruptive or inappropriate behavior by its students.

Respect for real and personal property; pride in one's work; achievement within the range of one's ability; and exemplary personal standards of courtesy, decency, and honesty shall be maintained in the schools of this District.

Students may be subject to discipline for violations of the Student Code of Conduct even if that conduct occurs on property not owned or controlled by the Board but that is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on property owned or controlled by the Board, or conduct that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a Board official or employee, or the property of such official or employee.

Student conduct on District vehicles shall be the responsibility of the driver on regular bus runs. Incidents of misconduct shall be reported to the appropriate building administrator to carry out discipline measures. When District vehicles are used for field trips and other District activities, however, the teacher, coach, or advisor shall be responsible for student discipline. If a student becomes a serious discipline problem on the vehicle, the Administration may suspend the transportation privileges of the student.

Student conduct shall be governed by the rules and provisions of the Student Code of Conduct/ Student Discipline Code.

B. Duration and Investigation of Suspected Code of Conduct Violations

The district has a responsibility to enforce this policy at all times throughout the calendar year, including times when students are not in school or participating in elective co-curricular activities and to investigate any credible report of a suspected violation. Any social media posts that may be a violation will be investigated and a determination will be made as to the legitimacy and date of such post.

Investigation Process:

- A suspected Code of Conduct Violation by a student-athlete is reported to a WCS staff member. They are to immediately report the suspected Code of Conduct Violation to the Athletic Director.
- The Athletic Director, or his/her staff designee, will investigate the suspected code of conduct violation. Students and their parent/guardian will be informed of the process of the investigation and the allegations.
- The Athletic Director, or his/her designee, will determine if a violation to the student-athlete code of conduct was made. The student athlete, their parent/guardian, and WHS Administration will be informed of the results of the investigation.
- If it is determined that a code of conduct violation occurred, the Athletic Director, or his/her designee, will inform the student-athlete, their parent/guardian, the coach, and WHS Administration of the disciplinary outcome.
- If necessary or appropriate, the Athletic Director may contact local law enforcement agencies.

- A student-athlete may appeal the decision of the Athletic Director within 2 school days of the date of disciplinary outcome. The appeal may be made to a building principal, who will review the facts of the investigation, provide the student-athlete and their parent-guardian an opportunity to provide additional information relative to the code of conduct violation, and will make a determination to either uphold the Athletic Director's decision or overturn the decision. The decision of the building principal shall be final.

C. Disciplinary Policy for Violations of the Code of Conduct

1. The procedures outlined herein shall be followed in all situations for students who are found to have committed a violation of the Code of Conduct or who notify, in writing, the building principal, the Athletic Director, or their coach or advisor of a violation of the Code of Conduct prior to being investigated by the district. Students are permitted to use the self-referral procedures only one (1) time only during their years of participation at the middle school and only one (1) time only during their years of participation at the high school.
2. In the event of a self-referral, the student's parents/guardian shall be notified of the self-referral and the matter shall timely proceed to the Council meeting as set forth in Section D. The facts and circumstances surrounding the self-referral shall be discussed and the Council shall then directly proceed to the implementation of the disciplinary policy as set forth herein.
3. For all self-referral violations, first violations, and second violations, the student shall:
 - a. Complete a district-approved education and prevention program. The student and his/her parents or guardian shall authorize the agency or organization providing the education and prevention program to notify the appropriate district administrator when the program has been successfully completed. Depending upon the Code of Conduct violation, if an appropriate educational and prevention program is not available, the building principal (or designee) reserves the right to increase the community service assignment component as is necessary. If an appropriate educational program does not exist or the program has already been used, the administration reserves the right to assign an alternative activity.
 - b. Complete community service. This component is designed to reinforce to the students that they are part of a community outside of the school and its activities. The community service assignment shall be logically connected with the Code of Conduct violation. The assignment will be developed and coordinated in cooperation with the affected student's parents or guardian and the appropriate education and prevention agencies and organizations in the local community. The student and his/her parents or guardian shall authorize the agency or organization providing the community service component to notify the appropriate district administrator when the community service has been successfully completed.
 - c. Before any student is permitted to resume participation in his/her co-curricular activity, the

community service assignment must be completed in its entirety.

	Denial of Participation	Education And Prevention	Community Service
Self Report	10%	Approved program	10 hours
First Violation*	25%	Approved program	10 hours
Second Violation*	50%	Approved program	15 hours
Third Violation*	Complete denial for high school career		

** This policy applies to the cumulative number of violations for grades 9-12 only.*

	Denial of Participation	Education And Prevention	Community Service
Self Report	10%	Approved program	10 hours
First Violation*	25%	Approved program	15 hours
Second Violation*	Complete denial for middle school career		

