

DATE: _____ EXTRA-CURRICULAR NAME: _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ADVISOR NAME: _____

ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

EXTRA-CURRICULAR REGULATIONS: CODE OF ETHICS

A code of ethics is a set of ethical principles and standards designed to guide a group of people in taking acceptable and approved actions. The following code of ethics is set forth for Athens Area Activity Advisors and Administration.

- I. **ADVISORS:** An Advisor in Athens Area school district must:
- A. Understand the purpose of extra-curricular activities is to promote the physical, mental, moral, and social well-being of the students.
 - B. Set an example of good conduct for activity members, students and the general public by:
 1. Acting in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.
 2. Avoiding the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or profane language while supervising any team.
 3. Maintain complete control of activity members at all meetings and competitions.
 - C. Make certain that all rules including dress codes are explained to activity members prior to the first meeting.
 - D. Respect the decisions of judges and remain undemonstrative in accepting these decisions.
 - E. Be courteous to visiting teams and advisors.
 - F. Achieve a thorough knowledge and understanding of the rules (and the spirit of the rules) of the competitions.
 - G. Be responsible for the supervision of activity members at meetings, competitions, on the bus, and for any other arrangements related to sign-outs for transit.
 - H. If for any reason activity members are to leave the building, supervision must be provided (advisor and staff) for dismissal and transit.
 - I. Serve as the acting authority for the school system at away events in the absence of the principal.
 - J. All volunteer coaches/advisors must be approved by the Board of Directors each year and submit required clearances to the District Office before working with students.
- II. **ACTIVITY MEMBERS:** Activity members in the Athens School District must comply with the following regulations:
- A. The use of drugs and alcohol is strictly forbidden. Violators, who admit guilt, plead guilty or accept ARD, will be dismissed from the activity for a minimum of 8 calendar weeks. Use or possession of tobacco products by an athlete results in penalties listed in the tobacco policy adopted by school board.
 - B. Language shall be free from profanity.

- C. At no time shall activity members show any discourtesy to a judge, a member of an opposing team, or a spectator.
- D. Activity members must refrain from being involved in acts of vandalism or theft. Members guilty of such acts will be responsible for financial restitution and will be suspended from meetings and competition for 10 school days.
- E. Activity members must inform the advisor ahead of time and receive his/her permission to be absent from a meeting or competition.
- F. Activity members who are late to school or absent on the day of a meeting or competition will not be permitted to attend that day. Any exceptions to this rule must be granted by the principal.
- G. Activity members must attend a full day of school following an event. If a member is absent for all or part of a day following an event, a written legal excuse must be provided. A courtesy phone call to the principal is requested. The principal, in consultation with the advisor, reserves the right to not allow an activity member to compete in the next scheduled event if absenteeism is determined to be unacceptable or chronic.
- H. All activity members will be required to go to away competitions on transportation provided by the school district. The member's parent or guardian may request (in writing) that the advisor allow the member to return home with him/her. Activity members not returning home with a parent/guardian must use school transportation. Any other additional dismissal and/or transportation arrangements must be discussed by the member, parent, advisor, principal, and approved in advance. Such agreements must consist of the proper forms and, ultimately, permission from the building principal.
- I. If an activity member is ineligible because of academics or for any reason, he/she may attend meetings during that time. Accompanying the team to a scheduled event and remaining with the team during the event shall be at the discretion of the advisor and with permission from the building principal. Such a decision will also be based on the time of dismissal for the event and whether or not it interferes with academics of the school day. Under no circumstances shall the member be permitted to compete in any scheduled event during the period for which he/she is ineligible.
- J. An activity member absent from school 20 or more days during a semester is ineligible to participate in the activity until he/she has been in attendance 45 days following the 20th absence. Attendance at summer school does not count toward the 45 days required.
- K. Criteria for Eligibility
 1. The student must be passing both the cumulative marking period grade and the cumulative course grade. Grades will be checked on a weekly basis.
 2. In order to be eligible for extra-curricular activities, the student must be passing at least four full-credit subjects or the equivalent. Subject calculation shall be based on the subjects the student is actively taking at the time eligibility is determined.
 3. In cases where the student's cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period does not as of any Friday meet the standards provided in this section,

- he/she shall be ineligible from the immediately following Sunday through Saturday.
4. If these requirements are not met by the end of the marking period, the student becomes ineligible for the next fifteen (15) days, beginning on the first school day after report cards are issued.
 5. Extra-curricular eligibility shall be determined by the student's final grades and credits in his/her subjects rather than the last marking period. A student attending summer school who corrects his/her deficiencies shall be eligible for fall activities.
 6. The student must demonstrate good attendance. Unexcused absences or cutting of any classes will not be permitted.
 7. The student must demonstrate good citizenship based on attitude, behavior, and decision-making.

***** Administration and Enforcement**

The activity staff, guidance counselors and high school principals shall be responsible for administering and enforcing these regulations. Should any issue arise requiring investigation, a committee consisting of the principal, assistant principal, advisor involved, and one non-involved teacher shall investigate and recommend a course of action.

TITLE IX

Athens Area Secondary Schools are in compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which require that:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

A copy of the Athens Area policies will be posted on the school district website and available in written form upon request.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

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