

# Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct

Bloomfield Central School District  
Bloomfield, New York

## **Philosophy:**

At Bloomfield Central School extracurricular and athletic activities are an integral part of the educational experience. These programs are designed to promote greater desire in our student body and community to take an active role in our extracurricular and athletic activities as participants or spectators. Participation in extracurricular and athletic activities is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, the club or team, the student body and the Bloomfield community. Because participation is voluntary and is considered a privilege, student participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that represents the school, the club or team and the community in a positive and productive manner on and off school property, during and outside of participation times, during the season and the off-season.

This code outlines the conduct expectations for students who participate in extracurricular and athletic activities in addition to the Bloomfield Student Code of Conduct.

## **Definitions:**

**Student Participant:** This means any student enrolled in grades 6-12 at Bloomfield Middle/High School who participates in an extracurricular or athletic activity sponsored by the Bloomfield Central School District.

**Extracurricular or Athletic Activity:** This means any Bloomfield Central School District sponsored activity or sport that occurs beyond the scope of the school day for which grade is not given. This includes, but is not limited to clubs, performances, plays, sports tryouts, practices, games and contests. Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to all sports, all clubs, school plays, Student Council, National Honor Society and Class Officers.

**Code Coverage and Effective Dates:** The provisions set forth by this code are in effect throughout the entire year, including weekends and holidays from the first day of fall sports to graduation.

## **General Provisions:**

**Extracurricular Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form:** All students participating in extracurricular and athletic activities must have an Extracurricular Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form signed by both the student participant and the parent/guardian on file in the athletic office prior to participation in any extracurricular or athletic activity.

**Student Eligibility for Participation:** All students participating in extracurricular or athletic activities will follow the academic and physical eligibility requirements as stipulated by the school board policies and building procedures.

## **Code of Conduct Provisions:**

**Good Citizenship and Sportsmanship:** Student participants will live by the laws of the country, state, county and town. Student participants will also follow the rules and policies of the Bloomfield Central School District and the athletic department as stated in the student agenda.

### **Consequences for Breaking the Good Citizenship and Sportsmanship Code of Conduct:**

Consequences, based on the nature, level of severity and the frequency of misconduct, can range from a warning, voluntary community service, one meeting or one game suspension to a year suspension as well as a suspension from attendance,

## **Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Provisions:**

Students participating in extracurricular and/or athletic activities are not allowed to use, be in the presence of, and/or engage in tobacco and alcohol and other drug activities, including performance-enhancing drugs. (**“Alcohol and other drug activities” refers to sale, purchase, possession, consumption, being under the influence or in the presence of alcohol and/or other drugs on school grounds, at school functions, or at underage student activities off of school grounds.**) (**“In the presence of” is defined as going to and/or being at an underage student activity or function and not leaving immediately where illegal alcohol or drug activity occurs. This does not refer to family or religious events where alcohol is being served legally.**)

## **Consequences for Breaking the Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Provisions:**

**All disciplinary action may carry over to subsequent activity time frame or regular sport season, i.e. a spring offense may result in a fall consequence. During the suspension period students will not be allowed to participate in clubs, performances, plays, sports tryouts, practices, games and contests.**

### **First Offense:**

**A.) Self-Report\*:** If a student violates this code of conduct and self-reports to the advisor or coach, building administrator or athletic director, the student will be suspended for 10% of the activity time frame or regular sport season and will be assigned a drug and alcohol evaluation.

**\*Self-Report:** If a student participant initiates a meeting with the advisor or coach, building administrator or athletic director for the purpose of acknowledging involvement in a violation of the Bloomfield Central School District Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct. **The said acknowledgment must take place prior to the advisor or coach, building administrator or athletic director having knowledge of the incident.**

**B.) No Self-Report:** If a student violates this code of conduct, does not self-report and is found in violation, the student will be suspended for 20% of the activity time frame or regular sport season and may be assigned counseling\*\*.

**\*\*Counseling:** In order to qualify for the counseling credit the student must receive a minimum of three approved counseling sessions through a referral by a school counselor or psychologist and provide written proof of participation within three weeks of the violation notification in order to continue in their extracurricular or athletic activity. Failure to receive this counseling within this time frame will result in suspension from these activities until the counseling requirement is fulfilled.

**Second Offense:** If a student violates this code of conduct a second time and is found in violation the student will be suspended for 50% of the activity time frame or regular sport season and must undergo an individual evaluation and follow a prescribed intervention plan.

**Third Offense:** Permanent suspension from participation in extracurricular and athletic activities. Students are eligible to apply for reinstatement through a superintendent's conference one year from the date of infraction.

### **Disciplinary Communication:**

1. A parent, student, teacher or administrator brings a concern to the coach, advisor or athletic director.
2. The advisor, coach or athletic director informs the Principal.
3. The Principal is then responsible for investigation, substantiation and communication around the policy infraction. The athletic director will be involved in any parent/student meetings that take place concerning athletes. The meeting for the purpose of disciplinary action will afford the student and the parent the opportunity to discuss the proposed discipline with the individual authorized to impose the discipline. The student and/or parent may appeal the disciplinary penalty to the superintendent within ten days. The superintendent shall render a decision within five days.

### **NOTE:**

Any student who enters school after 10:00AM will not be allowed to participate in that days events.

## Athlete/Parent Contract Signature Agreement

I have read and fully understand my/our student participants and my/our responsibility regarding the Bloomfield Central School District Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct. I understand that he/she has a responsibility to abide by these rules and if he/she does not, disciplinary action will result. I agree to support the school in this effort.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

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

I have read the Bloomfield Central School District Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct. I promise to live by the Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct and understand that if I violate this contract, the result will be disciplinary actions as outlined.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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

**Note:** A copy of this contract will be filed in the Athletic Office for twelve months from the day it is signed. The Extracurricular and Athletic Activities Code of Conduct is in effect during the entire school year from the start of the fall season until graduation. Student participant's who do not have a contract on file will not be eligible to participate until this signed document is filed in the Athletic Office.