** This policy applies to the cumulative number of violations for grades 7-8 only.*

4. In addition to the requirements set forth above, students who commit a second violation of the Code of Conduct, at his/her own expense, are required to complete a behavioral assessment administered by a district-approved certified counselor, agency, or organization appropriate for the type of violation. The student and his/her parents or guardian shall authorize the certified counselor, agency, or organization administering the assessment to notify the appropriate district administrator when the assessment has been completed. Any recommendations made by the certified counselor, agency, or organization as a result of the assessment are for the student and his/her parents or guardian and are not necessarily to be shared with the district.
5. Failure of the student to successfully complete these requirements will result in an immediate and indefinite denial of participation from all co-curricular activities until the requirements have been successfully completed and reinstatement approved by the appropriate district administrator.
6. A third violation of the Code of Conduct will result in the student being ineligible to participate in any co-curricular activity for the remainder of his/her school career. Provided, however, that in the appropriate circumstances, as determined in the sole discretion of the Athletic Director and the High School Principal, and upon completion of an education and prevention program and community service as deemed appropriate by the Athletic Director and the High School Principal in their sole discretion, the student may be allowed to compete after a denial of participation at least equal to that which would have been imposed for a Second Violation.

D. Additional Considerations Relating to Code of Conduct Violations

1. During a period of denial of participation, the student, with consent of the coach, will remain a member of the activity group or team and must continue to attend meetings, practices, and rehearsals. The student will be denied participation in all interscholastic competitions, public performances, and other events or activities in which the student would be representing the school to the public. The appropriate administrator, at the time of notifying the student and his/her parents/guardian of the denial of participation, shall identify the specific activities from which the student will be prohibited from participation. For violations that take place at times other than during a time of participation, the denial of participation will begin at the first day of participation in a district-sponsored elective co-curricular activity in which the student has previously been a participant. The student may elect to join, try out, or otherwise participate in any additional co-curricular activity in which s/he has not been a participant. However, consequences for violations of the Behavior Code will begin at the first date of participation in a district-sponsored elective co-curricular activity in which the student has previously been a participant.
2. Percentages of denial of participation for violations of the Student Conduct Code shall be served in full as stated in this policy. If the entire percentage of denial of participation cannot be served in the current season or period of participation, the balance of the percentage of denial of participation shall be applied to the next district-sponsored elective co-curricular activity in which the student has previously been a participant. For students involved in multiple activities during the time of violation, the denial of participation shall be divided equally between each of those activities.
3. Violations of the Student Conduct Code during times when school is not in session due to a scheduled break will be processed by the district as soon as possible after the violation and prior to the affected student's first participation in a district-sponsored co-curricular interscholastic competition, public performance, or other public event.
4. Students who violate the Student Conduct Code while serving in any leadership position (captains, team leaders, officers, etc.) will be removed from the leadership position for the remainder of the current season or scheduled activity and will be ineligible for any leadership position in any other district-sponsored co-curricular program for the remainder of the current school year.
5. Students who violate the Student Conduct Code and are not currently in a leadership position will be ineligible for any leadership position in any district-sponsored co-curricular program for the remainder of the current school year.

E. Statement

Each student who seeks to participate in an elective co-curricular activity, and the parents or guardian of said student, shall read, sign, and comply with the following statement:

"I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the district's Student Co-Curricular Code of Conduct. I understand and agree that participation in co-curricular activities in the district is a privilege that may be denied for violations of the Behavior Code."

Each student and his/her parents or guardian in grades 7 through 12 will have the opportunity annually to ask questions during an introductory parent meeting. They will also be able to access this Code of Conduct on the Wooster City School District website. A paper copy is also available upon request.

Section 6 - Activity and Multiple Game Passes

Activity Passes

Year-long athletic passes can be purchased and will admit the holder to all regular season home athletic contests. These passes can be purchased at anytime during the school year and will require a picture to be taken at the Gault Recreation Center office. Call 330.345.4700 for any questions regarding this pass.

Grades 1-6 - \$30.00

High School/Middle School - \$50.00

Adult - \$80.00

Multiple game passes

These passes can be purchased at the athletic office.

5 games - \$25.00 \$5.00 per game

10 games - \$50.00 \$5.00 per game

20 games - \$80.00 \$4.00 per game

Section 7 - Pay to Participate

The Board of Education has instituted a participation fee for all athletes in grades 7-12. The purpose of this fee is to offset the expenses the board of education incurs while providing comprehensive athletic program for grades 7-12.

\$120.00 for High School Students

\$50.00 for Middle School Students

If you qualify for free and reduced lunch program, the athletic fee is waived.

*This is a once a year fee that entitles the student/athlete to participate in all three seasons.

Pay

All participation fees are required to be paid prior to first official contest.

**All payments must be made in the Wooster High School Athletic Office or Edgewood Main Office.*

- **Any athlete who does not have payment in full completed by the due date will not be allowed to practice or play in any contests/scrimmages until payment is made.**
- Cash or checks are to be made payable to Wooster City Schools.
- There will be a charge of \$20.00 for all returned checks.
- Coaches are not permitted to collect pay-to-participate fees.
- No refund if the athlete quits the team, is removed for disciplinary reasons, or becomes academically ineligible.

Refund Policy

Fees are non-refundable with the following exceptions:

- Athlete is injured and the injury occurs before the start of the competitive season. (Applies only if the athlete's season is ended by injury).
- Student moves out of the district prior to the first contest



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