

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION
OF STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

I. SCOPE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. These Rules and Regulations shall apply to all students who participate in extracurricular activities, and are promulgated pursuant to Board of Education Policy Number 7.25.
- B. For purposes of these Regulations, except where otherwise indicated, the term “Extracurricular activity” includes all clubs, student groups, cheerleading, intramural sports, interscholastic athletics, and National Honor Society.
 - 1. The term shall also include any school-sponsored activity, on or off campus, which is not a required part of the educational curriculum, attendance at which and participation in which is voluntary, including, but not limited to school dances, proms, field and class trips and school-sponsored social gatherings.
 - 2. The term includes not only the activities themselves, but also includes participation as a spectator using school-sponsored spectator transportation to and from extracurricular events.
- C. These Rules and Regulations shall supplement, and not supplant or replace, the Code of Conduct and rules, regulations and standards of conduct that the governing or supervising authority of each extracurricular activity lawfully imposes as a condition of participation in such activity. Discipline imposed as a result of a violation of this generally applicable policy shall not preclude additional discipline or consequences under the rules, regulations or bylaws of individual extracurricular activities.

II. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- A. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right.
 - 1. No student has any vested right to participate in extracurricular activities. However, the privilege of participation shall be extended to any student who meets the individual criteria for participation and agrees to abide by these rules and regulations. Students accused of violating these rules and regulations and facing disciplinary action hereunder shall be entitled to notice and an opportunity to be heard only as set forth herein.
 - 2. Participation in any extracurricular activity shall not create an entitlement to, or expectation in, continued participation in such activity or others. Any violation of these rules, the rules of the specific activity, or failure to meet the criteria for participation in a specific activity may result in suspension or dismissal from such activity or all activities.
 - 3. Students are reminded that they must attend a required number of practices before they are eligible to participate in extracurricular athletics. Students who wish to join after practices have begun can do so only after consultation with the High School Principal and Athletic Director.
- B. Students who are allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, as representatives of the District, are held to a higher standard of behavior and conduct than other students. All students who participate in extracurricular activities are expected to obey all school rules, as well as all state, local and federal laws, rules and regulations at all times, both on and off school property and both in and out of school hours.
- C. All such students are expected to observe good health and nutritional habits and to refrain from engaging in behavior that endangers the health and safety of themselves or other students.
- D. Students are expected to act responsibly while in the possession of District equipment and property.
- E. Students are expected to be respectful to their elders, peers, and competitors.
- F. Students are expected to act within the acceptable standards of behavior for their sport or activity.
- G. Students must meet attendance guidelines. “See high school attendance guidelines”.
- H. Quitting: See IV “Quitting of Extracurricular Athletic Teams”

III. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- A. Conduct unbecoming an athlete or a representative of the district.
 - 1. “Conduct unbecoming” shall include the use of profanity, disrespectful comments, foul language, physical aggression or insubordination by a student, directed toward any other person, including but not limited to game officials, coaches, advisors, teammates, athletes, students or team members from an opposing team or school, fans or spectators.
 - 2. “Conduct unbecoming” shall also include what is commonly known as hazing. This includes any action or situation which is intended to produce mental or physical embarrassment, discomfort, harassment or ridicule and any action which either intentionally or unintentionally endangers the health and/or safety and/or moral of any other person as an actual or perceived condition of acceptance into or affiliation with any extracurricular activity.
 - a. This section applies to all practices and meetings and all times before, during and after games or school-sponsored events, as well as to bus trips to and from games or school sponsored events.
- B. Violation of School Rules Resulting in Suspension

