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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE

### I. Preamble

It is the goal of the Board of Education to encourage students to participate in as wide a range of extra-curricular activities as feasible. The Board recognizes and understands the importance of participation in extra-curricular activities as it relates to the success of each student and his/her investment in the school community. The Board also recognizes the valuable contribution participation in these activities can make in the development of responsible and respectful school and community citizens. It is not the intention of this regulation to limit general participation in extra-curricular organizations and activities. However, the Board acknowledges that participation in extra-curricular activities causes students to be in a more visible position in the general community. Students who participate in extracurricular activity play a vital role in creating the image others perceive of the individual, the school, and the family. The extra-curricular code, based on the VVS Code of Conduct (Board of Education Policy 1025), defines the expectations for student behavior and provides a framework for fairness and consistency in conducting these student activities.

### II. Definitions

#### A. Extra-curricular Committee

1. Voting members of the Committee include the High School or Middle School Principal as Chairperson, High School Assistant Principal, and Advisor/Athletic Director. The Advisor/Coach and an officer of the organization, at the time of the incident, are ex-officio members. Parents will be notified of all violations. The accused student is expected to be present and may bring parent(s) to the meeting.
2. If a student fails to appear for an Extra-curricular Activities Committee meeting when he/she is in school and has had reasonable notice in advance of the meeting, this will be considered as an admission of the alleged violation. Only the Chairperson of the Extra-curricular Committee may grant an excuse from this meeting if he/she determines the reason for the excuse to be valid.

#### B. Appeals

1. The decision of the Extra-curricular Committee may be appealed to the Extra-curricular Appeals Committee. The Extra-curricular Appeals Committee membership includes the Superintendent of Schools (as Chairperson), a Junior or Senior member of Youth Court to be appointed annually by the Youth Court Advisor, and a resident of the school district appointed by the President of the Board of Education. The Principal/Athletic

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Director is an ex-officio member of this Committee who will present the information.

2. The appeal must be in writing (including reasons for the appeal) and be submitted to the Superintendent within ten (10) days of the decision of the Extra-curricular Committee. The Superintendent will schedule an Appeal meeting within three (3) school days of receipt of the appeal request. Included in the Superintendent's response will be a statement of the rights of the appellant before this Appeals Committee. Should the student, parents, or Appeals Committee be unable to meet prior to the student's next extra-curricular event or scheduled service hours, the Extra-curricular Committee's decision and stated penalty will be enforced until such time as the Appeals Committee acts upon the appeal.
3. The parent or student may request a review of the Extra-curricular Appeals Committee's decision by the Board of Education. The request for a review by the Board of Education must be in writing (including reasons for the requested review) and be submitted to the Superintendent within ten (10) days of the decision by the Extra-curricular Appeals Committee.
4. The Board of Education will consider the request and make a decision whether to honor or deny the review within ten (10) days.

#### C. Duration of Extra-curricular Activity

1. A student is a member of a particular organization and under the Extra-curricular Code from the first official meeting the school year, as determined by the Advisor/Coach, until the conclusion of the last scheduled activity, as determined by the Advisor/Coach.

### III. Article I

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, except at religious or family ceremonies.

#### Article II

The use or possession of tobacco is prohibited.

#### Article III

The use or possession of illegal drugs (subject to penalty under law) is prohibited.

#### Article IV

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In the interests of safety and fair play, the use and/or misuse of any substance which is intended to alter performance is prohibited.

#### Article V

The student must be a good school and community citizen.

#### Article VI.

Once a student is selected for an activity, group or team, he/she may not drop from activity, group or team unless he/she receives the approval of the Advisor/Coach. The Advisor/Coach will determine how many excused or unexcused practices or meetings a student may have before he or she is to be dropped from the organization. The maximum number of excused practices or meetings will be established at the first official meeting of the each organization. In the case of some activities, the Advisor/Coach may permit a brief "tryout" period and permit a student to drop without a penalty during that time. If this is to be done, the Advisor/Coach will specify the length of the "tryout" period at the first practice session.

Understanding that the nature, duration and number of activities/events involved in athletics and clubs is inherently unique, the following penalties have been developed to accommodate differences, while providing for fairness and consistency, regarding expected student conduct as established by the District.

#### IV. PENALTIES – INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

- A. Violators of the Code (in the first instance) are subject to the penalty as outlined by the Extra-curricular Committee. The maximum penalty for the first infraction of Articles I, II, III, and IV shall be removal for the duration of the sports season plus one half of the next sports season in which the athlete participates. Violators of Articles III and IV will be referred to an appropriate counseling service (Regulation 1025.1 of Board of Education Policy 1025) as a condition of re-entry into the athletic program.
- B. Subsequent infractions of the Code during the athlete's career in the Middle School and High School shall render the violator ineligible to participate in athletics for the maximum penalty of one calendar year from the date the penalty was administered by the Extra-curricular Committee. This penalty shall not be less than the student's first/previous penalty.
- C. Violators of Articles V and VI will be subject to penalties as provided by the Extra-curricular Committee. These penalties may be of a lesser nature than those



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established for violators of Articles I, II, III, and IV.

