

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR
CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I. Code of Conduct

Student participation in any extra-curricular activity is a privilege, which may be revoked or suspended when established rules or regulations are violated. Extra-curricular activities are defined as any school-sponsored activity held outside of the regular school day which do not receive grades or credit towards graduation. Students who desire to participate in extra-curricular activities are expected to properly conduct themselves at all times. The Code of Conduct shall apply throughout the in-season, both to and from school-sponsored activities. The in-season is defined as the time period from the first mandatory practice until the last scheduled event for that activity.

Every athletic program has their own set of standards and expectations that govern the rules and regulations of that particular sport. All student athletes are held accountable, first and foremost, by the schools' Student Handbook and then by each sport specific rules.

1. All team rules and other regulations adopted by the coach or advisor of an activity shall be followed, provided that the rules are:
 - a) Approved by the appropriate administrator prior to the start of the season.
 - b) Provided to the participant by a written handout or digital format prior to the season or by the end of the first week of mandatory practice.
 - c) Agreed upon by the participant and parent(s)/guardian(s) upon receipt of the rules. A copy of the rules and regulations must be signed by the participant and parent(s)/guardian(s) and on file with the appropriate coach or advisor.

Rule infractions are initially dealt with by the head coach and the coaching staff. If a problem still exists, or if needed, the coach may consult with the athletic director and/or a principal to determine appropriate consequences. Parents/guardians should be informed through the head coach as to any action taken that is beyond losing playing time or "benching" the athlete. Coaches reserve the right to communicate with parents regarding any situation that may be of concern for either the student's individual safety or any situations that may have an impact on the team.

The following conduct shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension and potential expulsion from practices, participation in interscholastic competition, and participation in other extra-curricular activities.

1. Use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes.
2. Willingly causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to school property, stealing or attempting to steal private, school or visiting school property.
3. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to a school employee or to any students. Physical injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken in the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation.
4. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of, or with the intent of, obtaining money or anything of value from such student.
5. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transporting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon.
6. Using, possessing, selling, delivering, and/or consuming of smoking tobacco, smokeless tobacco, personal vaporizers or electronic delivery systems, narcotics, dangerous drugs, marijuana, alcoholic beverages, or drug paraphernalia including vaping; the use of anabolic and/or non-anabolic steroids.
7. Continual abusive language, obscene gestures, or willful indecent exposure.
8. Engaging in hazing, threats, bullying, or intimidation.
9. Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purpose.

In the case of an alleged infraction of the rules and regulations (which may occur in or out of practice/game time), the participant may be expelled from participation and practice in the interscholastic program. In these cases, the **DUE PROCESS** procedure will be as follows:

1. **Investigation:** If an alleged infraction occurs, the coach shall make an investigation of the alleged conduct or violation, determine if a suspension is necessary, and notify the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will notify the grade-level Principal.
2. **Meeting:** If, after the completion of the investigation, a determination is made that a violation of the Code of Conduct (# 1 through 9) has occurred, the athletic director, together with the coach, advisor, and principal shall conduct a meeting with the student and the student's parents/guardians, at which time the student will be afforded the opportunity due process.
3. **Suspension/Expulsion:** If, at the conclusion of the aforementioned meeting, a determination is made that disciplinary action is required, the athletic director and principal may suspend or expel the student from further participation in any extra-curricular activity. A letter will be sent to the parents/guardians of the students after a final determination has been reached.

A. School-based punishment for violation of drug and alcohol policy:

- 1) Suspension from school- 10 days
- 2) Mandatory SAP assessment
- 3) Police involvement

B. Extra-curricular consequences

- 1) 1st offense: five (5) additional days of suspension from extracurricular participation in games or contests. Students may practice or rehearse during these five additional days
 - 2) 2nd offense: suspension from attending and participating in all extra-curricular activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the offense
 - 3) 3rd offense: permanent suspension from attending and participating in all extra-curricular activities throughout high school
4. **Appeal:** If a participant, the parent or guardian is not satisfied with the determination of the above hearing, another hearing may be requested before the Superintendent of Schools. The hearing must be requested in writing, which must be delivered to the Superintendent within five school days of receiving notice of the suspension or expulsion.
5. Students expelled from any extra-curricular activity shall not receive any school awards or recognition, for that activity.

