

Verona Area School District

Middle School Student Activities CODE OF CONDUCT

This document must be reviewed by the student and parent/guardian to participate in Athletics/Activities.

**VERONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

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Student Activities Background Information: Definition, Mission and Goals

Student Activities: A Definition

The Verona Area School District defines student activities as those co-curricular opportunities available to students which are not required as a part of the regular instructional program. Student activities may meet after school, during the school day or at times when regular classes are not in session. Student activities include intramural and interscholastic activities, and other organized groups that students are selected for or choose to join.

Mission Statement

In the Verona Area School District organized co-curricular student activities complement and supplement the academic curriculum by enhancing learning and by contributing to the development of the whole person. Student activities exist to develop the character of students by fostering physical and emotional growth, maturity, self-esteem, identity and leadership skills. Students' participation in co-curricular activities provides exploration of future career and leisure opportunities for students by fostering the discovery of skills, talents and satisfaction.

Goals

The Goals of Student Activities are:

- To provide experiences that are educationally sound, challenging and rewarding to students.
- To provide experiences that contributes to students' positive social, emotional, intellectual and physical development.
- To assist students in developing positive insights, attitudes and pride in achievement. To emphasize the importance of developing moral and ethical values.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop a sense of responsibility for their actions.
- To assist students in learning to interact with peers and others through group involvement and participation.
- To promote better communication among students, faculty, administration, parents and community.
- To provide for special abilities, talents and needs of students by offering opportunities to participate in a nonacademic environment.
- To expose students to opportunities that could lead to possible career choices.
- To assist students in gaining leisure and social skills that encourages future participation in healthy lifelong activity choices.

CO-CURRICULAR STUDENT CONDUCT

I will not:

- *1) Use or possess tobacco or a look-alike substance.
- *2) Use or possess alcoholic beverages or a look-alike substance.
- *3) Use or possess illegal controlled substances, paraphernalia, or look-alikes.
- *4) Use or possess a weapon or look-alikes.
- *5) Conduct myself in a manner in or out of school which brings discredit to myself, my parents, the school, the team, or co-curricular activity.

VIOLATIONS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

FIRST OFFENSE: The student is not allowed to participate in the next scheduled contest/performance or will complete community service related to the offense. The student must continue to practice with the team/group.

SECOND OFFENSE: The student is not allowed to participate in any activity for the rest of the season.

THIRD OFFENSE: The student is not allowed to participate in any co-curricular activity for the following two seasons.

*Any violation of numbers 1, 2 or 3 of the students conduct code will require a mandatory session with the AODA coordinator and/or counselor.

USE AND CARE OF EQUIPMENT

The school attempts to provide quality and safe equipment. Student activity participants are expected to take excellent care of this equipment. Student activity participants will be held financially responsible for any lost or misplaced equipment. Deliberate mutilation of school property will also be charged to the student. Parents are asked to see that students return to school, any equipment not purchased by the individual.

TRAVEL

Student participants understand that the Verona Area School District is held legally responsible (liable) for all school-sponsored activities which students attend. Therefore, student participants will utilize school-provided transportation. Any exception must be arranged by prior written agreement with the activity leader, the principal, or the athletic director.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

- 1) In order to be eligible to participate, students must maintain passing grades in all classes. Any student who receives an "F" or an Incomplete is ineligible to participate from the time of grade reporting. If a student desires to continue in the activity, then s/he has a two-week period to bring up the failing grade. If the grade is then passing, the student is responsible to obtain a grade report form from the Athletic Director/Associate Principal, have their teacher fill it out, and present it to the coach/advisor.
- 2) Incompletes may be given additional consideration due to special circumstances.
- 3) Fourth quarter grades for sixth graders will carry over to the first quarter of seventh grade. Seventh grade grades for fourth quarter will carry over to the first quarter of eighth grade, and eighth grade fourth quarter grades will carry over to the first quarter of ninth grade in determining eligibility. If a student fails a fourth quarter course or courses, s/he may regain eligibility by passing summer school.
- 4) Transfer students' eligibility will be determined by their most recent grade reports.

RULES OF CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

Any student who wishes to take part in any interscholastic athletic program must:

- 1) Complete the WIAA physical examination and a health form, pay the \$50.00 activity fee, and have the Co-curricular Code Consent form signed by parent(s)/guardian. The student may be asked to sign the Student Activities Code of Conduct form.
- 2) Adhere to all school regulations regarding eligibility.
- 3) Students must be in attendance for one-half of the school day to participate in that day's activity. Permission may be granted for extenuating circumstances. Students suspended are not eligible to participate the day(s) of the suspension.
- 4) Student is to be suspended or expelled from a student activity for code violation(s), the coach/advisor and associate principal will inform the parents of the reason(s) for the dismissal by phone and in writing. Upon notice of suspension or expulsion the student may appeal the decision to the associate principal within five school days.

During a season, a student may quit one activity and join another activity, provided the current and new coach/advisor approve the student joining the new team/group.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS: LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

Within the district's athletic programs, specific levels of participation exist. These levels and their underlying components are described below:

- At the elementary school level, all interested students are able to participate and perform.
- At the middle school level, all interested students are encouraged to participate, and some performance time is assured. Participation is emphasized, winning is not the sole objective.
- At the freshman level, coaches/advisors encourage students to participate and coaches/advisors select performers depending upon the situation. Student involvement at this level develops personal athletic growth. Broad based participation is necessary in order to foster program development. At this level, student athletes should expect to experience varied performance time.
- At the junior varsity level, coaches/advisors encourage participation from the entire group. Coaches/advisors select performers depending upon various situations and criteria. Student athletes should expect to experience varied performance time. Success is a desirable outcome.
- At the varsity level, coaches/advisors may select the participants based on athletic ability, previous contributions to the sport, potential for contribution and/or attitude. Participation is determined by the coach depending upon various situations and criteria. Success is a desirable outcome at the varsity level.
- Decisions made by coaches/advisors regarding student participation may be influenced by budget constraints, facility limitations, available personnel, as well as numbers of eligible participants.
- At all levels of high school competition there is an optional selection process at the discretion of the head varsity coach.

Procedure to follow if you have a concern in your athlete's sport:

Step 1. Talk to the coach/advisor at appropriate time.

Step 2. Talk to athletic director/associate principal.

Step 3. Talk to principal.

When is an appropriate time?

*after practice

*before practice

*by appointment, please call to arrange this.

Never approach a coach/advisor during the game. At that time the coach/advisor and athletes need to stay positively focused on the game, and intervention could be upsetting to the athlete, coach/advisor or parent.