

Franklinville Central School District

Athletic and Extracurricular Code of Conduct

I. Purpose:

Present an overview of general philosophy, policies of interscholastic athletics and responsibilities of students/athletes and parents involved in the Interscholastic Athletic Program and district extracurricular activities.

II. Application of this Code:

The Athletic and Extracurricular Code of Conduct will apply to all athletic teams/activities as well as extracurricular groups and activities. For the purpose of this Code, extracurricular activities shall include school-related clubs and organizations, athletics, musical productions, drama productions, the prom, school dances, class trips and field trips. Regular choral and band concerts that count toward a student's course grade are *not* subject to the provisions of this Code.

III. Objectives:

- A. Operate within principles, objectives, rules and regulations of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Section VI Athletic Council, Board of Education, and all athletic conferences with which we are affiliated.
- B. Instill good sportsmanship; respect for rules and authority; establish leadership, self-control, and good human relationships; develop team pride, work, and discipline; develop self-discipline and emotional maturity; develop moral and ethical standards with physical and mental growth; and respect the rights of others.
- C. It shall be the philosophy of the high school Interscholastic Athletic Program that athletes should enjoy as many sports seasons as the student athlete and their parent want them to participate in without influence from any coach to specialize in one sport. All coaches are expected to advocate for multi-sport engagement across different seasons.
- D. Ensure the delivery of a quality program to the public, featuring competitive teams across various disciplines, exemplifying high standards of sportsmanship, skill, and commitment to the sport.
- E. Ensure the development of well rounded, responsible student-athletes.

IV. Student Responsibilities:

- A. It is a distinct privilege and not a right to represent Franklinville Central School in interscholastic athletic competition and extracurricular clubs and activities. This privilege must be earned by promise and continuing performance. To this end, one's conduct, both within and outside of the school district's jurisdiction, is to meet an acceptable norm as outlined in the District Code of Character, Conduct and Support.
- B. Signify acceptance of N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., Section VI Athletic Council, Board of Education, all athletic conferences and coaching rules and regulations through participation in the athletic programs.
- C. Requirements for participation:
 - a. Physical Examination – required yearly.
 - b. Health History update form
 - c. Emergency medical authorization form
 - d. Parent/guardian and student acknowledgement of Athletic Policies (BOE Policy #7420).
 - e. Parent/guardian and student acknowledgement of realization of risk of injury from minor to severe (death).
 - f. Financial obligation – to replace any issued equipment that is lost or damaged.

V. Parent Responsibilities:

- A. It is a distinct privilege and not a right for a student represent Franklinville Central School in interscholastic athletic competition and extracurricular clubs and activities. This privilege must be earned by promise and continuing performance. To this end, student conduct, both within and outside of the school district's jurisdiction, is to meet an acceptable norm as outlined in the District Code of Character, Conduct and Support. Parents should know and talk with your child about the expectations set forth in the Athletic Code of Conduct.

- B. At the start of each athletic season, parents shall attend, with their student-athletes, the pre-season meeting held with the coach of each team. Coaches will review the Athletic Code of Conduct, including any team participation expectations with students and parents at this meeting.
- C. Ensure your children attend athletic practices regularly and on time.
- D. Support your children in managing the time commitment necessary to be a successful student-athlete, including monitoring student academic progress during the athletic season.
- E. Work with the coach and teachers to address any academic or behavioral struggles your children may be facing.
- F. Be respectful and courteous to coaching staff, other parents, guardians, caregivers, and students while on school premises and at athletic contests.























VI. Preseason Expectations:

- 1. **With Coaches:** To ensure consistent communication regarding the Athletic and Extracurricular Code of Conduct, the Athletic Director will meet with coaches prior to the commencement of the relative athletic season. This meeting will include a review of the Code of Conduct, the expectations of the Athletic Director for implementation of the Code, procedures for maintaining an inventory of district-owned uniforms and equipment, and expectations for parent and student communication.
- 2. **With Parents and Students:** To ensure consistent communication and clarity of expectations, each coach or extracurricular advisor will meet with parents and students prior to the commencement of the athletic season or extracurricular activity season. This meeting will include a review of the Athletic and Extracurricular Code of Conduct, a review of coach/advisor expectations for student performance and behavior, and a discussion of any potential student conflicts during the season. A record of these meetings will be provided by the coach to the athletic director or by an advisor to the building principal.

