

District 230 Co-Curricular Honor Code of Conduct

Participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right. As such, there are expectations in regard to conduct that are required for ongoing participation.

The goal of the co-curricular program is to provide opportunities for students to pursue interests and develop life skills beyond the classroom. An additional goal is to develop the skills of students which will allow them to compete to the best of their ability within the School Board policies and the by-laws of any association of which the school is a member.

Members must conduct themselves at all times, including after school and on days school is not in session, as good citizens and exemplars of their school and of District 230– they must behave in ways that are consistent with good sportsmanship, leadership, and appropriate moral conduct. They are expected to demonstrate good citizenship and exemplary conduct in 46 the classroom, in the community, and during all facets of the activity.

The Honor Code of Conduct below describes the expectations and goals of the co-curricular program. This Code does not contain a complete list of inappropriate behaviors for students in co-curriculars. This Honor Code of Conduct will be enforced 365 days a year, 24 hours per day. A student may be excluded from activities or competition while the school is conducting an investigation regarding that student's conduct. A student found to be in violation of the Honor Code of Conduct while in school, on school property, or at a school-sponsored event, will also be subject to the Consolidated High School District 230 discipline guidelines and consequences.

Students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to seek assistance from the student assistance program regarding alcohol or other drug problems. Family or self-referrals will be taken into consideration in determining consequences for Honor Code of Conduct violations.

A student participating in a co-curricular will be subject to disciplinary action if he or she violates this Honor Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular Activities. Violations will be treated cumulatively, over four years, with disciplinary penalties increasing with subsequent violations. The student shall not:

1. Violate the District's policies or procedures on student discipline;
2. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute a beverage containing alcohol (except for religious purposes);
3. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute tobacco in any form;
4. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any illegal substance, paraphernalia, or improperly use prescription medications
5. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any object that is or could be considered a weapon or any item that is a "look alike" weapon;

6. Attend a party or other gathering and/or ride in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are discovered, used, possessed, bought, sold, bartered, distributed, and/or are being consumed by minors;
7. Haze other students.

NOTE: Any student who knowingly disregards or fails to act on coach's or activity sponsor's directive, or acts in violation of the parent-student handbook, may be subject to suspension or dismissal from a team or a group. The term will be determined by the coach/sponsor after consultation with the athletic director, activities director and/or the activity board. **This Activity Honor Code of Conduct is enforced year round.**

The intent of the Honor Code of Conduct is twofold:

- provide students a reason to resist peer pressure and make good choices when drugs, alcohol, or tobacco are involved.
- provide students and their families an opportunity to seek help when poor choices are made involving drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

Students who do not make good choices, as determined by the Dean's investigation, will be consequence as outlined in the Honor Code of 47 Conduct and the District discipline guidelines.

Activity Board

The Activity Board for each site shall consist of the following members: Principal and/or Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, Athletic Director, and coach or activity supervisor/sponsor. The role of the Activity Board is to review, on an individual basis, each violation of the Honor Code of Conduct that is brought to this level and to determine appropriate consequences. The decision of the Activity Board and/or Administrator shall be final in determining consequences for students involved in athletic or performance-based activities.

Reporting of Offenses

Reports of offenses committed outside of the school will be accepted from the following individuals:

- Consolidated High School District 230 staff or administration

- School Officials
- Law Enforcement Officials
- Student Voluntary Self-Admissions
- Parent of Student Committing Offense
- Identified Private Citizens (*see below)

The intent of the Honor Code of Conduct is not to encourage adults to 'police' students in order to turn them in for punishment, however, if parents, or community members have witnessed or have first hand knowledge of student behaviors that are in violation of the Honor Code of

Conduct, they are encouraged to contact the high school Deans' office immediately to schedule a time to meet with administration to share the information they have.

Voluntary Admission

A voluntary admission shall occur when a student or parent initiates communication and admission with a certified employee of the school district before the student is arrested, detained, confronted or apprehended by any law enforcement personnel, school personnel, other governmental personnel or a private citizen. The voluntary admission to the coach/sponsor/athletic or activities director must occur on the first school day following the rule violation. A student voluntarily admitting to a violation of the Honor Code of Conduct on a first offense will not be subject to any loss of competition or performance time. The student may use voluntary admission only one time during his/her high school career and a student may NOT use voluntary admission if the rule infraction is already known by the school. The student will be required to attend an educational substance abuse program that has been approved by the school district.

Students not admitting to a violation during an initial investigation, who are later found to have committed the violation due to additional facts obtained by the Deans' office, will be processed with a Category C violation due to dishonesty and insubordination.

Students who are in the presence of drugs or alcohol but did not use either must voluntarily admit prior to the initiation of an investigation of the incident to avoid a classification of a Code A violation. If evidence becomes available at a later date that demonstrates the student was involved in the use of drugs or alcohol at the incident, a Category C violation will be applied.

A voluntary admission for a second offense will count as a first offense including loss of contests or performances as outlined in the Honor Code of Conduct, provided that the student has not used a voluntary admission previously. The purpose of this provision is to allow a student to seek help.

Application of Suspension from Performances, Activities, or Competitions:

If any amount of the suspended number of performances, activities, or competitions cannot be fulfilled in the current season or school year, the student will serve the remaining suspended number of performances, activities, or competitions in their next season or activity.

Students involved in more than one athletic or performance activity during the time of the rule infraction will be subject to exclusions in each of the activities as outlined in the Honor Code of Conduct. Per National Honor Society by-laws, any behavior that violates the District Code of Conduct will result in removal from National Honor Society.

Chemical Awareness Seminars

As part of its substance abuse prevention program, District 230 requires that all student/athletes and their parent(s) attend a chemical awareness seminar 52 prior to the season. The seminars provide athletes and competitive cocurricular participants parents with important information about substance abuse prevention and inform them of the training rules they are expected to abide by. Attendance at one seminar each year is mandatory. Athletes and competitive co-curricular participants who do not attend a chemical abuse seminar prior to the season will be ineligible for competition.

Honor Code of Conduct Suspension Chart Number of Suspended Dates, Games, Matches or Performances			
Sport	Category A 1st offense	Category A 2nd offense Category B 1st offense	Category B 2nd offense
Band	2	3-4	8-10

The rest of this chart is available on pp. 52 and 53 in the student handbook.