



John Edwards High School Co-Curricular Code 2020-2021

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Port Edwards High School Co-Curricular Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of this code is to provide a set of uniform rules concerning participation in the district's co-curricular programs that will assist the student participant in his/her development. It is the expectation of Port Edwards School District students who participate in co-curricular activities to follow this code of conduct on a year-round (12 month) basis.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular activities are those voluntary activities that are school related. Activities that are a required part of a course and contribute to a student's grade for the course are not considered co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities include, but are not limited to:

Volleyball, football, wrestling, basketball, cross-country, track, baseball, softball, golf, forensics, drama club, solo & ensemble competition, student council, class officers, National Honor Society, homecoming court, prom court, math league and non-required field trips.

COOPERATIVE SPORTS PROGRAM

The Port Edwards School District has entered into several cooperative athletic programs with neighboring school districts to enhance the opportunities available to students. A student participating in a cooperative athletic program will be expected to provide his/her own transportation to the cooperative school for games and practices.

ELIGIBILITY

Participation in co-curricular activities **is a privilege** subject to the following requirements:

Academic Eligibility

The Port Edwards School District believes that the first and primary concern for any participant in co-curricular activities is academics. It is definitely in the student's best interest that his/her focus is on academics first and that participation in co-curricular programs comes second. In addition to the assistance that is available in the regular classroom, additional help is available before and after school, during study hall, and at lunch. Students who would like additional help should talk to his/her teacher, coach, advisor or guidance counselor. These are the academic requirements for eligibility to participate in any co-curricular program:

Midterm: Students with 1 or more failing grades at midterm will be considered ineligible until all grades are brought up to a passing level of D- or above. It will be the ineligible student's responsibility to obtain a "grade sheet" from the Counseling office. If the grade sheet indicates a passing grade for all classes, the student regains eligibility. If any grade remains below a D-, he/she will repeat the grade sheet process until passing grades are reported or until the quarter grades are submitted.

Semester: Co-curricular participants must have no failing grades and a semester GPA of at least 1.67 to be eligible. Students not meeting these minimum requirements will be considered ineligible as outlined in #3 below.

1. A student with an incomplete will be declared ineligible until the incomplete in that course is made up and a passing grade is earned.
2. Midterm's and semester grades will be used to determine eligibility. 2nd Semester grades will determine eligibility for the following academic year. For a student enrolled in the Youth Options program, semester grades will be used to determine eligibility.
3. A student who becomes academically ineligible at the semester grading period may regain eligibility by meeting the "No F/GPA" policy following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility. The 15-day ineligibility period will begin on the school day following the distribution of the report cards, except when ineligibility is incurred at the end of the year. In this case, the minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of:

- 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition/performance in a sport or activity, or;
 - one-third of the maximum number of competitions allowed in a sport/activity (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
4. It will be the ineligible student's responsibility to obtain a "grade sheet" from the guidance office on the 15th day of the ineligibility, get it filled out by each of his/her teachers and return it to the guidance office. If the grade sheet indicates a passing grade for all classes, the student will regain eligibility. A student can regain eligibility any time after the 15th school day by raising all grades to a passing level up to the date of the next grading period.
 5. A student is required to practice and attend meetings in the co-curricular program in order to maintain his/her status. However, if the coach/advisor feels it is in the athlete's best interest to skip practice to concentrate on academics, the coach/advisor may excuse the student from practices.
 6. A student making satisfactory progress in a school's prescribed course requirements as a member of a Special Education (EEN) class may be exempt from normal academic eligibility requirements if this is based on the student's IEP.

2nd Semester Grading: A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period of the school year by taking summer school credit recovery courses that are offered at the Port Edwards School District. The student must complete not less than the same number of courses which caused the ineligibility. (NOTE: Entrance into the summer school credit recovery programs is on a very limited basis and at the discretion of school administration. Not all students are allowed into the credit recovery program, so students should make every possible effort to remain in good academic standing during the regular school year.

Social Eligibility

A student participating in co-curricular activities will be responsible for maintaining a high level of social acceptability. He/she must conduct himself/herself in such a fashion as to bring pride to his/her family, school, and community. A student shall refrain from willful, persistent, and disruptive behavior.

In addition, during the chosen activity, students must comply with all guidelines set out by the coach/advisor. These guidelines shall be distributed in writing to the students at the beginning of the activity.

Students are required to attend practice during social ineligibility.

