

MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: DISCIPLINE FOR
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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	<p style="text-align: center;">122.1. DISCIPLINE FOR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p> <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>The administration, coaches and activities advisors of the Middletown Area School District consider participation in co-curricular activities to be a privilege, not a right. Students who participate in the co-curricular programs offered by the Middletown Area School District are expected to accept the responsibilities that accompany this privilege.</p> <p>Pol. 122, 123</p> <p>As representatives of our school system, students involved in co-curricular activities are scrutinized by the public; become a role model for young children, as well as peers; and are ambassadors of our community. They have chosen to accept this role, and with it, the responsibilities of maintaining a drug, alcohol, steroid, and crime-free lifestyle.</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>Performance Category Activities –</p> <p>Athletics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Football. 2. Cross Country (Boys’ & Girls’). 3. Tennis (Boys’ & Girls’). 4. Golf. 5. Field Hockey. 6. Soccer (Boys’ & Girls’). 7. Basketball (Boys’ & Girls’). 8. Wrestling.
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	<p>9. Gymnastics.</p> <p>10. Softball.</p> <p>11. Baseball.</p> <p>12. Track & Field (Boys' & Girls').</p> <p>13. Cheerleading.</p> <p>14. Intramurals.</p> <p>Bands:</p> <p>1. Marching.</p> <p>2. Concert Band.</p> <p>3. Jazz.</p> <p>4. Small Ensembles.</p> <p>Choirs:</p> <p>1. Concert Choir.</p> <p>2. Choraliers.</p> <p>3. Jazz.</p> <p>4. Small Ensembles.</p> <p>String Ensemble.</p> <p>Performance Arts.</p> <p>Non-Performance Activities –</p> <p>Student Government:</p> <p>1. Class Officers.</p> <p>2. Student Council.</p>
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Service Clubs:

1. Middletown Area Student Helpers.
2. Students Against Driving Drunk.
3. Library Assistants.
4. Nurses' Assistants.

Clubs:

1. National Honor Society.
2. WMSS Radio Station.
3. Press & Journal Club.
4. Ski Club.
5. Computer Club.
6. Typing Club.
7. Key Club.
8. Varsity Club.
9. Weight Training Club.
10. Volleyball Club.
11. United Nations Club.
12. Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
13. Youth Alive Club.
14. Sports Card Collecting Club.
15. Quiz Bowl Club.
16. Year 2000 Club.

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17. Miniature Golf Club.

18. Pencil Drawing Club.

19. Comic Book Club.

20. Girls' Athletic Club.

21. Tumbling Club.

22. Football Club.

23. Babysitting Club.

24. Yearbook Club.

25. Yo-Yo Club.

26. School Store.

27. Global Pursuit Club.

28. Audubon Club.

29. Boys' Athletic Club.

30. Sewing Crafts Club.

31. Rifle Club.

32. Railroad Club.

33. Board Games Club.

34. Crafts Club.

35. Folk Dancing Club.

36. Mysteries Club.

This list of clubs is so stated to include all future clubs that may be established.

2. Rule II – Commit theft or vandalism in any manner or degree or have any police involvement that results in prosecution. (Other than a minor traffic violation.)

Disciplinary Procedures

Use/Abuse/Possession of Controlled Substances As Described In Rule I Of This Policy –

1. First Violation For Performance Category Activities:

- a. Suspension from participation (competition) for a period of twenty percent (20%) of the contests based on the regular season of that sport.

If there is not twenty percent (20%) of that season remaining, the percentage of the suspension not served shall be recalculated and applied toward the next season in which the student participates.

- b. The student shall enroll in the Student Assistance Program.
- c. The student may be permitted to practice with the team at the coach's/ advisor's discretion.
- d. All training and other rules must be observed during the suspension period.

2. First Violation For Non-Performance Category Activities:

- a. A conference must be held between the student and advisor in which the advisor warns that the next violation will require the student's removal from activities for one (1) calendar year.
- b. A signed letter by the student and advisor stating that the conference was held. Copies of the letter will be sent to the student's parents/guardians, principal, and assistant principal of the school, as well as a copy to be retained for the advisor's file.
- c. The student must enroll in the Student Assistance Program.

