

NORTH MAHASKA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities Associated with Athletics
Cheerleading, Music, Drama, FFA, Student Council, Speech, Dance
C.E.R.T., Sports Medicine Program, Archery, and Shooting Sports

General Statements

Revised: April 2018

1. Extra-curricular activity participation is a student privilege, not a right. Appropriate student conduct for participants in these activities is expected at all times both on the school grounds and also away from school.
2. Extra-curricular activities shall be defined as: All school sponsored and/or school approved activities including but not limited to: organizations associated with Athletics, Athletic programs, Intramural Sports and Cheerleaders, Music Activities, Drama, FFA, Student Council, Speech, Dance, C.E.R.T., Sports Medicine Program, Archery, and Shooting Sports.
3. This policy applies to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at a school sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or in any place interferes with or obstructs the missions or operations of the school district or the safety or the welfare of students, employees, or visitors. This policy shall apply twelve (12) months of the year.
4. The sponsor of an extra-curricular activity and/or principal may declare ineligible a student whose conduct is contrary to and/or in violation of the established rules and regulations as set out herein. A student who is found to be in violation of the established rules and regulations may continue to participate in any and all practice sessions. The student will be expected to attend any games, contests, or activities as a member of the team, club, or school group unless otherwise directed by the coach or sponsor. All students participating in extra-curricular activities are bound by this code of conduct. A copy can be obtained from the office. A statement acknowledging having read and agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations of the code of conduct, signed by both the student and parent or guardian, must be on file in the principal's office or the athletic director's office before a student can be allowed to represent the school in any contest, game, performance, or activity.
5. Any student who is observed by a staff member or law enforcement official or is found by a preponderance of the evidence, or admits to violating the rules as set forth in the code of conduct will be suspended or ineligible for all extra-curricular activities as stated in the code of conduct.
6. Once a student completes 8th Grade, they start the good conduct sequence again, unless the board deems otherwise.
7. If a student is involved in activities which are detrimental to their health or well-being, we encourage them to share their issues with school district staff members. The well-being of students is a top priority in our district.

RULES

1. Consumption, use, or possession of amphetamines, depressants, cocaine, or any other drug or substance. This shall also include consumption, use or possession of marijuana or any other illegal drug and all “look alike” substances.
2. Possession, handling, or transmission of weapons or dangerous instruments or any object that could be considered a dangerous weapon while on school property, while attending school sponsored activities, or on trip(s) to and from school activities, except as allowed for archery and shooting sports and approved by the administration.
3. Consumption, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages. Furthermore, any student who is under the influence of alcohol, or alcohol is detected on his/her breath or clothing, will be subject to disciplinary action. Also, any student who is on the premises where any of the substances listed in rules numbered 1 and/or 3 are available for use or consumption by minors, will be subject to disciplinary action. Also prohibited is the use or possession of “look alike” substances that appear to be alcohol or controlled substances by the student on school property or at any activities sponsored by the school on or off school property.
4. Consumption, use, or possession of any form of tobacco. This includes snuff, dip, chewing tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, E-cigarettes, Vapor other tobacco imitations or “look alike” substances.
5. Criminal conviction or admission of any offense which constitutes a serious misdemeanor, aggravated misdemeanor, or felony. Conviction or admission of a simple misdemeanor if it involves an offense of violence.
6. Damage, destruction, or theft of school property and/or real or personal property of employees, students, or visitors of the school and/or while the guest of an opposing school.
7. Repeated failure to attend school without reasonable and acceptable excuses or repeated failure to make up detentions.
8. Any behavior which is not representative of the school district’s values as set forth in board policy 503.4 and negatively reflects upon the view others have of our district, could invoke Code of Conduct penalties. This will be handled case by case.

NOTE: The sponsor of the extra-curricular activity may establish and make known rules of conduct and regulations in addition to those above for the students participating in the activity. Those rules of conduct shall be approved by the building principal or his/her designee, shall be in writing, and shall be given to each student in the particular activity prior to their membership or involvement with the activity. If necessary, additional rules of conduct may be established and made during the school year following the same procedure.

PENALTIES: Violations of school rules, as set forth above, or extra-curricular activities can result in a student being suspended or ineligible from the activity(ies).

