



# CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

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All Catasauqua Area School District students and their parents/guardians shall be required to read and sign the Catasauqua Area School District *Extra Curricular Code of Conduct* as set forth in this policy prior to students being allowed to participate in extra curricular activities. It is the responsibility of the coach/advisor to assure that no student is allowed to participate that has not read and signed the following code.

As a participant in extra curricular activities, students must understand that participation is a privilege, and not a right. Students therefore, must agree to abide by the following rules and habits and agree that there may be consequences for misconduct that will be administered by coaches/advisors and the school district administration.

## SECTION #1: STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Students are the responsibility of the coaches/advisors until the organization returns to the high school or middle school. When returning from a contest, students are expected to leave the premises immediately. No student may be released by a coach/advisor prior to returning to the school unless it would be to a parent or guardian with written notification using the school district travel release form. Participants are strongly encouraged to travel with their organization at all times. The school district is striving to promote team unity and loyalty.
2. Equipment and uniforms issued for practice and competition should be cared for properly. Uniforms may not be given to classmates to wear in the stands during contests. Each student is responsible for returning the uniform/equipment that had been issued to him/her at the start of the season. Loss or failure to return equipment and uniforms at the end of the season will result in an obligation to the CHS Athletic Department. Either returning the outstanding equipment/uniform, or payment for the equipment/uniform will meet the obligation. A student will not be provided another school uniform until all outstanding obligations have been met.
3. The student must finish the season/activity as a team member in good standing to qualify for any post-season letters/awards sponsored by the school district and/or booster club.
4. Students must attend every practice/activity unless excused, and diligently work to improve themselves, following the advice and instruction of the coach/advisor. If at any time a student cannot attend a practice/meeting for any reason, he/she must notify the coach/advisor, who will determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused and the appropriate consequence, if warranted.
5. Profanity is unacceptable at any time. Coaches/Advisors will determine consequences, if warranted.

## SECTION #2: ELIGIBILITY

1. Academic eligibility for all extra curricular activities will be determined and verified by the Catasauqua High School Athletic Department on the last day of scheduled attendance in any given week, and done so on a weekly basis. Any student found to be academically ineligible will be notified by the CHS Athletic Department.

2. **A student must be passing at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent, as of each Friday during a grading period.** If a student fails to meet this requirement, he/she will lose his/her eligibility from the immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which he/she meets this requirement (total of seven days).

**A student must have passed at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent, during the previous grading period.** If a student fails to meet this requirement, he/she will lose his/her eligibility for the first 15 school days of the next grading period, beginning on the first day report cards are issued. Eligibility for the first grading period is based on the final grades of the preceding school year. In this case, the student will be ineligible for the first 15 school days of the new school year.

3. When a student is academically ineligible, he/she is allowed to practice and travel with the team/activity. Guidelines and rules will be determined by the coach/advisor. While ineligible, the student is not allowed to wear his/her uniform in school or at the game. While ineligible, the student is not allowed to be dismissed from class early to travel to a game/activity.

4. A student will be removed from a team/activity when he/she is academically ineligible for four consecutive weeks.

5. When competing in interscholastic sports, all students must maintain eligibility as set forth by the PIAA.

6. Students who arrive at school after **8:30 a.m.** are ineligible to participate in any games/performances during that day, unless they provide a doctor's excuse or an excuse that is approved by the building administration.

7. Students will not be allowed to practice or participate in any activity during a period of out-of-school suspension, in-school suspension, in-school academic program (ISAP) or Saturday detention. However students serving an in-school suspension, ISAP or Saturday detention are allowed to attend practice, attend games and travel with the team. The student is not allowed to wear his/her uniform in school or at the game. Normal in-school suspension, ISAP and Saturday detention eligibility guidelines remain in effect for rescheduled game/activities and/or for a rescheduled in-school suspension, ISAP or Saturday detention.

8. A student is eligible to participate in interscholastic sports only if he/she has completed a pre-participation physical evaluation performed by an authorized medical examiner. The physical examination and all necessary paperwork must be returned to the CHS Athletic Department prior to the first practice of the first sport played during a school year. A student may be required to be re-evaluated or re-certified prior to each subsequent sport played during that school year.

9. A student who is absent from school during a semester for a total of 20 or more school days will lose his/her eligibility until he/she has attended school for a total 45 school days following the 20<sup>th</sup> day of absence.

### **SECTION #3: COMMUNITY BEHAVIOR**

1. All students should exhibit appropriate behavior both in school and within our community.

### **SECTION #4: SCHOOL BEHAVIOR**

1. Students must treat other individuals with respect and courtesy. A student is responsible for appropriate behavior during the school day, in any school district building, school bus, other school vehicle or on any school property owned by, leased by, or under the control of the school district, and at all school sponsored activities, or any other activity when students are representing the school district.
2. Violations of law, school district policy, or standards set forth in the *Catasauqua High School Student/Parent Handbook* will not be tolerated.
3. Violations of the *Handbook* policy on hazing will not be tolerated. Hazing is defined as any activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or membership in or affiliation with any group.
4. The coach/advisor will decide any consequences of Level 1 or Level 2 violations set forth in the *Handbook*, subject to final approval by the Principal and/or Director of Student Activities. The consequences for a Level 3 violation, or any violation of law or school district policy not set forth in the *Handbook*, are set forth below:

#### **CONSEQUENCES (SECTION #4)**

1. The first offense will result in a suspension from activity for seven consecutive days, and include a suspension from at least one event (game, match, performance, etc.) during or immediately following the suspension. The Principal and/or Director of Student Activities may make a recommendation to the Superintendent, based on the severity of the offense, for the student to be removed from the team/activity for the remainder of the season and/or the remainder of all activities for the school year. The recommendation by the Principal and/or Director of Student Activities may only be made after consultation with the coach/advisor.
2. The second offense results in the immediate removal from the team/activity for the duration of the current sports season. For activities that do not have a defined season, the current sports season will be used.
3. The third offense results in non-participation in activities for the remainder of the school year.

Offenses are credited on a school year basis. Offenses can be carried over to the next school year and result in continued non-participation in activities in the next school year, based on the severity of an offense, and after consultation with the Superintendent.