

CONDUCT COUNTS

ACTIVITY PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT



AS THE PARENT OF AN ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT, I WILL:

- Remember my daughter or son participates in educational activities for fun.
- Do my best to understand the purpose of educational activities which always puts education first.
- Remember it is a privilege, not a right, for my son or daughter to participate in interscholastic activities.
- Remember my attendance at an interscholastic activity is a privilege, not a right.
- Always conduct myself with character, and insist my daughter or son do the same, even when it is not the popular thing to do.
- Treat all people (coaches/advisors, contestants, contest officials, other spectators) with respect at all times and insist my son or daughter do the same.
- Support all students participating, not just my son or daughter.
- Be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity.
- Honor the spirit and intent of the rules under which my daughter or son participates.
- Never demonstrate threatening or abusive behavior or use foul language.
- Try my best to be a fan, not a fanatic!

Conduct Counts is a program designed to promote and develop proper conduct, etiquette and behavior by students, student athletes, parents and fans who choose to be involved in the educational and interscholastic activities offered as part of their School Districts overall curriculum.

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Central Springs Middle School Athletics



Middle School Coaches

FALL ATHLETICS

VOLLEYBALL

DAKOTA WYBORN/ANGELA HOLT

FOOTBALL

JOSH BASS/SCOTT DOBEL/MARTY COLEMAN

CROSS COUNTRY

MICHAEL PETTENGILL

WINTER ATHLETICS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

KIPP BEYER/JOSH BASS

BOYS BASKETBALL

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WRESTLING

CHRIS ARIANS

SPRING ATHLETICS

GIRLS TRACK

ANGELA HOLT/DAKOTA WYBORN

BOYS TRACK

KIPP BEYER/JOSH BASS

Please check the district's rSchool calendar for the latest schedules.

<https://topofiowaconference.org/public/genie/97/school/750/>

It is the mission of the Central Springs CSD to cultivate a positive learning environment that engages and empowers all students.

Rob Hoffman, Middle School Principal/Athletic Director

Lori Jost, Middle School Athletic Secretary

PHILOSOPHY OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS- IHSAA

The primary purpose of the junior high athletic program is participation, with emphasis on the development of skills, sportsmanship, and citizenship of all students. Interscholastic athletic programs must fit into a school's total educational program. Athletics provide educational experiences that teach positive lifelong lessons, but only if all sport programs are designed to do so. Interscholastic athletic programs should be evaluated on the educational goals that benefit all participants. IHSAA, Junior High Sports Manual Grades 7 & 8, Section II

SCHOOL-SPONSORED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

School-sponsored student organizations are those which are recognized by the school district and board. Participation in school-sponsored student organizations is a **privilege**. Individual sponsors or coaches may impose rules in addition to those contained in this handbook. The privilege of participation may be suspended or canceled for violating an individual coach's or sponsor's rules as well as for violation of school district policies, rules or regulations.

CONDUCT AT EVENTS

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable and proper manner whether at our school or at another school. Failure to do so may result in being denied school transportation and/or admission to home events.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

It is a student's responsibility to inform his/her coach or director if he/she is at practice or a performance after having been absent from school that day. Excused absences include funerals, doctor, dental, and legal appointments, unless the student's absence is approved in advance by the principal. Other absences will result in the student not being allowed to participate. Students must be in class by the beginning of the school day to be able to compete in an extracurricular activity and the time missed must be an excused absence. In addition, leaving school, except in the case of the above listed reasons, will result in not being able to participate in an extracurricular activity. Only in extraordinary circumstances, may this rule be waived by the principal.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Parents are encouraged to have their children receive periodic physical examinations. Students participating in athletics are required to provide a school district physical examination form signed by the student's doctor/physicians assistant/chiropractor stating the student is physically fit to perform in athletics prior to the start of the sport. Failure to provide proof of a physical examination makes the student ineligible. Students who cannot afford the cost of the physical examination should contact the coach of their sport.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

"Any student who is failing at core class at mid-term or quarter will be determined ineligible for extra curricular activities. Each week after the mid-term or quarter, an updated grade report will be reviewed by an administrator. Students who improve their previously failing mid-term or quarter grade to passing will have their extra-curricular eligibility reinstated."
Board Approved, Sept. 9, 2013

GOOD CONDUCT ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Any student whose conduct, both in and out of school for the entire calendar year, is such as to make him/her unworthy to represent the ideals, principles and standards of his/her school, will be declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities by the school and will remain ineligible until the school reinstates him/her to eligibility. Extracurricular activities are defined as school sponsored athletic teams, clubs, band, vocal music, plays/musicals, speech contests, drama contests and other school-related groups.

