

West Branch Local Schools Student Activities Code of Conduct

Participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, along with driving to school in the West Branch Local School District is a privilege and not a right. The following code of conduct and procedures are established for all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities sponsored by the West Branch Local School District. A coach or advisor may impose additional rules and regulations for their activity.

All participants must adhere to the eligibility standards of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the West Branch Local School District.

This agreement will be in effect from the time a student first participates in an extra-curricular or co-curricular activity until the time of graduation. This contract will be in effect during a student's off season (24/7, 365 days) for athletics, extra, and co-curricular activities.

Violations are accumulative in nature. Consequences for a second and third violation are not based upon whether the violations are the same as the first. First offense, regardless of section, is the first offense. Second offense, regardless of section, is the second offense.

If a student is involved in athletics and co-curricular activities, extra-curricular activities, and has a school issued parking pass, they will be penalized in all areas when the code is violated.

Chemical Use and/or Abuse

Students shall not, at any time, possess, consume, purchase, attempt to purchase, offer to sell, deliver, conceal, or be under the influence of any drug, including tobacco, alcohol, or their look-a-likes. Participants shall not possess, use, sell, offer to sell, deliver, or conceal any instruments or paraphernalia for use with drugs of abuse. Any positive drug test, or student who refuses their drug test, will result in a violation of this section. Selling or distributing drugs, tobacco, or alcohol or substances purported to be drugs may result in immediate dismissal from the activity/team.

Technology

Students shall not post and/or share content deemed inappropriate, embarrassing, or detrimental to the team or the school by coaches and/or administrators.

Attendance

Students will not willingly attend or remain at any activity where illegal consumption of alcohol and/or use of drugs or vaping are taking place. A student who does not leave said activity will be considered guilty of the chemical use and abuse section regardless of level of participation.

Harassment/Bullying

Student will not violate the West Branch Local School District's harassment/bullying policy. Violation of these policies will result in a code of conduct violation.

Student Athletes:

Violations are accumulated throughout the student athlete's middle school career. Violations are accumulated throughout the student's secondary career at the high school. Violations that are accumulated during a student's middle school career will be expunged when he/she enters high school.

First Offense: Denial of the privilege to participate in ten percent (10%) of games, but must still attend and participate in practices. The athlete must also be present with the team at the games or meets (but not in uniform). These events shall be consecutive starting with the first scheduled event after the confirmation of the violation. Any denial occurring at the end of the season is carried over to the next sport in which the student participates until this consequence for the first offense is fulfilled. ****If this is a violation of the Chemical Use and Abuse section, the athlete must participate in an assessment and follow-up program.** This assessment must be conducted by a certified chemical dependency counselor, an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, or a licensed physician trained in chemical dependency. The athlete must set an appointment within seven (7) days (excluding weekends) of notification of the violation. The athlete must participate in the evaluation process to its completion and follow the counselor's recommendation. Verification of this evaluation must be received by the Principal from the counselor. A written report must be given to the Principal. Any costs for the assessment and follow-up program will be the responsibility of the athlete. Parents are encouraged to attend counseling sessions with their child. The student will automatically be included in the next random testing sequence.

Second Offense: See first violation. Second offense will be 50% of games instead of 10%. ****If this is a violation of the Chemical Use and Abuse section, the athlete must participate in an assessment and follow-up program.**

Third Offense: Denial of the privilege to participate for one (1) calendar year commencing at the time of the infraction. ****If this is a violation of the Chemical Use and Abuse section, the athlete must participate in an assessment and follow-up program.** See first violation.

Fourth Violation: Denial of the privilege to participate for the remainder of the student's middle school or high school career.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Participants

If the student is involved in a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity, the student violated the code, the first time, all club activity participation will be suspended for two (2) weeks from the date. A second violation will result in suspension of club activity participation for one (1) month. A third violation will result in suspension of club activity participation for one (1) calendar year. A fourth violation will automatically result in permanent exclusion from all extra-curricular activities offered by the District. ****Follow up assessments are required for the first, second, and third violation only when the Chemical Use and/or Abuse section is violated.**

In the event that a violation occurs and the suspension causes the student to miss graded assignments/performances, the student will be given an alternate assignment for academic progress. The student's academic progress **will not** be impeded because of a positive test.

STUDENT DRIVERS

Students who elect to secure a parking permit from the high school will be automatically entered into the random testing pool for the school year. Students testing positive for the first time will have his/her parking permit suspended for 2 weeks of the school year. A second offense will result in his/her parking permit suspended for 1 month of the school year. A third violation will result in the student being banned from parking in the high school parking lot for one (1) calendar year. A fourth offense will result in the student being banned from parking at the high school for the remainder of his/her high school career. ****Follow up assessments are required for the first, second, and third violation only when the Chemical Use and/or Abuse section is violated.** In order to be reissued a parking permit after the first offense the student will submit a sample at the next random testing.

Contract:

This contract must be signed by the parent/guardian and the student before the student may participate in any activity or is issued a school parking pass.

Due Process:

A participant shall be provided an opportunity to attend any and all hearings held in compliance with the enforcement of this policy. An appeal may be made to the Principal or his designee within seven (7) calendar days of the offense hearing. A two year accumulation of offenses will be recorded. If there are no additional offenses within this period the participants' record will be cleared.

I have read the **Student Activities Code of Conduct**. I understand the rules and regulations.

I accept that this agreement as binding and shall honor each item in this agreement. Breaking this contract shall be grounds for the enforcement of the **Student Activities Code of Conduct**, which may include suspension from activities, professional assessment, dismissal from the activities, and/or loss of awards and extra-curricular privileges.

Athletics Band Student Driver Other Activities ****Please check all that apply**

Student's Name (print): _____

Grade: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____