- A. Violation of rule(s) number 1 and/or 2 shall result in the student being immediately ineligible for the remainder of the current season and tournament season and will also be ineligible for the entire season of the next activity in which the student participates, for the first offense. For the second offense, ineligibility will be for a minimum of one year and permanently if the Board of Education determines that the same is appropriate.
- B. Violation of rules numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will result in the student being ineligible for the stated number of events. The student must serve both the athletic suspension (I-XIII) and the non-athletic suspension (XIV-XIX). Special exemptions may be given by the principal for XI-XIV under extenuating circumstances. Example: Events are defined as all activity for the event until they are completed. (County Fair 1 event, any tournaments 1 event, etc.

HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITY	1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE
I. Football	2	6
II. Cross Country	2	6
III. Volleyball	3	10
IV. Basketball	4	12
V. Wrestling	3	10
VI. Track	2	6
VII. Golf	2	6
VIII. Baseball	6	18
IX. Softball	6	18
X. Cheerleading	Same number of games as the activity for which they are cheering	
XI. Shooting Sports	1	4
XII. Dance	2	6
XIII. Sports Medicine Program	Same number of games as the activity for which they are working	
XIV. Student Council	1	2
XV. C.E.R.T.	1	3
XVI. Speech	1	2
XVII. Jazz Band	1	3
XVIII. FFA and National Honor Society	will set up their own discipline	
Play: 15 hours of Community Service		

When you participate in multiple sports or activities, the penalty applies to EACH sport or activity you are in.

- C For the third violation of rules numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 the student will be declared ineligible for a minimum of one calendar year from the date of the third violation and permanently if the Board of Education determines that the same is appropriate.
NOTICE: These rules shall apply irrespective of the geographic location of the violation.
- D. Violation of rule number 8 may result in student being suspended the same as for violations in paragraph B or if the principal determines that such a penalty is too severe, a lesser penalty may be imposed.
- E. A student with a fourth violation of any rules during the 9th-12th grade years could, and probably would, be suspended for the remainder of the high school eligibility.

2. These rules shall apply to all extra-curricular activities in which the student participates. If the student is not participating in any activity, then the suspension shall apply to the first extra-curricular activity in which the individual participates. A student must start the extra-curricular activity from the very beginning and will not be allowed to join another extra-curricular activity in progress. A suspension may be carried into the next activity in which a student participates when the current season ends and the suspension guidelines have not been fulfilled.
3. A student that violates any rule (1-8) must complete community service work before they can regain their eligibility. There would be a three-hour minimum and a six-hour maximum for the first offense. For a second offense, the minimum would be six hours, and the maximum would be twelve hours. The amount of community service time would be determined by the North Mahaska Student Assistance Team. All community service activities must be approved by this team in advance of the start of the community service work.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is not required that a student be guilty under the criminal law system. The standard applied shall be if a reasonable person could conclude a violation has occurred. The student and/or their parents or guardians have the right to appeal when a student is judged to have violated this good conduct policy. The appeal process would be originated with the building principal.

JH CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION RULES

- A. Violation of rule(s) number 1 and/or 2 shall result in the student being immediately ineligible for the remainder of the current season and tournament season and will also be ineligible for the entire season of the next activity in which the student participates, for the first offense. For the second offense, ineligibility will be for a minimum of one year and permanently if the Board of Education determines that the same is appropriate.
- B. Violation of rules numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 will result in the student being ineligible for the stated number of events. The student must serve both the athletic suspension (I-IX) and the non-athletic suspension (X-XV). Special exemptions may be given by the principal for XI-XIV under extenuating circumstances. Events are defined as all activities for the event until completed. (Example: County Fair/ State Fair is 1 event, volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, etc., tournaments are 1 event)

Activity	1st Offense	2nd Offense
I. Football	1	4
II. Cross Country	1	4
III. Volleyball	2	6
IV. Basketball	2	8
V. Wrestling	2	6
VI. Track	1	4
VII. Baseball	2	8
VIII. Softball	2	8
IX. Shooting Sports/Archery	1	4
X. Dance	2	6
XI. Jazz Band	1	3
XII. Cheerleading	Same number of games as the activity for which they are cheering.	
XIII. FFA Students	Will follow FFA student rules. If any student is in violation before state or national conventions, they will not be eligible to participate	
XIV. If any student on the student council or a class officer is in violation, they will forfeit their office for the remainder of the year.		
XV. If any student in a play or musical is in violation, they will serve 15 hours of school approved community service.		