VII. Statement of Policy on Training and Participation Rules

A. Alcohol / Drugs / Tobacco Products

- 1. Definitions – A student/athlete who has consumed ANY amount of a controlled substance, alcohol, or tobacco products including e-cigarettes, is automatically termed to be “under the influence.”
- 2. REGULATION: Any student/athlete apprehended with a controlled substance or who is apprehended with alcohol and/or under the influence of alcohol or who is apprehended with a tobacco product, including e-cigarettes, shall be assigned consequences in accordance with the Franklinville Code of Character, Conduct, and Support. Additionally, any student in direct contact or association with a student apprehended as described above may also be assigned consequences in accordance with the Franklinville Code of Character, Conduct, and Support, if the investigating school official determines there to be reasonable evidence that the student may have engaged with the possession, use, or distribution of the substance.
 - a. During periods of school suspension, students will not be permitted to attend practices or be present at any contest or extracurricular event. It may be recommended that the student/athlete participate in and complete a rehabilitation program agreed to by parent/guardian, athletic directors, administration, and substance abuse officials if deemed necessary.
 - b. Additional consequences may be imposed by the coach impacting a student’s status on a team (i.e., sitting out a contest, status change from first string to second string, removal of designation as team captain, etc.); however, a coach may not remove a student from the team for a violation of this policy. Such consequences will be determined by the Coach in consultation with the Athletic Director and based on the individual circumstances and details of the situation.
 - c. In accordance with the Franklinville Central School District Code of Character, Conduct and Support, below are expected consequences for violation of this policy.

Behavior Violation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4		Police	Notes
Alcohol							
Under the influence				X			School nurse will be notified immediately and conduct an evaluation. School staff will refer student to appropriate substance abuse counseling.
Possession				X			
Distributing or selling				X			
Illegal Behavior							
Engaging in illegal behavior that interferes with the school’s educational process and/or poses a risk of serious injury to a person or persons			X	X			
Illegal Drugs (Including Marijuana)							
Under the influence				X			School staff will refer student to appropriate substance abuse counseling School administrator and/or his or her designee will be notified immediately to conduct an evaluation.
Using and/or possessing				X			
Distributing or selling				X			
Possession of paraphernalia for use or distribution of illegal substances				X			
Inhalants							
Under the influence			X	X			School staff will refer student to appropriate substance abuse counseling. School nurse will be notified immediately.
Using or possessing			X	X			
Distributing or selling			X	X			
Tobacco Use or Possession							
Possession or use			X	X			
Possession of tobacco paraphernalia			X	X			
Vaping							
Possessing vaping devices or paraphernalia on school property or at a school function.		X	X				
Using vaping device on school property or at a school event.		X	X				
Selling or attempting to sell vaping devices or paraphernalia on school property or at a school function.			X	X			
Distributing or exchanging vaping devices or paraphernalia on school property or at a school function.			X	X			

VIII. Basic Athletic Department Policies:

Policies and provision of this section shall apply only to athletic events and activities.

A. Participation: An athlete may participate in only one sport per season, unless mutually agreed upon by coaches of both sports/activities.

B. Dropping or Transferring Sports: Quitting a sport or activity is strongly discouraged. On occasion, however, a student may find it necessary to drop a sport or activity for a good reason. If this is the case, the following procedure must be followed:

1. Consult with your immediate coach, then the head coach.
2. Report your situation to the athletic director, if the student desires to transfer sports.
3. Check-in all equipment issued to you.

If an athlete wishes to change sports during a season, they shall consult with both the coaches concerned and the athletic director to assure a smooth transfer.

C. Equipment: The coach of each team shall be responsible for submitting a pre- and post- season inventory list of equipment to the athletic director. The coach will be responsible for dissemination and collection of all equipment. Once school equipment is checked out by the student-athlete, it is their responsibility to keep it clean and in good condition. Replacement of any lost equipment will be at the athlete's and parents' expense. All equipment and/or obligations to the team must be returned and satisfied before starting a new sports season.

D. Missing Practice: An athlete should always consult with their coach before missing practice.

E. Travel: All athletes are encouraged to travel to and from out-of-town contests by the provided athletic department transportation. During this time:

1. Athletes will remain with their squad and under coach supervision when attending any contest.
2. All regular school bus rules will be followed.
3. The Code of Character, Conduct and Support is in full effect on the school bus and while attending extracurricular events and athletic contests. This includes provisions governing student attire.
4. Athletes who are not using athletic department transportation to travel to athletic contests will be required to provide the Athletic Director with a written letter from their parent/guardian indicating the reason for the alternative transportation. Acceptable reasons shall include medical, dental, or counseling appointments or academic tutoring or supports.
5. Athletes who are not using the athletic department provided transportation to return from athletic contests will require permission from a parent or guardian and must be signed out with a coach at the conclusion of the content.

F. College Recruitment Policy: College recruitment NCAA standards are available from your coach. In the event an athlete is contacted personally by a college recruiter, it is recommended that they work through their coach and the athletic department.

G. Conflicts in Extra-Curricular Activities: An individual student who attempts to participate in several extra-curricular activities will undoubtedly be in a position of conflict of obligations. The athletic department recognizes that each student shall have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in extra-curricular activities, and to this end, will attempt to schedule athletic and extra-curricular events in a manner to minimize conflicts. Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid continuous conflict, including being cautious about participating in too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means immediately notifying the faculty advisors or coaches involved when a conflict does arise.

