

**VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Clayton A. Bouton High School – Voorheesville Middle School

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Position Statement

This Extra-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct is intended to be specific enough to provide uniform baseline expectations for all students participating in any extra-curricular activity. At the same time, it is the intention of the Board of Education to provide a Code of Conduct that allows for discretionary judgement when appropriate to protect student rights.

A student's primary responsibility is the successful completion of his/her educational program. A parent, teacher, coach, advisor, guidance counselor, or principal has the option of requesting a conference when, in their judgement, they believe that a temporary or permanent suspension from participation in a particular activity is in the best interest of the student. This carries with it no penalty as far as making a student ineligible for further extra-curricular activities.

Student involvement in the extra-curricular program shall be deemed to be an acceptance of a lifestyle which supports the philosophy that a student should have a sound, healthy mind and body and the responsibility and commitment associated with this philosophy.

In addition, students participating in all school activities are obligated to comply with any and all conditions set forth in the charter, constitution, or by-laws which govern the organization and operation of school clubs, societies, or activities. It should be understood that this Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct does not preclude the enforcement of conditions set forth in any charters, by-laws, or contracts associated with these activities, so long as it is not inconsistent with this Code.

**DISCIPLINE CODE FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

A student shall be subject to disciplinary action in relation to the following:

1. Being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, drinking an alcoholic beverage, or being in possession of an alcoholic beverage. Alcoholic beverages shall mean and include alcohol, spirits, liquor, wine, beer, and cider having alcoholic content.
2. The use, possession, sale or gift of any drug or controlled substance, including marijuana, or any instruments for the use of such drugs, controlled substance or marijuana, such as a pipe, syringe, or other paraphernalia. Excepted is any drug taken in accordance with a current prescription signed by a physician that is to be taken by that particular student at the time in question.
3. Smoking a cigarette, cigar or pipe, or using chewing or smokeless tobacco.
4. Having cyber images on any site that implies the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco and/or shows students in the presence of drugs, alcohol or tobacco.
5. The use of any performance enhancing substances. Substances shall mean products that are anabolic in nature and also substances classified in the Drol drug category.

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**FIRST VIOLATION**

- Parents of student will be informed.
- Suspension from attendance at all extra-curricular activities for twenty (20) consecutive school days. Student must leave campus at the end of the regular day unless directed otherwise by an administrator.
- Student will be recommended to a counseling resource.
- Re-instatement conference with administrator and parent must be held before the student returns to the extra-curricular activity.
- Any student that admits an infraction and is a first offender may waive consequences if they agree to participate in a drug and/or alcohol assessment performed by the school psychologist. Based on this assessment, the parents and/or guardians must meet with the school psychologist to be advised of his/her recommendations, which may include counseling, treatment, etc.

**SECOND VIOLATION**

- Parents of student will be informed.
- Suspension from attendance at all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of that sports season.
- Student must leave campus at the end of the regular school day unless directed otherwise by an administrator.
- Student will be recommended to a counseling resource.
- Re-instatement conference with an administrator and parent must be held before the student returns to the extra-curricular activity.

**THIRD VIOLATION**

- Student will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities and must participate in a counseling program before re-instatement is considered.

**NOTE:** If a student is found to have broken the law on school property or during a school-sponsored event, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be contacted.

**APPEALS PROCESS**

The same appeal process will be used for this Extra-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct as is used for the Student Guidelines.

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**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

I have read and discussed the Extra-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct with my parent(s). I understand the terms and conditions of this document. I agree to comply with all terms and conditions set forth in the Extra-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT**

I have read and discussed the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct with my son/daughter. I understand the terms and conditions of this document and the obligation the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct imposes on me.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_