1. In addition to penalties imposed herein, no student subjected to suspension out of school or in-school suspension for a violation of school rules shall be able to participate in any extracurricular activity scheduled during such period of suspension.
- C. Possession, consumption and/or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
1. Illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco present a significant health and safety risk to the students of the Corinth School District. No student who participates in any extracurricular activity shall at any time be permitted to knowingly acquire, purchase, sell, possess, use or consume illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco, regardless of his or her age.
 - a. For purposes of this section, the term “illegal drugs” refers to any controlled substance or drug, the possession or use of which is prohibited by state or federal law, all tobacco and alcohol products, and to any prescription drug which is used or possess in a manner which is inconsistent with its label and indications.
 - b. The term “illegal drug” shall also include any instrument, equipment or paraphernalia which is or could be used to facilitate the introduction or ingestion of illegal drugs into the body. Examples of such prohibited products include, but are in no way limited to rolling papers, “bowls” or smoking pipes of any kind, including bongos, needles and/or syringes or inhalation aids.
 2. Any student who causes another student to possess or consume, or aids, abets or assists another student in the acquisition, purchase, sale, possession or consumption of any substance prohibited under this sections will be deemed to have violated this section as if he or she acquired, purchased, sold, possessed or consumed such substance himself or herself.
 3. Due to the significant and proven detrimental effects of tobacco, drug and alcohol use on the student body, this rule shall apply outside of school boundaries and hours in the following circumstances:
 - a. No student who participates in extracurricular activities shall knowingly attend any party or other social gathering where underage drinking and illegal drug use is occurring. This rule is intended to apply to gatherings of primarily students where underage drinking is occurring, usually without the knowledge or acquiescence of the students’ parents, and shall not apply to any student attending an event which is hosted by his or her own family, such as a wedding or a family reunion. It shall not be defense to this rule that a gathering of students at which alcohol and rugs are consumed was sanctioned by any parent, or held with parental consent.
 - b. It is the attendance at such gatherings which is prohibited by this rule as a condition of exercising the privilege of extracurricular activities. Actual consumption of alcohol or use of drugs is not a prerequisite to establish a violation of this rule. Any student who has agreed to these rules and who is found to have voluntarily remained in the vicinity of a gathering prohibited by this section shall be guilty of a violation of this rule whether or not he or she consumes or uses any substance at all.
 - c. No student will be deemed to have violated this rule if he or she can show to the satisfaction of the advisor or coach that immediately upon becoming aware that underage drinking and/or drug use is present at a party of social gathering, he or she completely removed himself or herself from the place where the party or social gathering was held, including parking areas.
- D. Damage or Theft of Property
1. No student who participates in any extracurricular activity shall intentionally damage, or cause to be damaged, any personal or real property belonging to the Corinth Central School District, any other school district, or any other person.
 2. No student who participates in any extracurricular activity shall knowingly steal, convert or otherwise appropriate for his or her own, or the use of another unauthorized person, personal property belonging to the Corinth Central School District, any other school district, or any other person.
 - a. This rule shall apply to all equipment and materials provided to the student in connection with his or her participation in any extracurricular activity. Parents and students are responsible for payment of damages.
 3. A conviction of a crime shall not be required to establish a violation of this rule.

IV. **QUITTING OF EXTRACURRICULAR ATHLETIC TEAMS**

1. No student who participates in extracurricular athletics shall quit participation on his or her team. Any athlete may leave a team during the first six practices without penalty.
 - a. Modified Athletes: A modified athlete who quits the team without personally conferring with coach will be ineligible to participate for three contests in the next sports season in which the athlete desires to participate. Scrimmages shall not constitute contests for the purpose of this policy.
 - b. JV/Varsity Athletes: Any student who quits will be ineligible to compete in athletics for the equivalent of 25% of the contests in the next sport season in which the athlete desires to participate as per NYSPHSAA

maximum contests per season allowed. Scrimmages shall not constitute contests for the purpose of this policy.

- c. Additionally, the athlete may be required to enter and fully participate in a character education program through the high school guidance office. Any athlete who refuses to participate or does not successfully complete a character education program will be referred to the Extracurricular Review Board.
- d. Athletes wishing to discontinue a sport after the 6-day grace period for a medical or extenuating family reason will be referred to the Extracurricular Review board for a dispositional hearing.

V. ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

- A. In order to participate in any extracurricular activity on any day, the student must be in attendance at school on such day (athletes on days of practices and contests). Students who arrive at school later than the end of fourth period or are excused from school without a legal excuse (must bring validation from office) shall not be allowed to participate in any extra curricular activity scheduled for that day.

VI. TRANSPORTATION OF OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

- A. Students who participate in extracurricular activities and attend off-campus events and competitions must travel to and from such events on District-provided transportation. If a parent/guardian elects to transport their child from a school sponsored event, they must provide this request in writing to the coach and the high school principal prior to the event. In the event of a special and/or unique situation, other transportation requests may be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the event or competition into the high school principal. Upon review, the principal will render a decision.

