

**QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #172**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Introduction**

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege – not a right. The constitution and the laws of this state and country guarantee students the right to an education. That right to an education cannot be taken away without due process of law. Due process protection does not apply to privileges.

**Expectations**

(This includes representations of activity depicted in photos, videos and the internet)

The Quincy Public Schools expect students who participate in extra-curricular activities at all times (365 days a year):

- A. To conduct themselves in a manner that reflects favorably upon the Quincy Public Schools and the Quincy community;
- B. To adhere to all rules set forth in the student handbook and those adopted by the coach/sponsor, including, but not limited to, the provisions of the student handbook relating to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs;
- C. To meet the scholastic requirements of the Quincy Public Schools;
- D. To attend school, practices and contests/performances; and
- E. To conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for people, property and public laws at all times;

**Consequences for Not Meeting Expectations**

Any conduct in violation of the expectations shall subject the participant to a range of consequences listed below:

- 1. Participants violating the Code of Conduct will be appropriately disciplined by the coach, sponsor, director of athletics and/or building principal.
- 2. Flagrant violations of the Code may result in immediate dismissal from the team or extra-curricular activity. The athlete may also be subject to the consequences outlined in #3 below.
- 3. Violations of the Code considered to be serious in nature typically result in the following progression of consequences:
  - a. First Offense: Suspension from the activity for 1/3 of the activity season (games, matches, contests, performances).
  - b. Second Offense: Ineligible for all activities for one calendar year from the date of the second infraction.
  - c. Third Offense: Ineligible for all activities for the remainder of the high school career.
- 4. Suspensions will carry over seasons and/or years (if needed in order to fulfill the suspension requirement).
- 5. While on Code suspension, students may be expected to practice and attend their school-sponsored team/activity events.

6. Any member of an extra-curricular activity who *presents* himself/herself to the athletic director, building principal or teacher/coach as having a substance abuse problem will not be subject to Code violation consequences provided:
  - a. Admission of said abuse is not initiated by the participant as a means of escaping disciplinary action.
  - b. Participant and parent(s) receive medical counseling and successfully complete medical counseling, the cost of which to be paid solely by the participant and/or parent(s) at a recommended treatment center.
  - c. Participant does not have violations of the Code of Conduct after he/she admits abuse.

#### **Appeal Process**

The principal may review all decisions and/or consequences and the principal shall endeavor to foster some reasonable uniformity of penalty among all activities.

The decision and/or consequence may be reviewed by the superintendent as the superintendent deems appropriate.

The decision of the superintendent may be reviewed by the Board of Education as it deems appropriate. The decision of the Board of Education is final, including the decision of the Board of Education not to review the decision of the superintendent.

## **BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS**

**THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO  
THE ATHLETIC OFFICE AT QHS IF GRADES 9-12  
AND TO  
THE MAIN OFFICE AT QJHS IF GRADES 7-8  
(PLEASE KEEP THE PREVIOUS PAGES FOR YOUR RECORDS)**

### **THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE READ AND SIGNED BY THE PARTICIPANT AND HIS/HER PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

I have read and understand the Extra-Curricular Code of Quincy Public School District #172 and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Code of Conduct for Extra-Curricular Activities. I understand that Quincy Senior High School must also follow the Constitutions and By-laws of the I.H.S.A. and the Western Big 6 Conference concerning conduct, eligibility, and participation of students involved in interscholastic activities. I understand that Quincy Junior High School must also follow the Constitution and By-laws of the I.E.S.A. concerning conduct, eligibility, and participation of students involved in interscholastic activities.

I have read and am familiar with the IHSA provisions set forth in the student handbook, specifically including but not limited to provisions regarding transfer students. I represent to Quincy Public Schools staff that I am and will continue to be in full compliance with IHSA rules as set forth in the handbook.

As a parent/guardian I will uphold my responsibility to my son/daughter and the Quincy Public Schools and will cooperate in the enforcement of the Code.

I furthermore give my son/daughter permission to participate in all extra-curricular activities for the 2017-18 school year at Quincy Senior High School/Quincy Junior High School without further authorization from me.

I also understand that there is a certain amount of risk to the student's well being while participating in extra-curricular activities.

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**PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE**

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

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