Therefore, a student may lose eligibility under the good conduct policy for any of the following behaviors:

- possession, use, or purchase of tobacco products regardless of the student's age;
- possession, use, or purchase of alcoholic beverages;
- possession, use, or purchase of illegal drugs or unauthorized possession, use, or purchase of otherwise legal drugs;
- being in a vehicle or in attendance at a party where minors are in possession of alcohol or illegal drugs; and/or engaging in any activity that results in arrest or citation under the Iowa Code (with the exception of minor traffic violations).

It will be the duty of the Activities Committee to determine the need for ineligibility. The length of ineligibility will be as follows:

- First Offense--28 calendar days of ineligibility
- Second Offense--90 calendar days of ineligibility
- One calendar year of ineligibility for every offense thereafter.

Offenses are cumulative beginning in grade seven through grade eight and beginning again in grade nine through grade twelve. However, if a student is declared ineligible in middle school, that student must serve the said period of ineligibility before being determined eligible for high school activities. Each student will begin the period of ineligibility for his/her first offense and/or second offense after being declared ineligible by the Activities Committee (if that student is currently participating in an extracurricular activity) or at the beginning of his/her first participation in an extracurricular activity following being declared ineligible. Ineligibility for a third offense and any offense thereafter shall begin after being declared ineligible by the Activities Committee.

If a student comes forward to a coach, administrator or activity sponsor to admit (self-report) a violation of the Good Conduct Policy prior to the finding of guilt by the administration, the period of ineligibility may be reduced by one week on the first offense.

DETENTION

Students may be assigned to detention either before or after school. Under normal circumstances students will be given the option of same day or the following day detention. Failure to report when assigned may result in the detention being doubled or suspension from the class or school until the detention is served. [Students will be required to serve a detention before attending practice for the day. Two morning detentions serve as one 30 minute after school detention].

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

In school suspension is the temporary isolation of a student from one or more classes while under proper supervision. In-school suspensions may be imposed by the principal or by another person in charge of the attendance center for infractions of school rules which are serious but which do not warrant the necessity of removal from school. The principal or other person in charge of the attendance center shall conduct an informal investigation of the allegations against the student prior to imposition of an in-school suspension. [If suspended, the student may not participate in extracurricular events (i.e., games) for that day].

SCHOOL DELAYS AND CLOSINGS, EMERGENCY CANCELLATIONS, ETC.

Extracurricular activities or practices scheduled for the day or evening of a day when school is canceled or dismissed early are generally canceled and re-scheduled. The principal may determine whether to hold extracurricular activities or practices. If the extracurricular activity is to be held, students and parents are notified in the same manner as the notification that school was dismissed.

EVENT TRANSPORTATION

Students will be expected to ride with the group both going to and returning from events. Notes for a student to do otherwise must go through the principal. If parents wish to make other arrangements for the student, they must communicate that to the principal ahead of time, or to the coach personally. [The parent must provide a signed note. If the child is riding with an adult other than their parent, the student must have a note signed by their parent and the transporting adult.]

EVENT TRANSPORTATION

Students who ride the bus and other school district vehicles to and from school, extracurricular activities or any other destination must comply with school district policies, rules and regulations. Students are responsible to the driver while on the bus or in another school vehicle, loading or

unloading or leaving the bus. The driver has the ability to discipline a student and may notify the principal of a student's inappropriate bus conduct. [These rules also apply to the shuttle bus].

COMMUNICATION & "CHAIN OF COMMAND"

Communication is a valuable tool to work toward solutions. There are steps in place to assist the process:

1. If a player is upset for any reason with the way the sport is progressing, the player is to address his/her concerns with the coach.
2. If the issue is not resolved, the player and parent are to meet with the coach.
3. If the issue is not resolved after the meeting, the player, parent, coach and athletic director/principal will meet.
4. Finally, if the issue is not resolved the player, parent, and coach will meet with the superintendent.

There are appropriate times to meet with a coach. It is common practice to meet with a coach 24 hours after a contest via school email or phone call. You may also schedule a meeting. It is inappropriate to address concerns at practices without an appointment, before or after a game without an appointment, through a text message or social media, or by calling the coach at his/her home.

This handout is not intended to be an all-inclusive, comprehensive document. More information can be found in the CSDS Middle School Handbook.

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In this EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION these behaviors are NOT acceptable:

- Disrespectful conduct, including profanity, obscene gestures or comments, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, or other actions that demean individuals or the event.
Penalty - EJECTION
- Throwing articles onto the contest area.
Penalty - EJECTION
- Entering the contest area in protest or celebration.
Penalty - EJECTION
- Physical confrontation involving contest officials, coaches/directors, contestants or spectators.
Penalty - EJECTION
- Spectator interference with the event.
Penalty - EJECTION
- Jumping up and down on the bleachers.
Penalty - Warning/EJECTION
- Use of artificial noisemakers, signs or banners.
Penalty - Warning/EJECTION
- Chants or cheers directed at opponents.
Penalty - Warning/EJECTION

