

**24-25 CANTON HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC, EXTRA & CO-CURRICULAR
CODE OF CONDUCT**



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Mission: We, in the Canton Area School District, believe that a healthy mind and healthy body complement one another. We also believe that learning is not to be limited to the classroom and that participation, athletics and competition, in their proper place and perspective, are other components of the learning process. Therefore, we believe that interscholastic athletics and co-curricular activities should be incorporated into our total educational offerings as integral parts

General Objective: Games and events should have as their chief purposes, friendly rivalries, creation of new friendships, playing skills, good sportsmanship, and improved community relations.

Specific Objectives

Interscholastic Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities at Canton High School

- Provide opportunities to develop skill and to experience the satisfaction of performing effectively in emotionally charged situations.
- Contribute to the development of a health and fitness attitude that will provide a carry-over interest, which will function during leisure time.
- Contribute to the development of a wholesome appreciation for a well-developed and properly conditioned body.
- Contribute to the development of desirable social and citizenship qualities such as responsibility, respect for authority, leadership and fellowship abilities, respect for the rights and properties of others, harmonious and cooperative group action and respect for individual differences.
- Contribute to the satisfaction of certain psychological needs such as: self-understanding, self-expression, recognition and approval.
- Contribute to the development of desirable character traits including persistence, determination, unselfishness, will-to-win, alertness, maximum effort, resourcefulness and tenacity.
- Promote the development of the self-esteem and self-realization of each participant.

Objectives for School and Student body

- Interscholastic athletics and co-curricular activities should occupy a position in the curriculum comparable to that of other subjects or activities.
- Interscholastic athletics and co-curricular activities should be educational.
- Interscholastic athletics and co-curricular activities should be a means of promoting fine school morals.
- All visiting schools should be treated as guests.
- Interscholastic athletic programs and co-curricular activities should be broad rather than narrow in scope.
- Sportsmanship, fair play, and good school citizenship should be objectives of all participants.

Code of Conduct for Participants in Interscholastic Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities

- Appreciate that coaches, advisors, sponsors, and administrators have the best interests of the participants in mind as they plan and conduct their programs.
- Obey the specific training and practice rules of the coach, advisor, or sponsor.
- Be present at practice sessions, rehearsals, games, and scheduled events unless excused by the coach, advisor, or sponsor.
- Practice healthful habits of cleanliness and personal hygiene in all their daily activities.
- Appreciate the importance of proper rest, diet, and exercise.
- Understand that alcohol, tobacco, and illegal/illicit drugs are harmful to the body and mind, and hinder maximum effort and performance.
- Participants should appear neat and well groomed at all times.
- Participants should not use profanity or other inappropriate language/gestures
- Directly represent the coaches, advisors, sponsors, school, community, and should conduct themselves properly at all times. Student/student athletic conduct reflects on the school's reputation.
- Realize that officials do not lose a contest but are there for the purposes of ensuring that both teams/individuals receive a fair deal. For this, they deserve and will receive our courteous respect.
- Do not employ illegal tactics to gain an undeserved advantage.
- Have a good attendance record and will not skip class(es) or be truant from school.
- Care for all equipment as though it were their own personal property. Any loss of or damage to issued equipment (other than normal use/wear) is the participant's responsibility. Students will be held financially responsible for all replacement costs.
- Show sportsmanship at all times and express the importance of teamwork over personal recognition.
- Comply with the standards of the CHS Student Code of Conduct

Sanctions from the Code of Conduct

- Minor Infractions- First infractions of a minor nature, as well as, continued minor infractions should be punishable by the coach/director in a fair but stern manner and commensurate with the seriousness of the infraction. Suggested punishments for minor infractions include, but are not limited to, warnings, conferences, and /or review of the code, loss of assigned responsibilities, probationary status or ineligibility for one or more contests.
- Major Infractions-Infractions of the student code of conduct are considered major and should be reported to the Athletic Director immediately. These infractions include acts of violence, weapons, terroristic threats, controlled substances, alcohol, tobacco and vaping products. Major infractions should be punishable by the administration in a fair but stern manner and commensurate with the seriousness of the infraction according to the information provided below:

- **Academics**
 - A student must be in good standing (academically eligible) in the school to participate in interscholastic athletics or co-curricular activities. Academic eligibility as defined by the PIAA and the CHS “Pass to Play” program. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and the CHS “Pass to Play” dictates the ineligibility of any student who does not comply with the established regulations.