II. SCHOLARSHIP - HIGH SCHOOL

SECTION I

To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, students must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full time curriculum. Where required, this curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by, and conform to, the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well as any local policies established by the local school board. Students must be passing at least **five** major subjects. In addition, students who are carrying two (2) minor subjects must be passing at least one of these subjects. The minor subjects are physical education, health & family living, senior health, and safety education. All other subjects are classified as major subjects. It is our intent to keep students eligible by helping them stay on track with graduation requirements.

Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period, and shall be reported on a weekly basis. Athletic eligibility is checked every Friday. Students who are not passing five (5) major subjects, and/or who are failing more than one minor subject, shall be ineligible from the following Sunday through Saturday.

SECTION II

In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics, students must have passed at least five full credit subjects, or the equivalent, during the previous grading period.

Back work may be made up, providing it is in accordance with the regular rules of the school.

SECTION III

In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the standards provided for in Section II of the PIAA regulations, said student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for fifteen (15) school days of the next grading period, beginning on the first day report cards are issued, except as provided in Section V of the PIAA regulations (addressing exceptions to this provision).

The first day of a new marking period student-athletes will have ten (10) days to achieve passing grades. If on the Friday following the 10th day, the athletic director checks the student grades and any students are not meeting the eligibility criteria stated in Section I, then students are ineligible to participate for five (5) school days (Sunday through Saturday) and the weekly checks start again.

SECTION IV New Pupils Must Meet Eligibility Requirements on Curriculum

Students, who are enrolled for the first time, must comply with the curriculum requirements. The standards required for the preceding week, the preceding grading period or the preceding year shall be obtained from the records of the last school which the students attended.

SECTION V Use of Final Credits at End of School Year

At the end of the school year, the student's final credits in his/her subjects rather than his/her grades for the last grading period shall be used to determine his/her eligibility for the beginning of the new school year.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

NOTE 1: Students who are absent from school or who report to school after 10:30 AM high school, 10:15 AM middle school, will not be allowed to participate or practice for an activity on that day unless special permission is granted by the building principal (applies to all activities).

NOTE 2: Eligibility standards will be explained to students who participate in extracurricular activities by the coaches or advisors involved.

Eligibility Requirements for Athletes

All students participating in interscholastic sports and extracurricular activities must meet the following academic requirements.

1. To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition, students must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full time curriculum (minimum: 5 major credits, 28 periods/week). Where required, this curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by, and conform to, the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well as any local policies established by the school board.

Students must be passing **five** major subjects. Two minor subjects shall be considered the equivalent of one major subject. The minor subjects are physical education, health & family living, senior health, and safety education (all other subjects are classified as major subjects). It is the intent of these standards to keep students eligible by helping them stay on track with graduation requirements.

2. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a marking period, and shall be reported on a weekly basis. Athletic eligibility is checked every Friday. Students who are not passing at least five (5) major subjects shall be ineligible from the ensuing Sunday through Saturday.
3. In cases where a student's work in any preceding marking period does not meet the standards provided for in Section II of the PA School Code, "said student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for fifteen (15) school days of the next marking period, beginning on the first day report cards are issued."
4. The first eligibility check of the school year shall occur on the first Friday after Labor Day. The first eligibility checks of the second, third, and fourth marking periods shall occur on the first Friday after (or on) the day report cards have been issued.
5. Students, who are newly enrolled, must comply with the stated curricular and eligibility requirements. The standard required for the preceding week, the preceding marking period or the preceding year shall be obtained from the records of the last school that the students attended.

6. At the end of the school year, students' final credits in their subjects rather than their grades for the last marking period shall be used to determine eligibility for the beginning of the new school year.

Please note that eligibility for interscholastic athletics requires that students have passed at least five full credit subjects, or the equivalent, at the end of the previous school year.

Note: Academically Ineligible Student-Athletes

1. Students who do not meet eligibility requirements weekly will be declared ineligible from the following Sunday through Saturday.
2. Coaches have the discretion as to whether ineligible students can practice during the term of ineligibility.
3. Students may not be dismissed early from school to attend any games or meets and cannot dress for competition during the period of ineligibility.
4. The SECOND time students are declared ineligible during the same season they will not be allowed to practice, but they will be required to receive extra academic help as part of the C.A.S.H. program or as organized by the coaches, parents/guardians, and teacher(s).
5. The THIRD time students are declared ineligible during the same season; they may be removed from the team.