If a student-athlete must miss school the day of or the day following an athletic contest, it will only be permissible if it is for a medical appointment, legal appointment, death in the family or at the discretion of the Principal and/or Athletic Director. The student-athlete must present the Principal and/or Athletic Director with a written parent explanation of the absence or with a signed note from the professional that you saw on the same day of that appointment in order to be possibly considered eligible to participate in the next contest.

Social Eligibility violations will include but not be limited to:

1. A student must refrain from being disrespectful to members of the school staff, fellow athletes, activity supervisors or members of the community at large.
2. A student must refrain from behavior that results in a disorderly conduct citation.
3. A student must refrain from consuming, abusing, misusing, possessing, distributing, selling or purchasing of alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, illegal drugs (including steroids), controlled substances or look alike products (e-cigarettes) on or off school property, during the school year or during non-school days. (Note: the W.I.A.A. has published a list of banned performance-enhancing substances; it is the responsibility of each student- athlete to be aware of the products on this list. It can be found on the W.I.A.A. website at the following web address:<http://www.wiaawi.org/publications/performanceenhancers.pdf>
4. A student must refrain from violations of criminal state statutes (example: assault, weapon charges, burglary, etc.)
5. A student must refrain from academic dishonesty such as plagiarism and cheating.

Conditions:

The athletic director/administration has the right to address violations not covered by this code and assess penalties accordingly. (Including conduct resulting in misdemeanors and felonies)

School administrators and the athletic director will address instances of misconduct after conducting a thorough investigation and considering all of the facts and circumstances.

Athletic Eligibility

An athlete is subject to other guidelines beyond academic and social eligibility, as follows:

1. An athlete must be under nineteen (19) years of age on August 1st.
2. An athlete has eight consecutive semesters of potential athletic eligibility, starting with the first semester of his/her 9th grade year. A fifth year senior is not eligible to participate unless granted a waiver by the WIAA.
3. No athlete may change from one activity to another during the same season without the permission of the involved coaches.
4. An athlete and parent/guardian(s) must attend one informational meeting regarding this code and athletic expectations before signing this code. These meetings will be scheduled by the athletic director and the principal and held at least two times throughout the year. An athlete will not be permitted to practice or receive equipment until his/her signed (by parent/guardian and athlete) athletic code, W.I.A.A. physical examination card, insurance waiver, and medical consent form are signed and returned to the main office or the coach.

Other rules applying to enrollment, residency, amateur status, etc. may be found in the current W.I.A.A. official Handbook.

-DISCIPLINE FOR CODE VIOLATIONS

Discipline for code violations is cumulative over the course of a student's high school career. A student's violation record is not cleared at the start of each new school year. A student does not start the step process over on an annual basis, but does include an incentive for good behavior. After a student has an initial violation, if there are no additional violations during the period of the ensuing calendar year, the athlete shall not advance to a higher level of discipline with a subsequent violation. This opportunity to avoid a more severe penalty shall only be available one time during an athlete's academic career.

Students who are ineligible for either academic or social code violations are not allowed to travel as a member of a team or activity on a bus during their disciplinary period. For an athletic competition, it will be the coach's choice whether or not he or she will allow ineligible students to be on the sideline of home games with the team.

A student who is in more than one co-curricular activity when a consequence for a code violation is applied will be subject to consequences for all activities in which they are currently participating (example: a violation will occur in both basketball and forensics, not one or the other).

⊕ Violations of the Academic Eligibility will be followed as outlined previously in this document.

⊕ Violations of Social Eligibility will be addressed as follows:

Discipline for Athletic Social Eligibility Violations

1st Violation

Suspension:

Athletic seasons with:

10 or more contests per season - 2 contests

4-10 contests per season - 1 contest

Fewer than 4 contests/events-The coach must submit written documentation of disciplinary action for approval by the athletic director/principal.

(If there is less than the specified number of contests remaining in the sport season of the violation, see “Carryover Policy” under the section “Discipline Conditions and Options.”)

AND

The athlete and his/her parent/guardian(s) must meet with coach, athletic director/principal to develop an improvement plan. The athlete and parent/guardian(s) must agree to this program and the athlete must successfully complete the objectives of this plan before regaining eligibility. The improvement plan will be developed based on the nature of the violation and may include things such as: alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) treatment, anger management, behavior modification or administratively approved service hours.

