Limestone Community High School
Co-curricular Code
2026/2027 School Year

Philosophy

Limestone Community High School considers it a privilege for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Therefore, these students must assume responsibility for their conduct on a year-round basis. The Co-curricular Code will apply to all students involved in scholastic and interscholastic competitions and performances.

Violations

The following acts will be interpreted as violations of the Co-curricular Code. (Conviction is not a prerequisite to disciplinary action.)

1. Possession and/or use of tobacco in any form
2. Possession and/or use of drugs and/or paraphernalia or look-alike drugs
3. Possession and/or use of alcohol
4. Possession and/or use of e-cigarettes, vaping devices, or related paraphernalia used with these devices
5. Any type of positive drug test result
6. Any student hosting a party where drugs and/or alcohol are illegally dispensed reported by school or law enforcement agencies
7. Incorrect use of over-the-counter drugs
8. Theft or vandalism on the school premises, on the premises of an opposing school, or on private or public
9. Presence at any student party where drugs and/or alcohol are illegally dispensed as reported by school or law enforcement agencies
10. Any behavior that is detrimental to the image or standards of the Co-curricular Code of Limestone Community High School

Penalties

Each offense is classified as a Level I, Level II, or Level III offense based on the seriousness of the particular offense. All students receiving a Level III violation will be required to attend a meeting with their parent/guardian and the school social worker before returning to competition.

Level I – minor offenses
Level II– moderate offenses
Level III – serious offenses

All offenses involving the possession and/or use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol and/or hosting a party where alcohol and/or drugs are dispensed (violations 1 - 6 listed above) are automatically Level III offenses. The level of all other offenses (violations 7 – 10 listed above) will be determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

The duration of the penalties is as follows:
Level I – Coach's Discretion
Level II – 1/8 of regular season
Level III– 1/2 of regular season

1. If fewer than the necessary regular scheduled events remain in a season to complete a suspension, the student will be suspended from all remaining events including the postseason. The suspension will be carried over to the next sport or activity season in which the student has previously participated at the high school level. If the violation occurred in the off season, the suspension will occur the next sport or activity season in which the student has previously participated at the high school level.
2. The student must be a member of the organization/squad before the first scheduled contest. If the student quits or is removed from the team after completing the suspension but before the season/activity is over, then he/she has not satisfied the suspension and the suspension will be carried over to the next activity.
3. A second Level III violation will cause the student to be suspended from all activities for a period of one year from the date of the second violation. A third or succeeding Level III violation during a student's high school career will cause the student to be suspended from all activities for the remainder of that student's high school career.
4. If a student is a member of more than one group at the time the penalty is to be served, the student will be suspended from each of the activities for the designated period of time. The student must sit his or her next activity and his or her next sport for the penalty unless a Level I or Level II offense occurred while the student was participating in, practicing for, or representing a particular activity, at which time only that activity will be affected.
5. If a student is suspended from school for infractions other than those outlined above, only the school's disciplinary code will be enforced; however, a student is not allowed to practice or compete during the length of the suspension.
6. A student arrested, charged, and proven guilty of committing a felony or is deemed an adjudicated delinquent may be dropped from all co-curricular participation for one calendar year from the date of conviction.
7. A student who violates the Co-curricular Code may receive his/her award if he/she has met the for the award.
8. The student will practice during the suspension but cannot participate in any Blue/White games/Band Preview Night. The student will be introduced with the squad but will not be able to wear any of his/her school-issued apparel. The Blue/White games/Band Preview Night will not count towards the suspension.
9. Coaches or sponsors may have rules in addition to the Co-curricular Code (provided these rules are deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and/or his/her designee). Violations of the rules established by coaches or sponsors may not exceed the penalty for a Level II offense. The coaches' or sponsors' rules will be enforced only during the season that the student participates in that activity.
10. Mid-Illini Conference members shall give full faith and credit to the decision made by another Conference member that a student of the other Conference member has violated the other Conference member's Co-Curricular Code. Accordingly, each Conference school shall not allow a student who has transferred from another Conference member to participate in any activity which the student, by reason of the student having violated the Co-Curricular Code of the other Conference member, would have been precluded from participating in had the student not transferred.
11. While under suspension, the student will be on the sideline with his/her team but will not wear any of his/her school-issued apparel. At Senior Night, the student will be honored but is not allowed to wear any of his/her school-issued apparel.
12. Co-curricular codes and academic ineligibility rulings will not be served simultaneously. If a student has been found to violate the Co-curricular code, but is academically ineligible at any time during the Co-curricular suspension, the Co-curricular violation will be temporarily ceased, and resumed when academic eligibility is reinstated.

Appeal Process

Any student who is suspended for violation of the Co-curricular Code, along with his/her parents, will be notified in writing by the Superintendent and/or his/her designee. Parents wishing to meet with the Co-curricular Review Committee to discuss the situation must notify the Athletic Director in writing within five days after receiving notice of the violation. The Co-curricular Review Committee will consist of the Superintendent or his/her designee, five head coaches and/or head sponsors. The Superintendent or his/her designee will be the chairperson. Each coach/sponsor will have one vote.

Procedure

The student and his/her parents or guardians must sign the Co-curricular Code form verifying that they have read the Co-curricular Code. Limestone students and his/her parents will sign the Co-curricular Code upon registration at Limestone Community High School. This agreement is in effect throughout the child's tenure at Limestone Community High School. This signed Co-curricular Code form is kept on file in the District Office. A student may not participate until the signed form is on file.