

IVC Activity Code

Mission Statement

This Activity Code is an attempt to state expectations and help influence positive behavior of those students representing IVC School District 321. The Board of Education believes the activity programs are a means for developing wholesome attitudes, positive human relations and offering participants enhanced learning opportunities. The Board of Education recognizes that participation in all extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Students participating in extracurricular activities are ambassadors of the school and community; therefore when they choose to participate in an activity, the expectations of the students will be higher, both while in school and out of school on a year-round basis.

Covered Activities

The Board of Education recognizes that students participating in the following activities are representatives and ambassadors of the school and community, and as such are subject to the Activity Code:

- **All Interscholastic Athletic Activities**

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| Football | Track |
| Cross Country | Baseball |
| Golf | Softball |
| Volleyball | Pom Poms |
| Basketball | Cheerleading |
| Swimming | Soccer |
| Wrestling | |

- **Performance-based Activities**

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| Scholastic Bowl | Pep Band |
| Speech Team | Fall Play |
| Band competitions | Choral competitions |
| Jazz Band | Madrigal/Swing Choir |
| Marching Band/Flags | Spring Musical |

- **Elected or Selected Positions in Student Clubs and Organizations**

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| Newspaper officers | Student Council members |
| Yearbook officers | National Honor Society members |
| Anime/Art Club officers | National French Society members |
| Key Club officers | National Spanish Society members |
| S.O.A.P Club officers | National German Society members |

(and any other officers of student clubs or organizations that may be added to the extracurricular activities.)

Infractions

A student will be subject to discipline under the Activity Code if he/she commits any of the following infractions a) whether on or off school grounds and b) regardless of the time of year:

1. Possession or use of any form of tobacco.
2. Possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, controlled substances or look-alike drugs, as well as substances without authorized use by parent or prescription. Possession of paraphernalia associated with the use of drugs will also constitute a violation.
3. Distribution of items mentioned in paragraph #2 of this section.
4. Hosting of or attendance at gatherings where the student may or reasonably should have known that items mentioned in paragraph #2 of this section are possessed, used and/or distributed illegally.
5. Criminal acts (excluding minor traffic tickets).
6. Other acts that, by their very nature, bring disrespect to the school, the activity or the participants.

Consequences

A student involved in the infractions listed above shall incur the following consequences:

| | <u>Athletic or Performance-based Activity</u> | <u>Club or Organization</u> |
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| First Infraction | ¼ of the season | ¼ of the school year |
| Second Infraction | 1 calendar year | 1 calendar year |
| Third Infraction | Suspension from all activities, clubs and organizations for the remainder of the student's middle school or high school career. <u>Note: This suspension may be reduced to one calendar year, provided that within that calendar year the student satisfactorily completes 100 hours of community service approved by the school administration. This option may be used one time only.</u> | |

**Self Reporting

Reporting by a student, parent or guardian of an infraction within three school days of occurrence, or admission of an infraction at first questioning constitutes self reporting. The consequences for self reported infractions are:

| | <u>Athletic or Performance-based Activity</u> | <u>Club or Organization</u> |
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| First Infraction | 1/8 of the season | 1/8 of the season |
| Second Infraction (after one calendar year of first infraction) | 1/8 of the season | 1/8 of the season |
| Second Infraction (within one calendar year of the first infraction) | ½ of the season | ½ of the season |

The following definitions and conditions apply to these consequences:

