EXTRACURRICULAR/ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

The opportunity to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities is a privilege afforded our students by the Bethpage School District's Board of Education. With every privilege comes an inherent responsibility.

The Bethpage School District has taken great pride in the accomplishments of our well-rounded students throughout the years. However, the Bethpage School District has taken an even greater pride in the character, behavior and citizenship of the boys and girls of the Bethpage School District. It is our hope that every athlete, spectator, coach, moderator and club advisor will understand the honor it is to be called "Golden Eagle" and aspire to keep this tradition of excellence.

Participation in extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities helps lead to the development of healthy, well-adjusted individuals. Participation is demanding in terms of time and effort on the part of the students, coaches, moderators and club advisors but it should also be a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Whether the participants win or lose the emphasis should always be on sportsmanship.

Students who participate in extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities must recognize that they have an obligation to themselves, their teammates, and the school community to strive for excellence. In this regard, each student who participates in an extracurricular or athletic activity that ends in a competitive or culminating event his/her parent/guardian must sign a Code of Conduct. It is our hope that participation in extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities will assist the students in developing and exercising good judgment, citizenship, and responsibility.

Students must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and abide by all of the District's policies and regulations, including but not limited to the District's Code of Conduct, the District's Extracurricular/Athletic Code of Conduct and all applicable Federal, State and league rules and regulations. The use, possession, or sale of illicit drugs, tobacco, vaping and/or alcohol will not be tolerated. Moreover, the District strictly prohibits all forms of hazing. Any such actions must be reported immediately to a coach, advisor, athletic director, or principal, by any victim, observer, or any individual who knows or suspects that an incident of hazing has occurred. Similarly, athletic coaches, club advisors as well as event spectators must conduct themselves with decorum and must abide by the District's Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to the District's Code of Conduct, the District's Extracurricular/Athletic Code of Conduct, and all applicable Federal, State and league rules and regulations.

ELIGIBILITY

Academic Eligibility
Provisional Eligibility—1 Failure

If a student is failing one subject, he/she will be permitted to continue to practice and participate in any school sponsored activity. However, the student should take the necessary steps to achieve passing status by the next reporting period (e.g. Progress Report or Report Card). The student's responsibility is to ensure that this policy is followed. Once a student has been identified as failing (1) subject the moderator, advisor, and/or coach of the activity must take an active role in providing direction, support, and guidance to the student as to their responsibility to achieve passing status.

Academic Probation—2 or more Failures

When a student is failing two or more subjects, he/she will be placed on Academic Probation for a minimum period of three (3) weeks. To be removed from Academic Probation the student must successfully complete the Academic Support Program created by the building administration. Academic Probation is defined as: A student being able to continue to participate (i.e.: practice) in their activity BUT NOT being allowed to participate in any culminating activity (i.e. performance, competition, and/or contest) for a duration of three (3) weeks.

The district must send notice to the parents/guardians of a student who is placed on academic probation, which notice will detail this policy and the student's responsibilities. The student and his/her parent/guardian will meet with the building administration and/or Athletic Director as well as any designated appropriate support personnel (i.e.: advisor, coach, guidance counselor, etc.) regarding the student's placement on probation.

While on Academic Probation the student must:

a. Complete a weekly Progress Report signed by the teacher and building administration.

b. Write a letter of appeal to building administration.

b. Attend Extra-Help and/or Academic Center on a regular basis with documented evidence of this being given to the student's advisor(s) and/or coach.

c. Achieve academic success and achieve passing status in subject(s) that he/she is failing.

d. Demonstrate satisfactory effort in all courses.

e. Continue with the Academic Support Program, even if passing course, for the remainder of the season/activity.

If after a three (3) week period, the student has reduced his/her two (2) failures to one (1) failure he/she will be removed from Academic Probation but will be placed on Provisional Eligibility. The goal is that the student will no longer be failing any subjects.

If after a three (3) week period, the student continues to have two (2) or more failures he/she will no longer be eligible to participate in any activities until the student has achieved passing status at the next reporting period.

If failing two or more subjects again during the following season(s)/activity the student will be placed on Academic Probation for a minimum period of four weeks.

The district will take efforts to ensure that students, staff and the community, are aware of this Code.

CONFLICT WITH OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

An individual student who attempts to participate in too many activities will undoubtedly be in a position of conflict of obligations. The Bethpage School District recognizes that each student should have an opportunity for a broad range of experiences in school activities and, to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflict. The athletes and parents/guardians must realize that many time schedules cannot be changed because of league or section regulations.

Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid continuous conflicts. This would include being cautious about belonging to too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means notifying the coaches involved immediately when a conflict arises, not the day before the conflict.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

As a Bethpage student participating in an extracurricular or athletic activity I agree and promise:

- To abstain from the use, possession, or sale of illicit drugs, tobacco, vaping and/or alcohol.
- To abstain from all forms of hazing. Hazing is any form of harassment, whether physical or verbal. These actions will not be condoned, and any such actions must be reported immediately to a coach, athletic director, or principal, by any victim, observer, or any individual who knows or suspects that an incident of hazing has occurred.
- To attend every practice and contest. Student must be in attendance in school to legally participate in an event or practice.
- To maintain self-control and respect for teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators at all times.
- Students are responsible for respecting school property, the property of fellow students, the district's facilities, the facilities of other schools and public property, in general. This includes, but it is not limited to, hotel rooms, transporting vehicles, fields, courts, locker rooms, etc. The district may pursue all avenues to seek financial restitution from students and/or their parents/ guardians, with respect to any damage that they incur.
- To adhere to all District policy and regulations, including but not limited to the District's Code of Conduct and Extracurricular/Athletic Code of Conduct, and all applicable Federal, State and league rules and regulations.
- There will be no gambling of any kind.

STUDENT'S AGREEMENT

I have read this agreement, understand it, and will abide by the terms and conditions of this agreement as well as all District policies and regulations and all applicable Federal, State and league rules and regulations. Failure to abide by this agreement may result in probation, suspension or removal from the activity or team.

ACTIVITY: _____

STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

References: Policy No. 5300 — Code of Conduct
Adopted:

Students With Disabilities

The implementation of this policy must not interfere with the rights of disabled students under applicable law and/or Board of Education policies.

Additional Requirements for Eligibility for Interscholastic Athletic and Extracurricular Competition:

a) Students provide written parental/guardian consent;

b) Students pass satisfactorily the medical examination administered by the school physician; (Athletics Only)

c) Students meet the requirements for interscholastic competition as set forth by the Commissioner's Regulations and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association; (Athletics Only)

d) In order to participate in a contest on a given day that student must have been in attendance for that day. Lateness during the day will be treated according to District disciplinary rules and policy. Should lateness to school or class cutting lead to disciplinary action, the effect will be as stated in section below;

e) In the event of an absence on a school day immediately preceding a holiday or weekend on which a contest is scheduled, the student may participate in the contest scheduled for the holiday or weekend provided they first submit to the coach or advisor an approved absence note from the parent, guardian, or physician stating their recovery is sufficient to permit them to participate. Failure to provide an approved absence note will result in the student not being permitted to participate in the contest. All such absence notes will be submitted by the coach or the athletic director for transmission to the attendance office.

f) On a day during which a student is serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension, that student will not participate in the activity in any form;

g) The district discipline code will apply to students during their participation in a an extracurricular activity/program; i.e., practice/rehearsal and while representing the School District as a contestant. Any disciplinary actions taken will apply to the full program.

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of a well-balanced educational program. Therefore, the Board supports within its resources a broad extracurricular program with equal access for both males and females, with emphasis on maximum participation, through interscholastic and intramural activity.

The interscholastic athletic program must conform to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education as well as the established rules of the New York State Public High Schools Athletic Association and the State Education Department.

Athletic/Placement Process

The Board approves the use of the athletic/placement process for all secondary school interscholastic team members. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement the procedures and maintain a file of those students deemed eligible as a result of those procedures.

Student Athletic Injuries

No student should be allowed to practice or play in an athletic contest if he/she is suffering from an injury. The diagnosis of and prescription of treatment for injuries is strictly a medical matter and should under no circumstances be considered within the province of the coach. A coach's responsibility is to see that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention, and that all details of a doctor's instructions concerning the student's functioning as a team member are carried out. No student will be allowed to practice or compete if there is a question whether he/she is in adequate physical condition.

A physician's certificate is required before an athlete is permitted to return to practice or competition.

Also refer to Policy #5280.1 Concussion Policy.

Athletic Program - Safety

The district will take reasonable steps to see that physical risks to students participating in the interscholastic athletic program will be kept at a minimum by:

a) Requiring medical examinations of participants;

b) Obtaining certificated officials when available through BOCES to coach all varsity, junior varsity, and modified games.

c) Ensuring that equipment is both safe and operative within approved guidelines.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 135

Extracurricular Program - Supervision of Students

Students working on any activity must be supervised by the designated staff member in charge of the activity. This applies to all activities and permission to hold practices or meetings must not be granted unless a staff member is definitely in charge.

a) Physical education personnel in the School District will be fully responsible for the supervision of all students in their class or related after-school activities. The coaches will maintain supervision over the dressing rooms by personally being present during the dressing periods.

b) Coaches/Advisors are responsible for the supervision of participating students at the end of practice. This may entail bus duty, or making sure students have transportation home.

c) Teachers and/or assigned school personnel in the elementary and middle school grades will be responsible for the playground supervision of all the children under their jurisdiction during the recess periods and before the regular afternoon sessions. The principal will distribute the responsibility so that the playground situation will be properly controlled.

Physicians Present at Interscholastic Football Games

It is the policy of the Bethpage Union Free School District that a physician and/or qualified athletic trainer must be in attendance at all levels of interscholastic football games involving District teams at home.

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