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HEADS UP: CONCUSSION IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

IMPORTANT: Students participating in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and dance, and their parents/guardians; must sign the acknowledgement below and return it to their school. Students cannot practice or compete in those activities until this form is signed and returned.

We have received the information provided on the concussion fact sheet titled, "HEADS UP": Concussion in High School Sports."

Student's Signature Date

Student's Printed Name

Parent's/Guardian's Signature Date

Student's School

Code of Conduct

I. I have been given a copy of the Code of Conduct for extra-curricular activities. My parent/guardian has read the code. We understand the rules and the disciplinary measures and procedures.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent /Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

II. Insurance Coverage

Every student participating in athletics, including cheerleading, must have insurance coverage.

_____ is covered with insurance for athletic injuries with
Name of Student

Name of Insurance Company

Policy Number

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This section to be filled out only by those participating in football.

PARENTS/PARTICIPANTS - Read the following paragraphs before signing at the bottom of this page.

DO NOT USE your helmet to butt, ram, or spear an opposing player. This is a violation of football rules and can result in severe head, brain, and neck injury, paralysis, or death to you and possible injury to your opponent. There is a **RISK** these injuries may also occur as a result of accidental contact without intent to butt, ram or spear, **NO** helmet can prevent all such injuries.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Permission Form to Ride Home with Someone Other Than The Participant's Parents

North Mahaska students attending school-sponsored events away from school are required to ride the transportation provided by the district to the event and back to the high school. There are some exceptions to the rule:

1. Students may ride home from the event with a parent/guardian providing the parent/guardian signs the approved form in the presence of the sponsor.
2. Students may be excused from riding to an event in school provided transportation in special circumstances only by the principal/superintendent. For example: occasionally a student participates in 2 different school events on the same day. The school will make every effort to transport the student(s) using school transportation the student(s) to the second event. If school transportation cannot be arranged, parents may be given permission to transport their child.
3. Parents may designate the sign out authority to grandparents, another participant's parents or grandparents. This sign out authority can only be granted to parents and grandparents. It cannot be granted to siblings, friends, etc.

Parents may designate those parents or grandparents who may sign out their child at away events by completing the form below. This form must be returned to the principal's office before anyone other than a parent can sign out a child. This authorization will be in effect for the current school year. Parents may change those who are authorized to sign out their child by coming into the school office. If this form is not returned, then only parents will be allowed to sign out their child.

Student Name: _____

As a parent of the above named North Mahaska student, I give my permission for the people listed below to sign out my child from riding home on the school provided transportation. The persons listed are the child's grandparents or another participant's parents or grandparents. This authorization will last throughout the 2011-2012 school year including softball and baseball. A parent must come into the high school office to implement any changes in names on this form. The following people have my permission to sign out my child: **(Only four (4) names may be listed.**

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

REVISIONS FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Mere Presence Rule: There are times when students find themselves in an environment where minors are consuming prohibited substances. It is up to the individual to leave the event. The student must call a parent or an adult within 15 minutes of arriving to come and get them. The student must try to stay away from the illegal activity while waiting for a ride. If law enforcement arrives at the party and they have no alcohol in their system we will check their cell phones to see when and if they called to leave the event. If they are there and have made no attempt to call and leave, they will be considered in violation of the code of conduct and will be punished accordingly.

The penalties will be enforced for all activities.

FFA and National Honor Society have their own rules and regulations. These 2 groups will self discipline.

FFA students will follow student rules. If any student is in violation before state or national conventions, they will not be eligible to participate.

All School Play/Musical

For this activity any violation will result in 15 hours of community service. The play season begins when official rehearsals begin.

This penalty does not absolve the student from activities side of the code. It will be followed according to how it is written with penalties for the in season activity.

Added to the rules part:

Any behavior or action not specifically mentioned above and the administration feels is in violation of the code will be handled on a case by case situation.

