

ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT

PURPOSE / PROCEDURE

Statement of Purpose

Student activities are separate from the regular school program. While the regular curricular program is a right afforded to each student, participation in the student activities program is a **privilege** for students who wish to participate and who comply with the rules and regulations established for the respective activities; and, as such, carries certain expectations beyond those found in the normal school situation.

The important goals of the activities program are to give students direction in developing healthful living habits, self-discipline, leadership, teamwork, and respect for rules and regulations. It is important that student activities participants recognize their responsibilities as role models, both at school and in the community. We believe that our activities provide an opportunity for our adult coaches and sponsors to teach many valuable lessons and skills, and this is an opportunity for student growth in many areas.

This Activity Code is designed to state expectations and help influence positive behavior of those students representing District 228 Schools. Students who participate in activities are ambassadors of the school and the community; therefore when they choose to participate in an activity, the expectations of the students will be higher, both while in school and out of school on a year-round basis.

The Geneseo Community Unit School District takes a strong stance against the use of illegal drugs and alcohol. The school district encourages students to not place themselves in a situation where illegal alcohol and drug use is taking place.

Activity Code violations will be acted upon based on information received from one or more of the following:

1. Law Enforcement report,
2. Staff member is an eyewitness to infraction.
3. Student or his/her parent or guardian reports infraction

Categories of Activities, which are Subject to the Activity Code

1. All IHSA sponsored athletic competitions and those affiliated with IHSA events.
 - a) Baseball
 - b) Basketball
 - c) Cross Country
 - d) Football
 - e) Golf
 - f) Gymnastics
 - g) Softball
 - h) Soccer
 - i) Swimming
 - j) Tennis
 - k) Track
 - l) Volleyball
 - m) Wrestling
 - n) Cheerleading (all)
 - o.) Maplettes (Pom Poms)
 - p.) Other approved athletic activities
2. Other student competitions sanctioned by IHSA and IMEA and all other "performance-based" activities
 - a) IHSA Speech, Drama, and Individual Events
 - b) FFA
 - c) Scholastic Bowl
 - d) Other approved activities – for which no course credit is given.
3. Student activities, which are noncompetitive, extra-curricular public performances, and all other student activities (*national charters may require more stringent consequences). Here are some examples, but not an all-inclusive list.
 - a. Class Officers
 - b. Key Club
 - c. Link Crew
 - d. Mathletes
 - e. Music – for which no course credit is given such as: Jazz Band, Jazz Choir, etc.
 - f. Music Trips and Tours
 - g. National Honor Society*
 - h. National Technical Honor Society*
 - i. Theater Productions
 - j. Yearbook
 - k. Student Council
 - l. Other approved activities & clubs

Each student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to sign an acknowledgment of their receipt of the Activity Code before the student will be allowed to participate.

The school's action shall be independent from arrest, charge or indictment, trial, conviction, or acquittal in the criminal or juvenile courts. There is no statute of limitations applicable to violations of the Activity Code.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Students who **possess, consume, transport, sell, or deliver actual or look-alike alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia, tobacco products, smoking materials (rolling papers, etc.),** either in school or out of school, will face the consequences explained in this Activity Code of Conduct.

FIRST OFFENSE:

1. Student shall be removed from participation at games for one-third (33%) of the season or one-third of the year if that is applicable to the activity.
 - a. If the student is not currently involved in any of these applicable activities, this one-third (33%) suspension will be carried over to the next applicable activity in which he/she participates.
2. Can travel and practice with the team at the coaches' discretion. However, the student is not allowed to dress for competitions during the time of the suspension. If the team is to leave for a competition prior to the dismissal of the school day, the student may not leave early to travel with the team.
3. If said student does not satisfy all of the consequences listed for the extracurricular activity portion of the Activity Code of Conduct, the unsatisfied portion will be carried forward for one year from the anniversary date of the incident to the next activity in which the student is a participant. If one year passes, and the student does not participate in any extra-curricular activities, the Activity Code of Conduct requirements will have been fulfilled.

SECOND OFFENSE:

1. Student shall be removed from participation at games for two-thirds (66%) of the season or two-thirds of the year if that is applicable to the activity.
 - a. If the student is not currently involved in any of these applicable activities, this two-thirds (66%) suspension will be carried over to the next applicable activity in which he/she participates.
2. Can travel and practice with the team at the coaches' discretion. However, the student is not allowed to dress for competitions during the time of the suspension. If the team is to leave for a competition prior to the dismissal of the school day, the student may not leave early to travel with the team.
3. If said student does not satisfy all of the consequences listed for the extracurricular activity portion of the Activity Code of Conduct, the unsatisfied portion will be carried forward for one year from the anniversary date of the incident to the next activity in which the student is a participant. If one year passes, and the student does not participate in any extra-curricular activities, the Activity Code of Conduct requirements will have been fulfilled.

THIRD OFFENSE AND EACH AND ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES:

FOR FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, AND JUNIORS

1. Cannot practice or travel with the team/organization during the time of the suspension.
2. Suspension from **ALL** extracurricular activities for 12 calendar months.

For SENIORS

1. Loss of privilege to participate in extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's high school career.

POLICY FOR SUSPENSION

A student who receives an out-of-school suspension or long Saturday detention for disciplinary rules violation will not be allowed to compete in any extracurricular activities or participate in any practices during the time of the out-of-school suspension or on the day of a long Saturday detention. If the out-of-school suspension carries over a weekend, the student may not participate in extracurricular activities over that weekend.

VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL LAWS

Additional participation penalties for criminal laws will be determined by a committee consisting of school administrator(s), the athletic director, and three coaches/sponsors not working with the student at the time of the infraction.