

Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Extracurricular Code 2023-2024

EXTRA CURRICULAR CODE

This code supersedes any previous Extra Curricular Code. All students declared academically ineligible will not be allowed to attend or participate in any school activities during their period of academic ineligibility. This list includes but is not limited to:

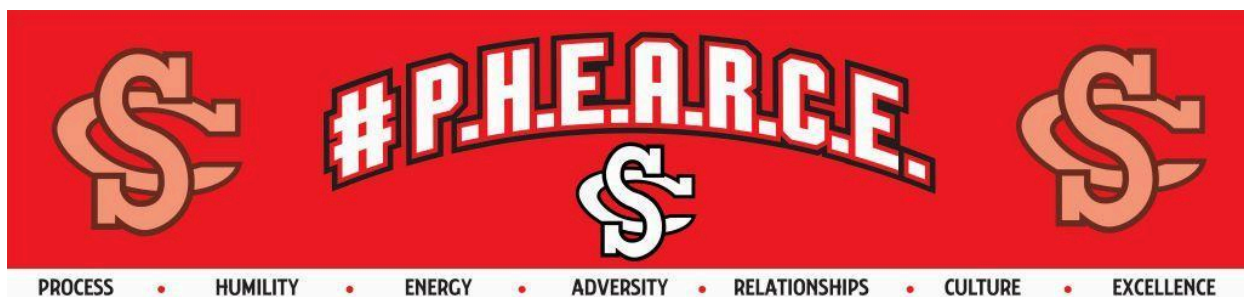
- Dances
- Prom
- Serving on committees
- Holding any elected office
- Attending any activity related to that office
- Musical
- Instrumental and choral activities
- Athletic participation
- All IHSA activities
- Scholastic Bowl
- Speech Team
- Student Council
- Meals on Wheels
- FFA
- FCCLA
- Honors Choir
- Cheerleading
- Dance Team
- School play
- Stark Smart
- School sponsored events not requiring a paid ticket for public participation
- Field Trips
- Class trips during school, after school, or on weekends
- All Homecoming Activities
- Stark County High School or Student Council
- Class sponsored events
- Concession stand participation

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

All extracurricular participants should exhibit the qualities of Pride and Excellence! They plan their time so that they give sufficient time and energy to their studies to ensure acceptable grades.

Weekly eligibility -- A student must not have received more than 1 F while taking 5 half-credit courses or more. If a student has more than 1 F (grade point average less than 0.875), that student becomes ineligible the next full week, **Sunday through Saturday**. Grades will be calculated on a cumulative basis each semester. Eligibility is based on the "grade in progress" format for the semester. When performing in IESA activities, all Junior High students must conform to eligibility rules, maintaining no F's.

Semester Eligibility -- All students starting the second semester of the 6th grade year must have passed at least 5 half credit courses the previous semester. Failure to have done so will render the student ineligible for the full semester following the deficit semester.



BEHAVIOR

Extracurricular participants should be leaders, exemplifying the meaning of Pride and Excellence. Fellow students will look up to these leaders and should see examples of how to act in accordance with this code.

On Campus

Behavior and appearance on the school premises is of great importance. Extracurricular participants should lead by example and show what it means to be the Pride and Excellence of Stark County through their actions.

On Trips

Extracurricular participants directly represent the school, community, and the coaches/sponsors. Therefore, it is expected that while traveling, all concerned will dress in an acceptable manner, and conduct themselves on the bus and at the activity in a manner keeping with this code and showing that they are the Pride and Excellence of Stark County.

SERIOUS MISCONDUCTS

The following guidelines will be adhered to by the administration with respect to student conduct and extracurricular programs, however, in a case where conduct by a player or team participant is so egregious or insubordinate that in the determination of the head coach, that participant's continued membership on the team or club would cause a debilitating effect on the program, the coach may immediately suspend or dismiss the participant from the team.

The types of conduct listed below (but not limited to) are prohibited at any time during the year:

1. Possession, distribution, or influence of tobacco products; including electronic cigarettes, vapes, etc.
2. Possession, distribution, or influence of alcoholic beverages
3. Possession, distribution, or influence of illegal drugs (marijuana, crack, cocaine, heroin, speed, etc.) and/or drug paraphernalia.
4. Violations of the Criminal Code, including but not limited to theft or vandalism
5. Gross misconduct or insubordination
6. Any other serious offense that results in disciplinary action

*Any act of serious misconduct may result in suspension from participation in any activities, including those listed above.

VOLUNTARY ADMISSION OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT BY EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPANTS

Before being caught by a school or law enforcement official, a student can voluntarily admit to serious misconduct. The student may undergo an assessment conducted by a counselor (approved by the Board of Education or their designee), and the student will follow the recommendation. (The cost of the assessment and treatment will be the responsibility of the student's family). If the student successfully completes the assessment and the recommendation of the counselor no further disciplinary action will be taken. If the student fails to have assessment or to complete the recommendation of the counselor, he/she will be punished according to the extracurricular code. During this time the student must stay academically eligible also.

Admission may be made to the Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, Coach/Sponsor, or to any school official the student feels comfortable with. The school official will then contact the Athletic Director to begin steps for assessment.

***Voluntary admission will be allowed one time only.**



CONSEQUENCES FOR SERIOUS MISCONDUCTS

Serious Misconduct #1 may result in a suspension from the sport and activity(s) in session and/or the next sport or activity(s) in which the individual participates and competes a full season. Suspension durations will be determined by administration and/or the athletic director with input from the coach/sponsor. Suspension may be for a specific number of contests or a set time period/portion of the season.

Serious Misconduct #2 in a high school student's career may result in an additional suspension. This suspension may be as long as one calendar year from the date of the infraction, as to be determined by administration and/or the athletic director with input from the coach/sponsor.

- The student may undergo an assessment conducted by a counselor (approved by the Board of Education or the designee), and the student will follow the recommendation. (The cost of the assessment and treatment will be the responsibility of the student's family).
- A parent conference must be held with said counselor before the student may be readmitted to participate in extracurricular activities. Parents should be prepared to furnish proof of an appointment for the assessment at this conference.
- After six calendar months an appeal by the student and his/her parents for reinstatement may be made to the Board of Education contingent upon one or all of the following: substantiated rehabilitation, family counseling, drug test, or whatever the Board deems reasonable; for example, academic eligibility will be considered.

Serious Misconduct #3 may result in suspension from all activities for up to the remainder of the student's high school career. After one calendar year an appeal by the student and his/her parents for reinstatement may be made to the Board of Education contingent upon one or all of the following: substantiated rehabilitation, family counseling, drug test, or whatever the Board deems reasonable; for example, academic eligibility will be considered.

In case of alleged violation of the Extra Curricular Code, the following procedure will be followed:

- A meeting with the student, coach/sponsor, the athletic director or building principal may be held to hear evidence and take action. A written report of the conference will be completed by the athletic director or building principal.
- A letter will be sent to the parents, if the student is found guilty of a code violation indicating the offense, the action taken, and the parent's right to appeal the action should they choose to do so.
- Should an appeal be desired, a written request should be filed with the Board of Education. The Board then may hear the appeal or appoint a hearing officer, whose decision may be reviewed by the Board at the Board's discretion.
- A written report of the hearing shall be filed by the hearing officer with the Board of Education.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Individual coaches will distribute rules concerning situations/events not specifically mentioned in the above policy. The coach will meet and distribute written rules, to be gone over and reviewed, in a team/parent meeting for that sport/activity. As part of IHSA, all participants are expected to abide by the guidelines set forth by IHSA.