3. Second Violation For Both Performance & Non-Performance Category Activities:

- a. Suspension from participation, practice, competition and/or membership in co-curricular activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the offense.

b. A recommendation that the student have a professional chemical assessment.

4. Third Violation for Both Performance & Non-Performance Category Activities:

a. The student will be barred from all co-curricular activities for the remainder of his/her years in the Middletown Area School District.

Any Participant Admitting To Or Caught In The Act Of Selling, Distributing, Or Possessing With The Intent To Sell Or Distribute Any Of The Substances Described In Rule I Of This Policy –

1. First Violation:

a. Immediate suspension from all co-curricular activities in the Middletown Area School District for one (1) calendar year from the date of the offense.

b. A recommendation that the student have a professional chemical assessment.

c. The principal will report the incident to the police.

2. Second Violation:

a. The student will be barred from all co-curricular activities for the remaining period of his/her years in the Middletown Area School District.

b. The principal will report the incident to the police.

Any Participant Admitting To, Or Being Convicted Of Theft, Vandalism Or Other Crimes (Other Than Minor Traffic Violations) –

1. First Violation For Performance Category Activities:

a. Suspension from participation in the activity for twenty percent (20%) of the games based on the regular season of that activity.

If there is not twenty percent (20%) of the season remaining, the percentage of the suspension not served will be recalculated and applied toward the next season in which the student participates.

b. The student may practice with the group at the coach's/advisor's discretion.

c. All training and other rules must be observed during the suspension period.

2. First Violation For Non-Performance Category Activities:

- a. A conference must be held between the student and advisor, in which the advisor warns that the next violation will require the student's removal from activities for one (1) calendar year.
- b. A signed letter by the student and advisor stating that the conference was held. Copies of the letter will be sent to the student's parents/guardians, principal and assistant principal of the school, as well as a copy to be retained for the advisor's file.
- c. The student must enroll in the Student Assistance Program.

3. Second Violation For Both Performance & Non-Performance Category Activities:

- a. Suspension from participation, practice, competition and/or membership in co-curricular activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the offense.

4. Third Violation For Both Performance & Non-Performance Category Activities:

- a. The student will be barred from all co-curricular activities for the remainder of his/her years in the Middletown Area School District.

Procedures For Participation, Hearings, And Appeals In Sports Programs

Participation –

1. The coach/advisor of each sport must orally explain the rules to the participants.
2. The coach/advisor must provide the participant with one (1) written copy of the rules.
3. One (1) copy of the rules must be signed by the participant and his/her parents/guardians and kept in the Athletic Director's office for performance category activities and in the assistant principal's office for non-performance category activities.
4. One (1) signed rules form will be sufficient to grant permission for participation in all co-curricular activities for the entire school year for the student who participates in multiple activities.

5. All performance category activities will be required to have a pre-season meeting of parents/guardians, participants, and coaches/advisors to explain the expectations, philosophy, rules, and requirements of their respective groups, and to answer any questions or concerns of the participants' family before the activity begins.

Hearings –

1. In case of a rule violation, the coach/advisor must provide the participant an informal hearing (conference) to tell his/her side of the incident in question.
2. If it is determined that a rule violation has indeed taken place, the coach/advisor must advise the participant of the intent to deny participation in writing, using the "intent to deny" form, and give a copy to the participant at this time.
3. The coach/advisor must send a written notice of the denial of participation to parents/guardians within twenty-four (24) hours of the hearing (conference). A copy must be given to the principal, Athletic Director, and one (1) copy must be retained for the files of the coach/advisor. This notice should also include the "rights to appeal" information.

Appeals –

1. The student and/or parents/guardians have the right to appeal the decision of the coach/advisor to deny participation within three (3) days of the notice of action.
2. The Appeals Board shall consist of the Athletic Director and two (2) coaches/advisors not involved in that activity. This group shall be known as the Co-Curricular Activities Appeals Board.
3. The Co-Curricular Activities Appeals Board shall review the case in executive session and make a recommendation to the building principal.
4. The decision of the coach/advisor and the recommendation of the Appeals Board shall be subject to the decision of the principal. The decision of the principal shall be final and binding.

References:

Board Policy – 122, 123, 210, 218, 222, 227, 227.1, 227.2, 227.3