VII. ACADEMIC STANDARD

- A. See Policy 7.36 "Academic Eligibility for Co-Curricular Activities". All students must adhere to this policy.

VIII. "CHEERLEADING RULES AND REGULATIONS"

Board Policy Handbook appendix

IX. PENALTIES FOR ENGAGING IN PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- A. Rule of Construction: Guidelines for the Imposition of Penalties

1. The following are regulatory guidelines reflecting minimum penalties which may be imposed on students who participate in extracurricular activities and who are found to have violated these Rules and Regulations. These penalties shall not be construed as a promise or guarantee of any particular form of discipline, as the District retains the right to impose discipline under these Rules and Regulations which it deems appropriate under the individual circumstances of each case.

- B. Penalties and Consequences

1. Level 1 Violation: Any student who has engaged in conduct prohibited under Section III (A) (conduct unbecoming) or III (B) (suspension for violation of school rules), may be suspended from competition for one contest, for a first offense. For all other activities, students may be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for a period of five (5) school days.
 - a. If a student has been suspended from school and such suspension includes a suspension from extracurricular activities, this penalty shall be in addition to any suspension from participation in any extracurricular activity which occurs in the day or days in which a student is suspended from school.
 - b. Any athlete suspended from competition under this section shall be suspended from any other extracurricular activities in accordance with this section, in addition to his or her athletic suspension. He or she shall also be required to attend and participate in all practices. Failure to do so will be deemed insubordination in violation of Section III (A) of these rules.
 - c. Any student suspended from competition under this section may be required to perform community service or service to the District in addition to the penalties set forth herein. The nature and extent of such service, if required, shall be determined by the coach, advisor, and/or athletic director.
2. Level II Violation: Any student found to have a second Level 1 Violation, or any student found to engage in any conduct prohibited under Sections III (c) 1st offense (possession, consumption or use of illegal drugs/alcohol/tobacco products) III (d) (damage or theft of property) will be suspended 60 school calendar days (including weekends). For all other activities, students may be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities for a period of all activities and athletic competition, including practices, for 60 school calendar days including weekends and referred to law enforcement.

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 - b. Any athlete suspended from competition under this section shall be suspended from any other extracurricular activities, in addition to his or her athletic suspension. Except as provided herein, he or she shall be required to attend and participate in all practices. Failure to do so will be deemed insubordination in violation of Section III (A) of these rules.
 - c. Prior to being permitted to return to the extracurricular activity, the student must attend a meeting with his or her parents and the advisor/athletic director/principal.
 - d. In the event that the violation involves Section III (c), of the Rules (“Possession, consumption and/or use of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco”), the student may be referred to a student assistance counselor, who shall, in conjunction with the student’s parents and the advisor/athletic director, develop a plan of care, action, and, if necessary, treatment which the student must complete satisfactorily before returning to any extracurricular activity.
 - e. Any students suspended from extracurricular activities under this section may be required to perform community service or serve to the District in addition to the penalties set forth herein. The nature and extent of such service, if required, shall be determined by the advisor, coach and/or athletic director.
- C. Level III Violations: The District will not tolerate repeated violations of school rules under any circumstances. The District will not extend the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities to any student who agrees to accept these Rules and then repeatedly demonstrates a disregard for these Rules (second offense or more). Any student who is found to have repeated a Level II violation may not participate in any extracurricular activities for at least one calendar year, and may be permanently suspended from all extracurricular activities.
- D. Appeal Process: Any students wishing to appeal the consequence imposed must go before the Extracurricular Review Board.
- a. Extracurricular Review Board may consist of affiliated principal, athletic director, coach/advisor from another sport/activity, guidance counselor and other school representatives.
 - b. Any decisions made by the Extracurricular Review board relative to this policy may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools and then to the board of education. After receipt of any decision, an appeal to the next level must be made within five (5) business days. All school decisions on appeal(s) will be made and communicated to the student and parent within ten (10) business days. Appeals to the New York State Commissioner of Education are only valid after all local remedies have been sought.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Primary function of the Corinth Central School District is to ensure the academic success of all students. The Board of Education believes that involvement in extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, is essential to the development of a well-rounded individual and citizen, and should be encouraged. However, participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. It represents an opportunity for students to enhance both their educational experience and their futures. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that, as a condition of extending that privilege, the Corinth Central School district ensures that any student who represents the District in extracurricular activities demonstrates, at all times, the characteristics of a good citizen of both the school and the community.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Extracurricular activity” includes all clubs, student groups, cheerleading, intramural sports, interscholastic athletes and the national Honor Society. The term shall also include any school-sponsored activity, on and off campus, which is not a required part of the educational curriculum, attendance at which and participation in which is voluntary, including, but not limited to school dances, proms, field and class trips and school-sponsored social gatherings. The term includes not only the activities themselves, but also includes participation as a spectator using school-sponsored spectator transportation to and from extracurricular events.
- B. These standards of conduct shall supplement, and not supplant or replace, the Code of Conduct or any additional or more stringent rules and standards of conduct that the governing or supervising authority of each extracurricular activity lawfully

