

ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY POLICY CHANGES

Good Conduct Policy

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

It is a privilege and an honor to participate in the full range of extracurricular and co-curricular activities at the Clinton Community School District. These activities are an important part of the District's total educational program, and participation in them adds a great deal to each student's education by providing good citizenship and moral character, developing discipline and skills necessary to personal success and well-being, and promoting the image and identity of the school and community. Students who choose to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities will conduct themselves appropriately at all times both on school grounds and away from the school. Violations of the Good Conduct Policy will result in the student being ineligible to participate for a definite number of contests or appearances for the activities in which the student is involved and/or may be assigned community service hours. The Good Conduct Policy is on a four-year continuum and is in effect 365 days a year.

STUDENT AGREEMENT

Before participation in any activity is permitted, all students who wish to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities can request a copy of the Good Conduct Policy or find it online at www.clintonactivities.org and shall sign an agreement indicating that they will abide by the Good Conduct Policy.

APPLICABLE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The Good Conduct Policy applies to all extracurricular activities and co-curricular activities, including but not limited to:

- All athletics
- Music, speech, drama and cheerleading activities
- Dance Participation
- Student council and other elective officers
- School honors
- School clubs

Students who are out-of-school suspended or in-school suspended at the time of an extra or co-curricular activity, will not be allowed to participate in the above activities.

VIOLATIONS

Violations identified for inclusion in the Code of Conduct are listed below. A violation also includes the element of *mere presence* of an illegal activity. If, after an investigation by the administration, a student knowingly found himself/herself in a situation where an illegal activity was present and did not remove himself/herself immediately or make a valid effort to leave upon becoming aware of the situation, they

may be found in violation of the Code of Conduct.

- Possession/consumption of alcohol, drugs, any controlled substances, or tobacco/electronic cigarettes
- Intoxication/being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any controlled substance
- Delivery and/or sale of controlled substance
- Mere presence at a location involving illegal activity
- Assault or physically or sexually abusing any person
- Gang activity
- Arson or destruction of property
- Damaging, destroying, vandalizing, or stealing school and/or personal property or that of employees, students, visitors to the school, or district patrons
- Possessing, using, or threatening to use any instrument that is generally considered a weapon or an imitation weapon or an explosive
- Sexual harassment - Includes social media posts
- Hazing/Bullying - Includes social media posts
- Committing any act that would be a violation of the law and grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system, excluding minor traffic offenses, regardless of whether the student was cited, arrested, convicted or adjudicated of the act(s)

All potential violations of the Code of Conduct will be investigated by the school administration. Each case will be evaluated on its own merit.

REPORTERS

Valid reporters of violations:

1. All reports and evidence from a reliable source will be investigated by the school administration. Reliable information may include, but is not limited to, witness statements, police reports, photographs, or information from social networking websites. Anonymous reports will not be considered.
2. School administration will determine the reliability of a reporting source and any evidence presented.
3. **Self-Reporting/Honesty.** A student that reports his/her involvement in an activity prohibited under the Code of Conduct to the school administration or coach/sponsor within 2 school days (3 days during the summer) of when the activity occurred, may receive a reduced penalty. In this situation, the student will only be asked about his/her involvement. The honesty provision is only applicable for the first or second offense.

PENALTY DETAILS

If at the time of the violation, the student is not currently participating in athletics, then the student's period of ineligibility shall apply to the first athletic contest in which the student would normally be eligible to participate.

Calendar days for activities will begin immediately following the Activities Director's or Principal's determination that an infraction of the Good Conduct Policy occurred.

A disciplinary action may carry over from one activity to another and may carry over from one school year to the next. Students must complete the season in good standing in order for a violation to be considered satisfied.

The penalties listed below are for specific violations of the Good Conduct Policy.

The student must participate in practice during the period of ineligibility; however, the student shall not be permitted to dress for or participate in the contest.