

CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT (POLICY 5610.05)

The Berea City School District believes the co-curricular activities *are a privilege* and an integral part of the total educational program. Students have no absolute rights to participate in co-curricular activities. However, it is a privilege that is strongly encouraged by our schools. The additional time and requirements of these activities demand that each participant attain and maintain his/her best possible physical and mental condition.

The Board recognizes that the use and abuse of mind-altering chemicals/alcohol is a significant health problem for many adolescents and can affect the development of skills for co-curricular activities and participation in these activities. The Board believes that co-curricular activities make school life richer and more rewarding and that adherence to certain behavior codes and academic standards enhances an individual's quality of life. This policy is applicable to all students in any non-credit co-curricular activity in grades six through twelve in which they participate as players, members, performers, officers and/or chairpersons. This policy also includes band members during the marching season.

Code of Conduct Violations

In addition to written team rules and expectations, violations of which result in coach/advisor administered consequences, the following are district-wide code of conduct violations.

Note: Severe Violations – upon review of the conditions and severity of the violation of the Code of Conduct, the administrators and coach have the responsibility, discretion and authority to increase the consequences.

1. Violation of any school rule or regulation as outlined in the school's Student Handbook which results in suspension from school.
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct during a contest which results in an ejection from the contest.
3. Arrest for violation of laws during the season of the co-curricular activity. (This rule is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the duration of the activity.)
4. Use or possession of alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia, or tobacco products during the season of the co-curricular activity (24 hours a day, seven days a week for the duration of the activity.)

Students participating in any co-curricular activity shall not at any time possess, use, sell, offer to sell, deliver, conceal, consume or be under the influence of any drugs of abuse, including alcoholic beverages, steroids, counterfeit drugs of abuse, paraphernalia for use with drugs of abuse, or any

tobacco or tobacco related products. Students using a medically prescribed drug from a licensed physician will not be considered in violation of this policy.

Definitions

1. Alcohol – Any liquor, wine, beer or other beverage containing alcohol.
2. Drugs – Any drug, including legal drugs, marijuana, inhalants, steroids, legal prescriptions, and over-the-counter drugs used or possessed or distributed for unauthorized purposes, counterfeit (look-a-like substances), tobacco and tobacco related products.
3. Drug Paraphernalia – Equipment or apparatus designed or used for the purpose of measuring, packaging, distributing, or facilitating the use of drugs.
4. Substance Abuse – The use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products in violation of Federal or State law, Board policy or school rules.
5. Tobacco/Tobacco Related Products – Products such as, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, or pipes.

Self Referral

A student who voluntarily seeks help with any situation covered by the substance chemical abuse section of this Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, prior to the imposition of any denial of Privilege to Participate under the schedule set forth at the discretion of the principal or his designee, may be excused from full imposition of the denial of the privilege to participate provided the student voluntarily and full participates to the satisfaction of the principal or designee in a program designed to help the student avoid such situations in the future. A current list of available programs will be given to each student found in violation of this section of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.

Provisions of this section are not applicable once an offense has been committed and becomes known to the coach, advisor and/or school administrator.

Denial of Privilege

- Violations of team/activity rules and expectations may result in denial of participation at the discretion of the coach or advisor.
- Removal from the team or activity may result after repeated documented violations of team/activity rules only after a coach/advisor, parent, student, administrator conference.
- The penalties resulting in the Denial to Participate are listed below: The violation accumulate during each

school year. Students begin a clean slate at the beginning of each school year. An event for athletics is defined as an opportunity for the team to record a win. For all other activities, an "event" will be determined by the advisor and administrator. A schedule of events will be determined by the coach/advisor of each sport or activity.

First Violation

The first violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct will result in denial of the privilege to participate for one week which must include a minimum of one event. A student who has a first violation is permitted to practice with the team or organization, but will not be permitted to participate, dress for or attend public playing dates or events.

Second/Severe Violation

The second violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct will result in denial of participation in three events or two weeks, whichever is less. The student will not be allowed to practice, dress for or attend events during this period of time.

Third/Severe Violation

The third violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct will result in denial of the privilege to participate for a period of 60 school days from the date of inception of the consequence.

The student will not be allowed to practice nor dress for events during that period of time in any co-curricular activities. The student will be permitted to "try out" for a subsequent activity in which the denial to participate time period will expire.

Fourth/Severe Violation

The fourth violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct will result in denial of the privilege to participate for the remainder of the school year.