imposes as a condition of participation in such activity. Discipline imposed as a result of a violation of this generally applicable policy shall not preclude additional discipline or consequences under the rules, regulations or bylaws of individual extracurricular activities.

III. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

(Guidelines for Imposition of Penalties – See Appendix “Administrative Rules and Regulations for the Participation of Students in – Extracurricular Activities”)

- A. possession and/or use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, non-prescription or controlled substances or drug, paraphernalia will not be tolerated. Any student who is determined to have been in possession of an/or have used tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, non –prescription drugs (including any covered by Board of Education policy 7.12.1 Administration of Medication) or controlled substances or drug paraphernalia will be subject to discipline which may include suspension or expulsion from any or all extracurricular activities, depending on the circumstances of each case.
- B. Conduct Unbecoming: Disrespectful comments, the use of foul language, or insubordination by a student directed toward any other person, including, but not limited to game officials, coaches, advisors, teammates, athletes or team members from opposing teams or schools, fans or spectators, or any other persons will subject the student to recourse by the District. Such recourse may include suspension or expulsion from any or all extracurricular activities. This liability applies to all practices and meetings and all times before, during and after games or school-sponsored events, as well as to bus trips to and from games or school sponsored events. Ejection from any contest or event for such conduct may result in additional disciplinary action by the District, including suspension or expulsion from extracurricular activities.
- C. Any student who is suspended from school for a violation of any school rule or school policy will not be allowed to play in a game or participate in any extracurricular activities (including practices) during the period of his/her suspension from school. The period of his/her suspension is defined as those dates indicated in the letter from the District Administration which notifies the student and his/her parent of the suspension. This applies to both in-school and out of school suspension.
- D. Scholastic Eligibility (7.36 Corinth Academic Eligibility Policy as presently established for grades 5 – 8 and 9 – 12).
- E. In order to participate in extracurricular activities, students must be in attendance for the entire day or days on which the extracurricular activity takes place. “Attendance” includes participation in any required school activity such as a field trip. For example, a student absent from school on the day of a game/event will not be permitted to participate in that game/event, whereas a student out of school on a field trip will be able. Students, who are late arrival or early dismissal due to a legal or medical excuse which is validated by the office, will be eligible to participate.
- F. Students are expected to attend all meetings, practices, games, or other events scheduled in regard to the extracurricular activity unless excused by the advisor, coach or supervisor of the activity. Failure to regularly attend meetings, practices, games or other events scheduled by extracurricular activity may result in the student’s suspension or dismissal from the extracurricular activity. A student who finds it necessary to miss a practice, game, meeting or other scheduled event in regard to the extracurricular activity must notify the coach/advisor/supervisor and indicate his/her reason for absence. The coach/advisor/supervisor may require documentation in the form of a written excuse from the parent. The coach/advisor/supervisor will evaluate the reason for a missed practice, game or meeting and determine whether or not action is warranted, and so inform the student.
- G. Students who participate in extracurricular activities occupy a unique role in the school environment and in society as a whole, which extends beyond that of student. Interscholastic athletes and those who participate in extracurricular activities, both competitive and noncompetitive, serve not only as representatives of the school district, but also as role models to other students. Thus, the conduct of student athletes and other students who participate in school-sponsored activities, whether on campus or off campus, during or outside school hours, may adversely affect both the District’s reputation in the community and the health and safety of other students. Thus, as a condition of participation in extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves in such a manner as to avoid being arrested, prosecuted, and convicted for violation of any law or village, town, county, state, and federal statute. Any student who is arrested or convicted of a crime (either misdemeanor or felony) may be suspended from participation in all extracurricular activities until the legal matter is resolved. Upon resolution, the District shall take additional disciplinary and/or corrective action, if warranted and could result in suspension or expulsion from participation in school activities.
- H. Students shall be clean, well groomed, neat, and appropriately dressed while involved in any extracurricular activity. The student dress code must be adhered to and will be enforced at all school functions, including but not limited to, sporting events, dances, awards, programs, and graduation. The only events where these guidelines will be relaxed are the Junior Prom, Senior Dinner Dance, Homecoming Dance, Baccalaureate Service and Senior Awards Night.
- I. Student will return all school issued equipment to coach or advisor immediately following the season or activity on the date specified by the coach or advisor, or immediately upon termination of membership. The same applies to