- For all offenses, counseling must be given by a qualified agency. The athlete must present written documentation following each counseling session. All expenses shall be the responsibility of the athlete or the parent/guardian.

An athlete must participate in all practices during the suspension.

2nd Offense

Suspension:

The athlete will be suspended for all athletics for 1/2 of all contests per season

(If there are less than half of the contests remaining in the sport season of the violation, see “Carryover Policy” under the section “Discipline Conditions and Options.”)

AND

The athlete and his/her parent/guardian(s) must meet with coach, athletic director/principal to develop an improvement plan. The athlete and parent/guardian(s) must agree to this program and the athlete must successfully complete the objectives of this plan before regaining eligibility. The improvement plan will be developed based on the nature of the violation and may include things such as: ATOD treatment, anger management, behavior modification or administratively approved service hours.

An athlete must participate in all practices during the suspension.

3rd Offense

Suspension:

The athlete will be suspended for all athletics for the season. (If the sport season has already started, see “Carryover Policy” under the section “Discipline Conditions and Options.”)

AND

The athlete and his/her parent/guardian must meet with coach, athletic director/principal to develop an improvement plan. The athlete and parent/guardian must agree to this program and the athlete must successfully complete the objectives of this plan before regaining eligibility. The improvement plan will be developed based

on the nature of the violation and may include such things as, ATOD treatment, anger management, behavior modification or administratively approved service hours.

An athlete must participate in all practices during the suspension.

Discipline for Non-Athletic Social Eligibility Violations
1st Violation

Suspension:

Activity with performances or a competitive season such as drama club, forensics, music solo & ensemble, and math league: the next performance or contest

Activity such as class officer, student council member, or non-required field trips: 20 school days

Activity such as prom court or homecoming court: the next event

AND

The student and his/her parent/guardian(s) must meet with activity advisor, athletic director/principal to develop an improvement plan. The student and parent/guardian(s) must agree to this program and the student must successfully complete the objectives of this plan before regaining eligibility. The improvement plan will be developed based on the nature of the violation and may include things such as: alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) treatment, anger management, behavior modification or administratively approved service hours.

- For all offenses, counseling must be given by a qualified agency. The student must present written documentation following each counseling session. All expenses shall be the responsibility of the student or the parent/guardian.

A student must participate in all practices during the suspension if the event is performance or competitively based.

2nd Offense

Suspension:

Activity with performances or a competitive season such as drama club, forensics, music solo & ensemble, and math league: the next two performances or contests

Activity such as class officer, student council member, or non-required field trips: 45 school days

Activity such as prom court or homecoming court: the next two events

AND

The student and his/her parent/guardian(s) must meet with advisor, athletic director/principal to develop an improvement plan. The student and parent/guardian(s) must agree to this program and the student must successfully complete the objectives of this plan before regaining eligibility. The improvement plan will be developed based on the nature of the violation and may include things such as: ATOD treatment, anger management, behavior modification or administratively approved service hours.

A student must participate in all practices during the suspension if the event is performance or competitively based.

3rd Offense

Suspension:

Activity with performances or a competitive season such as drama club, forensics, music solo & ensemble, and math league: the remainder of performances or contests for that activity for the school year

Activity such as class officer, student council member, or non-required field trips: 60 school days

Activity such as prom court or homecoming court: the next two events and may not attend the events

AND

The athlete and his/her parent/guardian must meet with coach, athletic director/principal to develop an improvement plan. The athlete and parent/guardian must agree to this program and the athlete must successfully complete the objectives of this plan before regaining eligibility. The improvement plan will be developed based on the nature of the violation and may include such things as, ATOD treatment, anger management, behavior modification or administratively approved service hours.

An athlete must participate in all practices during the suspension.

4th Offense for Athletic and Non-Athletic Social Eligibility Violations

Suspension:

The student will be suspended from all co-curricular activities for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

AND

The student and his/her parent/guardian(s) must meet with advisor or coach and athletic director/principal to develop an improvement plan. The student and parent/guardian must agree to this program and the athlete must successfully complete the objectives of this plan before regaining eligibility. The improvement plan will be developed based on the nature of the violation and may include, but not be limited to, ATOD treatment, anger management, behavior modification or administratively approved service hours.

5th Offense for Athletic and Non-Athletic Social Eligibility Violations

Suspension:

The student will lose co-curricular activity eligibility for the remainder of his/her high school career.