- **Tardiness**
 - Students must be present in school prior to 9:00am in order to be eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity after school. Students arriving after 9:00am will be eligible only if the absence is accompanied by a medical note or prior approval from the Principal or Athletic Director.
 - **Students tardy for school 15 or more times within a school year are Ineligible to participate in or attend any extracurricular activities (Athletics, Drama, Music, Dances, Prom, Commencement, etc.). Privileges will be reinstated with on time arrival for 5 consecutive days**

- **Attendance**
 - **Students absent for 15 days or more within a school year are Ineligible to participate in or attend any extracurricular activities (Athletics, Drama, Music, Dances, Prom, Commencement, etc.). Privileges will be reinstated with perfect attendance for 5 consecutive days**

- **Use, Possession or Sale of Tobacco/Vapor Products (222)**
 - 1st Violation during the current school year
 - Suspension from participation for **5** school days and **1** competition
 - Successful completion of a school or community based Tobacco education program.
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)
 - 2nd Violation during the current school year
 - Suspension from participation from the activity for the remainder of season or activity duration
 - Successful completion of a school or community based Tobacco education program.
 - Referral to Local Law Enforcement Agency (District Magistrate)
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)
 - 3rd Violation during the current school year
 - Suspension from participation in all extra curricular activities for one calendar year

- Successful completion of a school or community based Tobacco education program.
 - Referral to Local Law Enforcement Agency (District Magistrate)
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)

- **Use, Possession or Sale of Illegal drugs, controlled substances or alcoholic beverages (227)** NOTE: Attendance by a student at an event where alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or controlled substances are provided for or consumed by persons under the age of 21 in the absence or the presence and approval of the parents or guardians of those underage persons is a violation of training rules and is subject to the disciplinary code below.
 - 1st Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for 45 school days
 - Referral to law enforcement
 - Successful completion of Drug & Alcohol Assessment by a licensed facility
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)
 - 2nd Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for one calendar year
 - Referral to law enforcement
 - Successful completion of Drug & Alcohol Assessment by a licensed facility
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)

- **Violence Resulting In Serious Bodily Injury (218.2, 252)**
 - 1st Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for 45 school days
 - Referral to law enforcement
 - Completion of a mental health evaluation by the school or other licensed facility
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)
 - 2nd Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for one calendar year
 - Referral to law enforcement
 - Completion of a mental health evaluation by the school or other licensed facility
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)

- **Possession of Weapon(s) (218.1)**
 - 1st Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for **up to** 45 school days
 - Referral to law enforcement
 - Completion of a mental health evaluation by the school or other licensed facility **may be required**
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)
 - 2nd Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for 45 school days
 - Referral to law enforcement
 - Completion of a mental health evaluation by the school or other licensed facility
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)

- **Use, Possession or Sale of Anabolic Steroids (227)**
 - 1st Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for the remainder of the season
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)
 - Medical determination by a licensed provider confirming no residual evidence of the steroid exists.
 - 2nd Violation during the current school year
 - Immediate Suspension from all extra curricular activities for the remainder of the season and the following season
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)
 - Medical determination by a licensed provider confirming no residual evidence of the steroid exists.
 - 3rd Violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.
 - Immediate and permanent suspension from school athletics for the remainder of high school career
 - Report to Office of Safe Schools (PDE)

- **Court Proceedings, Probation, Law Enforcement Involvement**
 - A student will be declared ineligible to participate in any interscholastic, athletic, and/or co-curricular activity in which he/she represents the school in a public appearance if placed on probation for the duration of the assigned time period.

Apply the sanctions to the Code

A STUDENT’S FAILURE TO ADHERE TO TRAINING RULES AND STANDARDS (CANTON ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT AND STUDENT HANDBOOK POLICIES) DESCRIBED HEREIN MAY AMOUNT TO SELF-DISQUALIFICATION FROM INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS AND/OR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. The head coach, coaching staff, adviser, sponsor, chaperones (when authorized) or school administration of necessity, have the right to exercise judgment in matters of enforcing the rules and must apply penalties impartially. The principal will take action on major infractions and matters requiring administrative attention. The athletic director will investigate, review options for sanctions and report, with recommendations to the principal.

Student and Parent Acknowledgement

If I am accepted as a member of a sport or activity(ies) group, I will obey all rules and regulations of the sport/activity(ies) as well as the Canton Athletic/Co-Curricular Code of Conduct. Additionally, I will obey all regulations contained in the Canton Jr./Sr. High School Student Handbook. I realize that failure to meet these requirements will amount to my self-disqualification and dismissal from the sport/activity(ies). As the student, I have read and understand the requirements, rules, and consequences of this code. As a Parent/Legal Guardian, your signature acknowledges the school’s scope of authority over our child.

 Student Name

 Student Signature

 Date

 Parent/Guardian Name

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date