

Co-Curricular Code of Conduct

Developing a co-curricular code of conduct, such as with any code of conduct, must pre-suppose an intrinsic code of honor. Because participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right, we have an expectation that a code of honor is inherent in all clubs, on all teams, in any activity. The following Co-Curricular Code of Conduct relies on honorable behavior at all times, in all places, with all people. Anything less will result in the loss of the privilege to participate in a co-curricular activity.

Policy

Since participation in Co-Curricular activities is a privilege and students are representatives of the LaFayette School District, student members are held to higher behavioral expectations. These expectations are in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All students must adhere to the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct beginning the first day of school or the first day of participation if the activity begins prior to the start of the school year. Students are not allowed to participate until all appropriate paperwork is completed and turned in to the respective coach/advisor of the group.

Penalty for breaking the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct

First violation:

Student found in violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct will be immediately removed from participation in all co-curricular activities they are participating in at the current time. The removal will last 10 weeks from the time of the dismissal. At the midpoint of the suspension the student will have the option to petition the review committee to possibly have the suspension lessened.

Second violation (within the same academic year):

Students found in violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct will be immediately removed from participation in all Co-Curricular activities for 6 months from the time of the incident with no opportunity for review.

“Honesty is the best policy. If I lose my honor, I lose myself.” Shakespeare

Behavioral Expectations

Infractions that will result in administration of the aforementioned penalty include, but are not limited to: Class I & II Infractions as per LaFayette Junior-Senior High School Code of Conduct

- Possession of a dangerous weapon
- Possession/distribution/consumption or facilitation of use of drugs or alcohol
- Assault
- Arson
- Bomb Threats
- Theft
- Cybercrime

Review committee

The review committee will consist of:

- 1 Teacher/Advisor
- 1 Administrator
- 1 Athletic Director
- 1 Teacher/Coach
- 1 Guidance counselor

Option

At the time of the review, student may be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other chosen advocate

Name _____

Date _____

Violation _____

It has been determined by administration that your conduct on _____ was in violation of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct.

As per the policy, we are revoking your privilege to participate in any co-curricular activity (listed below) for a ten week period commencing on _____ and concluding on _____.

A review committee will be available to you at the end of the first five weeks (date: _____).

- If you would like the committee to consider a reduction at the 5 week point, you must submit a plan within 5 days of the date of this letter. Your petition for suspension reduction must include a documentation of community service and/or counseling. Suggestions and stipulations for this plan are attached.
- *There is no guarantee that the committee will reduce the suspension period.*
- If you would like to meet with the review committee after the first 5 weeks (not before), please indicate your intent by detaching and submitting the form attached by _____.
- If you do not meet with the review committee your suspension will remain at the full 10 weeks concluding on _____.

Co-Curricular Activities Subject to the Code of Conduct

All sports – Modified, JV, Varsity and Cheerleading
Class Cabinets, Class Offices – Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Student Council
School Newspaper
Science Olympiad
Drama Club
Yearbook
Math League
Teen Institute
Mock Trial
ECOS
International Clubs
Stage Band/Jazz Band
Vocal Ensemble
Outdoor Ed Club
Chess Club
Drug Quiz Team
Native American Club
Prom Court
Homecoming Court

**In addition, the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society are National organizations with Codes of Conduct that the organization must implement.

Options for Penalty Reduction at 5 Weeks

1. Any documented (director/supervisor must attest to hours) voluntary community service from a recognized non-profit organization such as United Way agencies. (mandated 20 hours);
 - Church related
 - Soup kitchen
 - Salvation Army
 - SPCA
 - Hospital Volunteer
 - Apple Festival
 - Community gardens (garlic farm)
 - Senior citizens
 - Vera House
 - School service (after school hours only)
 - Other volunteer activities will be considered

2. Counseling is recommended in addition to the 20 hours of community service.

Any plan must be pre-approved by a review committee and must be submitted within 5 days of date of this letter.

Name _____ Date _____

I respectfully request a meeting with the Review Committee to consider a reduction of my suspension.

Co-Curricular Activity/ Activities _____

Signed _____

*****This request must be submitted within 5 days of date of this letter.**

For office use only

Date received _____

Administrator signature _____