uniforms. Students do not have the right to retain uniforms or jackets or other equipment simply because they declare it lost or stolen and are willing to pay for it. Any such equipment determined to be in the possession of a student will be reclaimed by the School District using legal means at its disposal. Also a student will not be allowed to participate in the next season or extracurricular activity until equipment is returned or paid for. Students failing to return issued equipment may also face disciplinary action at the discretion of the Administration.

IV. PROMULGATION OF PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

- A. The Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools and his/her designees to establish, in writing, administrative rules, regulations and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this policy and to enforce the standards set forth above. Such regulations shall apprise students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities of the District's expectations and notify students of the consequences for not meeting such expectations.
- B. Procedures shall likewise be established to review alleged violations of this policy and for review of the penalties imposed for violation of such rules and regulations.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF POLICY

Prior to the start of each sports season or semester, or the commencement of any extracurricular activity, the coach/advisor/supervisor shall hold a meeting for any potential participating students to review this policy. All parents and students will be required to sign and return a copy of the policy acknowledgement. A copy of the signed policy acknowledgement will be kept by the Athletic Director, Advisor, and/or Principal. Students may not participate in said activity until this signed policy acknowledgement is received by the Athletic Director, Advisor, and/or Principal.

EXTRACURRICULAR REVIEW BOARD

Students and/or parents may be afforded the right to be heard in the presence of the Extracurricular Review board as part of the investigation process. The Review Board will consist of a guidance Counselor, Athletic Director, coach/advisor from another sport/activity, corresponding Principal, and other school representatives. The Review board will meet within five (5) business days after an issue arises for which the review board must meet in accordance with policy. The decision of the review board will be communicated to the athlete and athlete's parents (copy to High School Principal, Director of Student Services and Superintendent) within five (5) business days after that meeting.

Any decisions made by the Extracurricular Review board relative to this policy are appealable to the Superintendent, and then to the Board of Education. After receipt of any athletic decision an appeal to the next level must be made within five (5) business days. All school decisions on appeal(s) will be made and communicate to the athlete and parent within ten (10) business days. Appeals to the New York State Commissioner of Education are only valid after all local remedies have been sought.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Acknowledgement and Release for Participation in all Extra-Curricular Activities sponsored by the Corinth Central School District

Student Name (Please PRINT Clearly): _____

With the permission of my parent/guardian _____

(Parent/Guardian Name)

I, _____ desire to participate in extra-curricular
(Student Name)

activities in the Corinth School District throughout the 20__ - 20__ school year.

I, _____, have read the rules contained in the
(STUDENT Name)

Extra-curricular Policy and Student Code of Conduct and agree to follow them as well as all other school rules. I understand that the consequences of my actions which violate these rules, as set forth above, may include suspension or removal from any or all teams, clubs, organizations, activities, or offices held.

I, _____, have read the above rules and am aware of their implications for my student. Further, I will do my best to see that he or she follows said rules. In addition, my signature confirms that my child has had no illnesses or injuries that should limit his or her participation in any extra-curricular activity within the Corinth School District. I further understand that my child may not participate in any activity in any way until this form is returned to the school district.

(Participant Signature)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

NOTE: This Code of Conduct is **ONLY** in effect as follows:

Athletics: When the student is a member of an athletic team (first day of season through last event)

Organizations: While a member of the club or organization