

# WEST BRANCH LOCAL SCHOOLS

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES POLICY

Participation in co-curricular and extra curricular activities in the West Branch Local Schools is a privilege and not a right. The following conduct code and procedures are established for all co-curricular and extra curricular activities sponsored by the West Branch Local Schools.

### STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The West Branch Local Schools student code of conduct will be in effect for all participants in all co-curricular and extra curricular activities on our site or other sites or in route to a sponsored activity. If a coach requires additional rules and regulations for his/her squad, then they must be given to the athlete and parent in a pre-season meeting.

All participants must adhere to the eligibility standards of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the West Branch Local Schools.

Each coach, advisor, or director, shall distribute and explain the rules and regulations pertinent to that particular activity and list the probable consequences of violations.

Students may be denied participation or permanently excluded from an activity or program for violations of the code of conduct. This pledge will be in effect from the time you first participate in extra-curricular activities/athletics until the time of your graduation. This contract will also be in effect during the off season.

Disciplinary action for violations of this policy shall be limited to the extra curricular/athletic activity. If violations occur that effect the student code of conduct as well, then consequences for both shall apply.

The following are rules and regulations that must be followed:

### CHEMICAL USE AND/OR ABUSE

Students shall not at any time possess, consume, purchase, attempt to purchase, offer to sell, deliver, conceal, or be under the influence of any drug of abuse, including alcoholic beverages or counterfeit drugs of abuse. Participants shall not possess, use sell, offer to sell, deliver, or conceal any instruments or paraphernalia for use with drugs of abuse. **SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING DRUGS OR ALCOHOL OR SUBSTANCES PURPORTED TO BE DRUGS SHALL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE ACTIVITY/TEAM.**

**PENALTY:** A **first offense** shall result in an immediate 10% denial of participation from all scheduled contests, competitions, programs, or performances. (If the offense occurs in the off season, the head coach, advisor, athletic director and principal will determine which contests the participant will miss. A violation in season shall result in the suspension being enforced immediately). A professional assessment conducted by a trained chemical dependency counselor or licensed physician will be required. The participant shall be required to follow the recommendations of the assessment. Failure to comply will result in the immediate dismissal from the activity until such time as the obligation is met. A **second offense** shall result in the immediate denial of participation from all activities for one calendar year.

### A participant will not willingly attend and remain at any activity where illegal consumption of alcohol or drugs is taking place!

**PENALTY:** A participant in attendance at such an activity where illegal consumption of alcohol or drugs is taking place who does not leave will be considered guilty of the chemical use and abuse clause regardless of level of participation. (SEE CHEMICAL USE AND/OR ABUSE CLAUSE ABOVE). A **first offense** will result in a suspension from the team/activity for 10% of the contests. A **second offense** will result in a suspension from contest/activities for one calendar year.

### PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

A participant shall not use or possess tobacco in any form; (an assessment may be required for violators) cause a disruption of education programs by use of force, violence, threat, or verbal abuse; damage of attempt to damage property owned by the board of the education or private individuals; intimidate, threaten, assault or commit battery upon an person; illegally use, possess or conceal dangerous weapons; willfully take or have control over property of other individuals; commit any criminally related activity.

**PENALTY:** A **first offense** shall result in an immediate 10% denial of participation from all scheduled contests, competitions, programs or performances. (In season and out of season guidelines will apply). A **second offense** shall result in the immediate denial of participation for one calendar year.

**VOLUNTARY ADMISSION:** A voluntary admission occurs when a participant/or parent admits to a violation of the policy prior to a school official being aware of any specific information regarding a violation of the policy or pending legal matter. Voluntary admission does not apply when there is a deliberate attempt to circumvent the first offense step following a violation.

**SOCIAL MEDIA CLAUSE:** Content deemed inappropriate, embarrassing, or detrimental to the team by coaches and/or administrators will be subject to discipline based on the severity of the offense; **First offense** will result in punishment up to, but not exceeding, 10% of the season's contests. **Second offense** will result in a suspension from contest/activities for one calendar year.

**CONTRACT:** This contract must be signed by a parent/guardian and the participant before the student may participate in any activity.

**DUE PROCESS:** A participant shall be provided an opportunity to attend all hearings held in compliance with the enforcement of this policy. An appeal may be made to the principal or his designee within (7) seven calendar days of the offense hearing. A two year accumulation of offenses will be recorded. If there are no additional offenses within this period the participants' record will be cleared. Penalties may carry over to the next season/activity.