1. A student who possesses or uses tobacco in any form will meet with the school counselor and will be required to satisfactorily participate in a tobacco awareness/cessation program.
2. A student who violates rules 2 or 3 regarding the use, possession or distribution of alcohol or controlled substances is required to have a substance abuse evaluation at a state-licensed facility at the individual's expense. The evaluation must be completed prior to any further participation in activities, clubs or organizations identified in this policy. If the evaluation recommends that the student participate in a treatment facility program for substance abuse, then the student must enroll in and satisfactorily participate in such a program. If the evaluation does not recommend the student participate in a treatment facility program for substance abuse, then the student must enroll in and satisfactorily participate in a school-sponsored substance abuse education/awareness program.
3. Students who violate rule 4 must enroll in and satisfactorily participate in a school-sponsored substance abuse education/awareness program.
4. A season for athletic and performance-based activities is defined as the start of the first event of the activity to the end of the last event of the activity. A season for clubs and organizations is defined as the school year.
5. For an athletic or performance-based activity, if a first infraction occurs in season and at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the regular scheduled events remain, the student will be suspended from $\frac{1}{4}$ of the regular season events. For a club or organization, if a first infraction occurs during the school year and at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school year remains, the student will be suspended from participation for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school year.
6. For an athletic or performance-based activity, if a first infraction occurs in season with fewer than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the regular season events remaining, the suspension will carry over into post-season events. If the penalty is still not satisfied, the suspension will then be carried over to the next activity in which he/she participates until the penalty has been satisfied. For a club or organization, if a first infraction occurs during the school year and less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school year remains, the student will be suspended from participation for the remainder of the school year. This suspension will then be carried over to the next school year until the penalty has been satisfied.
7. If an infraction occurs out of season, the student will be suspended from $\frac{1}{4}$ of the regular season events of the next activity in which he/she participates. If a student quits after $\frac{1}{4}$ of the events have been completed, but before completion of the season, then he/she has not satisfied the suspension and it will be carried over to the next activity.
8. A second infraction within a calendar year of the first infraction will cause the student to be suspended from all activities for a period of one year from the date of the second infraction. A second infraction after a calendar year of the first infraction will result in the same penalty as a first infraction, but will still be recorded as a second infraction.
9. A third infraction during a student's middle school career, regardless of the date of occurrence, will cause the student to be suspended from all activities for the remainder of that student's middle school career. A third infraction during a student's high school career, regardless of the date of occurrence, will cause the student to be suspended from all activities for the remainder of that student's high school career.

Coaches and Sponsors Rules and Guidelines

Coaches or sponsors may have additional rules above and beyond the Activity Code (provided these rules are deemed appropriate by the principal). A copy of these rules along

with consequences shall be given to each participant at the beginning of the activity. The coaches' or sponsors' rules will be enforced only during the season that the student participates in that activity.

Procedures

1. The student and his/her parents or guardians must sign the Activity Code form verifying that they have read and understood the Activity Code. Once the signed form is returned to the coach/sponsor, the form will be kept on file and the Activity Code will apply to that student for the duration of his/her school career in I.V.C. District 321. A student may not participate until the signed form is on file.
2. Reports of infractions of the activities code are to be made to the coach/sponsor, the high school athletic director, or the administration.
3. All reported infractions will be investigated as deemed necessary by the administration.
4. The student will be questioned by the Principal or Asst. Principal. If a satisfactory conclusion is not reached at that time, the student's counselor may be called in to discuss the matter with the student and the administrator. Parents will be notified as soon as reasonably possible.
5. The school administration will decide whether an infraction has been committed and the consequences for that infraction. The high school athletic director will be included in this process when the infraction involves high school athletics.
6. A student will be advised of the charges against him/her and be given the opportunity to respond to the charges before a decision is made or penalty imposed.
7. The student and his/her parents or guardians will be advised in writing by the administration of any disciplinary action taken as a result of the charges and their right to appeal.
8. The student or parents or guardians may appeal the disciplinary action by responding in writing to the Principal within one calendar week of the date on the notice of disciplinary action.

Academic Eligibility

High school students who participate in activities that are regulated by this Activity Code must be passing at least two and one half graduate credits at all times during the school year. Those students who are found to be academically ineligible to participate will remain ineligible for at least one week, until they meet those eligibility requirements. At the end of each semester, every student must have accumulated at least three graduation credits. If a student fails to accumulate three graduation credits, he/she will be ineligible to participate in activities for the entire next semester. A student may qualify for academic probation, however, if he/she has earned at least 2.5 graduation credits during the previous semester but less than 3.0 graduation credits. Such academic probation may occur only once in a student's high school career.

Middle school students who participate in activities that are regulated by this Activity Code must be passing all subjects at all times, as specified under IESA guidelines.

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Signatures

A student may not participate until this form has been signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file.

The undersigned has received a copy of the I.V.C. Activity Code.

Student's Name (Please print)

Year of High School Graduation

I understand and agree to abide by all the provisions of the I.V.C. Activity Code.

Student's Signature

Date

I understand and agree to support all the provisions of the I.V.C. Activity Code.

Parent's Signature

Date