In the event of a conflict, advisors and coaches will collaborate to devise a resolution, thus ensuring that students are not subjected to undue stress. If a solution cannot be found, the athletic director or principal will make the decision based on the following criteria:

1. The relative importance of each event
2. The importance of each event to the student
3. The relative contribution the student can make
4. How long each event has been scheduled
5. A conversation with the parents

Upon reaching a decision and the subsequent adherence of the student to said decision, it is guaranteed that neither the advisor nor the coach will impose any form of penalty or negative repercussion on the student. If it becomes obvious that a student cannot fulfill the obligation of a school activity, they will withdraw from the activity.

H. Attendance: For students to participate in athletics, it is necessary that students attend classes for at least 4 hours of the school day. Excused absences in accordance with the District's Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy (BOE Policy #7110) will be accepted. Excessive tardiness or absences from school may result in ineligibility in athletics. The athlete will receive a warning prior to a suspension from activities for attendance issues.

I. Release from Class: It is the responsibility of the athlete to inform their teacher(s) at least a day before that a class will be missed because of an athletic contest. All work shall be made up at the convenience of the teacher.

J. Grooming and Dress Policy: Students should remember that they serve as representatives of the Franklinville Central School District when attending contests in other schools. It is preferred that student athletes wear special game day attire when it is provided to actively participate in this manifestation of team spirit. When attire is not provided, all members of an athletic team are expected to comply with the dress code as detailed in the Franklinville CSD Code of Character, Conduct and Support.

K. Vacation Policy: Vacations by athletic team members during a sports season are discouraged. Parents or athletes contemplating vacations during a sports season may wish to reassess their commitment to athletics. If an absence due to a vacation is unavoidable, an athlete must:

1. Contact the head coach prior to vacation
2. Be willing to assume the consequences related to their status on that squad as a starter, 2nd string, 3rd string, etc.

L. Squad Selection: In harmony with the District's athletic philosophy and commitment to maximize student participation in sports, coaches are urged to ensure students engage at an appropriate league level that aligns with their skills and maturity. This approach will not compromise the integrity of their sport and, at the same time, promote a beneficial and rewarding experience for the athlete involve. Time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference, and other factors will influence appropriate squad size for any sport.

M. Cutting Policies: Choosing the members of athletic squads is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those squads. Prior to a student trying out, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:

1. Extent of try-out period
2. Criteria used to select the team
3. Number of athletes to be selected
4. Practice
5. Game commitment

N. Reporting of Injury: All injuries that occur while participating in athletics must be reported to the coach. If the injury requires medical attention by a doctor, it will be necessary to have an injury report form completed. Once an athlete is treated by a physician, the athlete must obtain the physician's permission to return to the activity. The school physician must approve all returns, as well.

O. Violation of Athletic Department Rules:

1. Penalty – determined by the Board of Education N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A., Athletic Conference, and the athletic department.

P. Social Ineligibility:

1. Serious infractions and repeated violations of the Code of Character, Conduct and Support will result in a student being placed on social ineligibility by the high school principal or the superintendent.
2. Students assigned social ineligibility are not only prohibited from participation, but also attendance at athletic and extra-curricular activities.

Q. In-School Suspension (ISS) and Out-Of-School Suspension (OSS): On days in which students are assigned ISS/OSS, they will be deemed ineligible for the day.

- Ineligible students may not participate in extracurricular activities and events.
- Ineligible students may not attend extracurricular activities and events as a spectator.
- Ineligible students who are involved in sports may NOT practice or compete.
- The building principal shall have discretion over all discipline matters.

R. Appeals Procedure:

1. Appeal to the Coach
 - a. An athlete who has a grievance may take the grievance to the coach under whom they play, or to the head coach.
 - b. A conference will be held between the coach and the athlete. If the grievance is not resolved, the student will proceed to step 2.
2. Appeal to the Athletic Director
 - a. The athlete will present to the athletic director, in writing, the nature of the grievance and why step 1 was not satisfactory.
 - b. A conference will be held with the athlete, coach, and athletic director. If the grievance is not resolved, the student will proceed to step 3.
3. Appeal to the High School Principal
 - a. The athlete will present to the high school principal, in writing, the nature of the grievance and why step 2 was not satisfactory.
 - b. A conference will be held with the athlete, coach, athletic director, and high school principal. If the grievance is not resolved, the student will proceed to step 4.
4. Appeal to the Superintendent
 - a. The athlete will present to the superintendent, in writing, the nature of the grievance and why step 3 was not satisfactory.
 - b. A conference will be held with the athlete, coach, athletic director, and superintendent. If the grievance is not resolved, the student will proceed to step 5.
5. Appeal to the Board of Education
 - a. The athlete will present to the Board of Education, in writing, the nature of the grievance and why step 4 was not satisfactory.
 - b. A decision will be given to the athlete, coach, athletic director, and superintendent.

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