- D. The coach of the squad may temporarily remove a team member whenever the coach feels that the student is not contributing to good intra-squad discipline and decorum. The coach will immediately inform the Athletic Director of this decision. Furthermore, certain incidents may be subject to a meeting before the Extra-curricular Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: Curfew hours – in order to insure appropriate rest for all athletes, the following curfew hours are recommended:

- A. Senior High (9-12) should be home by 10:30p.m. on school days and days preceding an athletic contest, be home by 1:00a.m. on all other days.
- B. Middle School (7-8) should be home one hour earlier than Senior High.

#### V. PENALTIES – CLUBS

- A. Violators of the Code (in the first instance) are subject to the penalty of hours of service to the school as outlined by the Extra-curricular Committee. The maximum penalty for the first infraction of Articles I, II, III, IV shall be ten hours of service. Violators of Articles III and IV will be referred to an appropriate counseling service (Regulation 1025.1 of Board of Education Policy 1025) as a condition of re-entry into the club.
- B. Penalties for subsequent infractions of the Code during the student's career in the Middle School and High School shall be at the discretion of the Extra-curricular Committee and shall not be less than the student's hours of service for the first/previous infraction.
- C. Violators of Articles V and VI will be subject to penalties of hours of service as provided by the Extra-curricular Committee. These penalties may be of a lesser nature than those established for violators of Articles I, II, III, and IV, but not less than two (2) hours of service for the first infraction.
- D. The Advisor of the organization may temporarily remove a student whenever the Advisor feels that the student is not contributing to the organization's internal discipline and decorum. The Advisor will immediately inform the Principal of this decision. Furthermore, certain incidents may be subject to a meeting before the Extra-curricular Committee.
- E. While this regulation recognizes and seeks to accommodate the inherent uniqueness between clubs and athletics certain conditions may warrant the removal of the

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student from club activity (ies) or from participation in the club.

#### VI. Athletic Participation

Our Signatures Below Indicate:

1. We understand the rules and regulations of the Extra-curricular Code and agree to comply with all provisions.
2. The required sports physical has been completed.
3. We understand the possibility of severe injury and/or death exists as a result of participation in any athletic practice or event. In the event of any injury, family medical insurance provides first coverage. The District's limited benefits accident policy provides secondary coverage in accordance with the schedule of benefits.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### VII. Club Participation

Our Signatures Below Indicate:

1. We understand the rules and regulations of the Extra-curricular Code and agree to comply with all provisions.
2. We understand that service to school is in lieu of removal from participation in club activity (ies) or the club. We further understand that certain conditions may warrant the removal of the student from club activity (ies) or from participation in the club.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District

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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE COMMON LANGUAGE SUMMARY

### I. Preamble

The Board of Education recognizes that participation in extra-curricular activities is a valuable experience for students and that it carries with it responsibilities for good school and community citizenship.

### II. Definitions

A. The Extra-Curricular Activities Code is administered by a Committee consisting of Principals and the Directors, Advisors and Coaches in the Extra-Curricular Program. Students who violate the Extra-Curricular Activities Code are brought to a hearing before the Committee.

B. Appeals  
The decision of the Extra-curricular committee may be appealed to the Extra-curricular Appeals Committee. An appeal must be made in writing and filed with the Superintendent within ten (10) days of the Committee decision.

C. Duration of Extra-curricular Activity  
Students are members of an organization from the first official meeting of the squad/organization to the conclusion of the last scheduled activity as determined by the Advisor/Coach.

### III. There are six (6) articles in the Code of Conduct.

Article I. The use or possession of alcohol is prohibited.

Article II. The use or possession of tobacco products is prohibited.

Article III. The use or possession of illegal drugs (subject to penalty under law) is prohibited.

Article IV. The use or possession of performance altering substances is prohibited.

Article V. The student must be a good school and community citizen.

Article VI. Once selected for an activity a student may not drop from that activity without the approval of the Advisor/Coach.

### IV. Penalties

A. Penalties are determined by the Committee and are based on the type of violation, the severity of the violation, and the number of times a student has violated the Extra-curricular Code of Conduct.



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- B. A coach of a squad or advisor of an organization may temporarily remove a student from the team/organization when ever the coach/advisor feels that the student is not contributing to good intra-squad/organization discipline and decorum. The coach will notify the Athletic Director of such a decision immediately. The Advisor will notify the Principal of such a decision immediately.

#### V. Athletic Participation

Our Signatures Below Indicate:

1. We understand the rules and regulations of the Extra-curricular Code and agree to comply with all provisions.
2. The required sports physical has been completed.
3. We understand the possibility of severe injury and/or death exists as a result of participation in any athletic practice or event. In the event of any injury, family medical insurance provides first coverage. The District's limited benefits accident policy provides secondary coverage in accordance with the schedule of benefits.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

#### VI. Club Participation

Our Signatures Below Indicate:

1. We understand the rules and regulations of the Extra-curricular Code and agree to comply with all provisions.
2. We understand that service to school is in lieu of removal from participation in club activity (ies) or the club. We further understand that certain conditions may warrant the removal of the student from club activity (ies) or from participation in the club.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

*A copy of the entire Extra-curricular Code of Conduct (Regulation 7065.1) is available upon request from the Advisor/Coach.*

Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District

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