



Rules and Regulations Governing Participation in Extracurricular Activities (Including Athletics)

Student Name _____ Date _____

School _____ Extracurricular Activity _____

A. **Justification:** Participation in an extracurricular activity in the Washington County Schools is regarded as a privilege. The extracurricular participant comprises much of the visible student leadership in our schools; therefore, the participant must accept the responsibility of projecting a positive image to younger students in the community.

B. **Rules of Conduct:** Rules will apply at all times during the term of the activity. Violations may include but are not restricted to:

1. Reportable Offenses:

Crimes of violence - (arson, kidnapping, manslaughter, murder, rape)

Possession of a handgun during the commission of a crime

Carrying or possession of a deadly weapon on school property

Carrying or wearing a concealed weapon or carrying it openly with intent to injure

Manufacturing / distributing of a controlled substance

Possession of a firearm

2. Constructive Possession: Knowingly and willingly placing oneself in proximity with a person who is illegally in possession of drugs or alcohol.

3. Use of drugs or controlled dangerous substances (Except by physician's prescription and notification of advisor)

Disciplinary Actions: Violation of rules of conduct 1, 2, or 3 will result in dismissal from the organization/team for forty-five (45) calendar days or for the remainder of the sports season, whichever is longer. Elected and appointed offices held within the organization shall be forfeited for the remainder of the school year. The student will be referred to the school Student Assistance Program for violation of rules of conduct #2 and/or #3.

4. Use of tobacco

5. Insubordination or use of profanity to any faculty member, school administrator or official

6. Flagrant misconduct and misbehavior in school

7. Misbehavior and misconduct in the community

8. Exceeding allotted number of absences/tardiness to classes, announced meetings, activities, etc.

9. Maintaining scholastic eligibility as determined by the Washington County Public Schools

10. Unless there is a lawful absence or tardy, students must be present in school all day on the day of an extracurricular activity in order to participate. Further, students must be on time and present all day the day after an extracurricular activity in order to participate in the next scheduled event.

Disciplinary Actions: Violations of conduct rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 will result in disciplinary action ranging from a conference, to a suspension, to dismissal from the organization or team for forty five (45) calendar days or the remainder of the sports season, whichever is longer. Students will be required to refrain from additional violations of the disciplinary code.

C. **Appeal Procedure:** Appeals for reinstatement in extracurricular activities (including athletics) may be made to the principal with a further appeal to the Superintendent of Schools or designee. Students shall remain ineligible from participation in the activity through conclusion of due process.

D. **Additions:** Additional rules and regulations pertaining to participation in extracurricular activities are included in the Guide to Washington County Public Schools and the Washington County Public Secondary School Athletic Association Handbook.

I have received a copy of the above rules and regulations governing participation in extracurricular activities in the Washington County School System. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above rules and regulations.

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____ Activity Program _____