Severe Clause

A student charged for a violation(s) of the criminal state statutes as determined serious enough by the district's administrator, athletic director and principal shall lose co-curricular activity eligibility for the remainder of his/her academic career. The student is eligible to re-apply for reinstatement after 1 calendar year through this code's appeal process if he/she has completed 100 hours of school approved service.

DISCIPLINE CONDITIONS & OPTIONS

Carry Over Policy

If an athlete is suspended from a sport and the season ends before the term of the suspension is completely served, the remaining suspension will be enforced in the next season in which the athlete participates. The athlete must complete the current and next sport season for the suspension to be fulfilled. The purpose of this rule is to prevent an athlete from completing the term of a suspension in a sport that has no meaning for the athlete and quitting the sport after the suspension is served.

- ⊕ The athlete must continue to practice and/or finish the remainder of the season to fulfill all or part of the suspension.

STUDENT PRESENT DURING A CODE VIOLATION

In a situation where a student was present during a code violation but not actively involved and self-reports to the athletic director/principal during the first school day after the incident, the following rules will be in effect:

First Occurrence: A student will receive a letter of reprimand for being in a questionable situation.
Any subsequent violation of this situation (as described above in this section) during the student's

high school years will be treated as a First Offense as outlined in the “Discipline for Code Violations” section of this code. If a third offense occurs with more than one calendar year between the second and third offense, the discipline will be followed as outlined in the First Offense.

Second Occurrence: This will be considered a first offense as outlined in the Violation section of this code with the discipline procedures as noted.

Third Occurrence: This will be considered a second offense as outlined in the Violation section of this code with the discipline procedures as noted.

Options:

Self-Referral for Chemical Abuse

Student self-referral is the process by which an athlete or his/her parent/guardian seeks help from school personnel for problems resulting from the student's use or abuse of chemicals. Self-referral must occur prior to the student being charged with a violation. When a student self-refers, the student must be willing to accept the help that is offered. A student who self-refers is not subject to any disciplinary action from the co-curricular code. The athletic director/principal will be involved in all self-referral processes. Once the athletic director/principal is made aware of the self-referral, he may:

1. Initiate individual intensive counseling with the student on a weekly basis for not less than three weeks or until the problem is resolved.
2. Refer the student to a support group that meets on a weekly basis for one semester.
3. Refer the student to meet on an individual basis with a trained staff member for not less than three weeks.
4. If the problem is deemed too serious to resolve at the school intervention level, the ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drug) coordinator shall be contacted and a certified alcohol and drug counselor shall make an assessment.
5. A student who self-refers is expected to refrain from the use of alcohol or illegal drugs. If a student involved in the self-referral process subsequently violates the co-curricular code through the use of alcohol or illegal drugs, the student shall be subject to the penalties of a second offense violation of the co-curricular code.

ADMINISTRATION OF CODE & VIOLATION DISCIPLINE

The athletic director/principal will review the code and the alleged violation with the student. He/she will notify the administration and coaches and record all penalties and discipline.

The athletic director/principal will make a referral to the counselor for any discipline requirements of this code and follow up with the counselor to assure compliance.

If necessary, the advisors/coaches may also assist the athletic director/principal in the administration of any discipline.

Records of all code violations will be kept in the student's cumulative files.

For social eligibility violations 1, 2, 4 & 5, the athletic director and/or the administrator have the option of utilizing restorative practices in lieu of the Discipline for Code Violations outlined previously in the Code of Conduct.

REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS

If an adult reports an alleged violation of the co-curricular code, he/she must be willing to submit a signed statement fully explaining what he/she believes is the violation of the co-curricular, including as much information as possible detailing the alleged violation which was actually observed by the person making the report. Unsigned, anonymous reports will generally be filed for future reference should additional information become available from alternate sources.

If a student reports an alleged violation of the co-curricular code, the student's identity will be kept confidential; however, he/she must be willing to submit a signed statement fully explaining what he/she believes is the violation of the co-curricular code, including as much information as possible detailing the alleged violation which was actually observed by the person making the report.

In cases where a report is received from a student-athlete, additional evidence will also be secured during any further investigation. The student report will be used during the investigation, but the name of the student making the report will be kept confidential, and redacted from any statements used as evidence.

The athletic director and principal have shared responsibility of investigating alleged violations of the co-curricular and for assessing penalties.

