

Las Virgenes Unified School District
EXTRACULRRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (B.P.6145)
CODE OF CONDUCT

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PHILOSOPHY:

The Board of Education recognizes that extracurricular/co-curricular activities, which emphasize the educational and social development and experiences of students, are an integral part of the overall learning experience. The District shall encourage and support student participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities without compromising the integrity and purpose of the education program. To encourage and support academic excellence, the Board requires students in grades 9-12 to earn a minimum 2.0 or “C” G.P.A., on a four-point scale, and not more than one “F: in order to participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities. Student participants shall demonstrate a strong commitment to their activities by following all school rules and maintaining scholastic eligibility. Student participants are representatives of their respective schools, and should strive to be positive role models. This code of Conduct Contract governs all students who choose to participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities sponsored by their high school.

GENERAL DISCIPLINE:

As a student representative of the Las Virgenes Unified School District high schools, student participants are expected to exhibit strong moral character and behave in a manner consistent with this Code and the rules and regulations of the Las Virgenes Unified School District. These standards will be in effect before, during and after school, as well as weekends, whether on or off campus. All rules apply during the entire school year.

INFRACTIONS GOVERENED BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT:

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| - Severe or continued misbehavior | Disciplinary Action 1, 2 or 3 |
| - Unsportsmanlike conduct | Disciplinary Action 1, 2, or 3 |
| - Use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol or intoxicants | Disciplinary Action 3 |

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE CONTRACT:

Student participants in violation of this Code will be disciplined and are subject to one or more of the following disciplinary consequences administered by school administration, coaches, co-curricular advisors, or a combination thereof:

- Warning and probation
- Suspension from a game or activity and /or suspension from school
- Recommendation for expulsion from the school district. Immediate suspension from the team or extracurricular/co-curricular activity for a minimum of 12 weeks. Depending on individual circumstances, participation in an approved rehabilitation program may be recommended. ASB officers will be removed from office for the remainder of the year pursuant to ASB by-laws. Students with repeat offenses will be recommended for expulsion.

ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:

1. **Eligibility** – To be eligible, a student must have a 2.0 grade point average and no more than one fail grade in the previous report period. Eligibility is determined quarterly. Only one of the subjects can be Physical Education and school service/assistant classes do not count. Additionally, the student must be currently enrolled and passing at least 20 semester credits of new work and have passed 20 semester credits of work the previous semester to be eligible.

2. **Probation** – The site committee may grant ineligible students a **one time ONLY** probation period of one quarter. To request an eligibility waiver, the student **must have the support**

of the Head Varsity Coach/Advisor of the sport/activity for which the student is applying for eligibility. Without support from the Head Varsity Coach or Advisor, the waiver request will not go to committee, and the student will be ineligible for that grading period.

A student with 2 “F s may not apply

. The waiver request must be presented to the appropriate Assistant Principal (activities & athletics), within five (5) days of the student’s notice ineligibility. The Assistant Principal will then convene a committee, which will include the Athletics or Activities Director, a Varsity Head Coach or Advisor, and the appropriate Assistant Principal, which will meet with the student and

his/her parent or guardian to review and consider the appeal. The committee's decision must be unanimous, and the student will remain ineligible until the committee has rendered its decision.

All committee decisions are final

3. **Behavior** – All student participants are expected to display responsible behavior, respect the rights of others and cooperate in abiding by school policies and rules.

4. **Attendance** – Student participants must attend all classes during the school day. Absence from any class or classes will result in ineligibility for the contest or event.

NOTE

: If the activity takes place on a Saturday or holiday, then the student will be required to attend all classes on the preceding school day. An administrator must approve exceptions.

5. **Discipline** – A student with any discipline hours is ineligible until hours are cleared.

STUDENT PARTICIPANT ACTIVITY EXPECTATIONS:

1. **Pursuing Victory with Honor** – All athletes and their parents are required to sign the Athlete's Code of Ethics. This Code supports the sixteen principles that are the foundation of the Board and C.I.F. adopted Pursuing Victory with Honor program.

2. **Practice** – A student participant is expected to consult or telephone the coach/advisor if a practice or performance is to be missed. Head coaches and advisors are responsible for defining and enforcing their activity's policy.

3. **On Trips** – A student participant's appearance and conduct are expected to display pride at all times. Any misconduct may result in suspension from contests/performances. Student participants must travel to and from contests in transportation provided for and arranged by the school. Exceptions are injuries that would require alternate transportation or prior written permission arranged between the participant's parent/guardian and an administrator. This is to be done two days before the requested exception date.

4. **Dropping a Sport or Activity** – No student participant may quit one extracurricular/co-curricular activity and go out during that same season for another without the mutual consent of both coaches/advisors.

6TH PERIOD ATHLETICS:

In order to be scheduled for Period 6 athletics, a player must be recommended by the coach of the team, the Director of Athletics, or the Physical Education Department Chairperson. Any

player recommended and voicing consent to be placed in the athletic period also accepts without reservations, all the conditions set forth in the Co-Curricular Code.

APPEALS BY EXTRACURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR COUNCIL:

An extracurricular/co-curricular council will review all appeals regarding violations of this Code and Contract by

Participants. Students may have the opportunity to regain eligibility by successful completion of a reinstatement program approved by the extracurricular/co-curricular council. Eligibility will not be granted until the program is completed and written notification has been submitted.

PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING IN EXTRACURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Because participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities is a privilege extended to all, and not a basic right of all students, the school has the authority to revoke this privilege. It is each student participant's obligation to become familiar with these policies. In addition, the student participant and one of his/her parents or guardians must sign a Code of Conduct Contract.