If there is an initial determination made that there is substance to the alleged violation, the student, the athletic director or an administrator will contact the parent/guardian. This contact can be either by telephone or by a face-to-face meeting. The athlete and parent/guardian will be informed of the initial determination and possible penalties.

Board of Review

- ⊕ The student and parent/guardian will be shown the report and have the option of having a hearing before a board of review or waiving the hearing and accepting the appropriate penalty for the alleged violation.
- ⊕ If the student and/or the parent/guardian request a board of review hearing, they will have an opportunity to present the student's side of the issue to the board of review. The date of the board of review hearing should be mutually agreed upon during the initial contact. If agreement cannot be reached the athletic director or administrator shall set a date that will allow for three a day notice and fall within the next seven calendar days.
- ⊕ The athletic director or administrator will convene a board of review committee made up of three faculty members. The athletic director or administrator will select two of the members for the board and the student will select the third member of the board. The athletic director or administrator will chair the board as a non-voting member.
- ⊕ If the student is participating in a sport or activity at the time of the infraction, the advisor or coach may attend as a non-voting member.
- ⊕ The student, parent/guardian, and/or his/her representative may attend the board of review hearing to present his/her views prior to board action. If the student or his/her representative does not attend, the board will act on the evidence presented. In this hearing, the student will be afforded the right to present testimony and evidence, as well as, the right to confront and question the witnesses.
- ⊕ A record of the hearing, including the action taken, will be kept. A copy of the findings of the board, including a decision on the discipline to be issued, if any, will be sent to the student, parent/guardian, and the principal.

APPEAL PROCESS

The appeal process outlined here is the procedure for a student who has signed the co-curricular code and wants to appeal a decision relating to eligibility. It should be understood that a student and/or parent/guardian or his/her representatives would be expected to follow the steps carefully in the event such action is initiated.

- ⊕ If the student and his/her parent/guardian are not satisfied with the findings of the board of review that resulted in a suspension from a program; a hearing may be requested before the board of education.
- ⊕ The appeal must be in writing, must be directed to the athletic director or administrator and must be received within seven calendar days from the first day such suspension took effect.
- ⊕ After the written appeal has been received, a date for the board of education hearing will be established by the principal, such date shall be no later than ten days after the receipt of the appeal.
- ⊕ Present at the hearing, in addition to the athletic director and/or administrator, shall be the student, the parent/guardian, or his/her representative. If a rule violation related to a specific sport or activity is involved, the advisor or coach of that activity shall be present.
- ⊕ The student, the parent/guardian, or his/her representative will be provided with an opportunity to testify and present other evidence on his/her behalf, as well as confront and question witnesses.
- ⊕ The board of education decision based on this hearing shall supersede that of the board of review. The hearing shall be taped and the taped proceedings will constitute the official record of the hearing.
- ⊕ The decision resulting from this board of education hearing will be put in writing by the clerk of the board and mailed to the student and/or his/her parent/guardian.

W.I.A.A. ADDENDUM

The following addendum has been included in the Port Edwards High School Co-Curricular Code at the request of the W.I.A.A. Its purpose is to provide further clarification regarding the rules governing high school athletics in Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and Port Edwards School District

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2020-2021 school year:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances, the school's requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending

one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.

- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.

- C. Students entering 11th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.
- D. Students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- F. 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- I. Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- J. If within the first six consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.
- L. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school. A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.
- M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.

- C. Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
- D. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- E. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- F. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- G. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- H. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced (except for felony charges). If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- I. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive: a medal, cup, trophy or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost; school mementos valued not more than \$200; an award valued not more than \$100 retail for participation in an athletic contest in a WIAA recognized sport; and may retain non-school competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete.
- D. A student-athlete may not receive free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- E. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- F. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with prior school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Non-school competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series) and forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities.

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with non-school teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including "banditing") in more than two non-school competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal non-school games as well as "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests

(punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.

- (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue non-school training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay 100% of the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

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End of W.I.A.A. Addendum

2020-2021

**W.I.A.A./PORT EDWARDS SCHOOL DISTRICT
CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT**

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) & SIGNATURE FORM

We have read and understand this Co-Curricular Code. We agree to abide and support this philosophy and the rules governing participation in the co-curricular programs at Port Edwards School District.

Student Name (please print): _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

**I have reviewed the code with the student
And parent/guardian listed above:**

School Official Signature: _____

Date: _____

Important:

After signing, return this page to the Athletic Director. Keep the rest of this code at home and available for reference.