

Extracurricular Activity: Non-Credit Bearing

Introduction and Purpose

The Chenango Valley Central School District provides interscholastic athletic, intramural and extracurricular activities for the benefit of its students. This policy will apply to all students participating in any club or organization that meets during or outside of the regular school day as well as intramural or interscholastic activities in all grades. All such non-credit bearing activities shall be deemed “extracurricular activities” as used in this policy. In return for the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities, students will accept the responsibilities outlined in this policy.

The purpose of this policy is to encourage positive, personal growth and to support academic achievement of all students who are involved with extracurricular activities. Participants will contribute to their school and community and are expected to act as role models for the district. This policy stresses the importance of students, teachers, coaches, advisors and parents working together.

Students participating in extracurricular activities and their parents/guardians will be required to sign all forms pertaining to student participation in extracurricular activities. This policy is intended to supplement the district’s Code of Conduct. In the event this policy conflicts with the Code of Conduct, the Code of Conduct shall control.

General Provisions

All academic responsibilities must take precedence over practice or contests. During the remedial period all students participating in extracurricular activities are expected to be in Sports Study Hall or with a faculty member. Failure to comply with this expectation may result in the student missing that day’s extracurricular activity.

Students identified as performing at a level below an average of 65 in any one or more courses will be required to seek assistance involving the advisor/coach, the academic teachers and the pupil personnel staff. Parents will be notified in writing of the school district’s concern regarding student’s academic performance and advised of those remedial measures that exist for the student to raise his/her course average to an acceptable level. Students identified as performing at a level below an average of 65 in any one or more courses will be required to seek remediation during the remedial period until a performance level is achieved. For students who do not take advantage of remedial opportunities or make satisfactory progress toward an acceptable course average, it will be assumed they no longer wish to participate in that extracurricular activity. Ultimately, the student must accept responsibility for his/her academic progress.

All student athletes are expected to participate in their scheduled Physical Education classes unless medically excused. Students must change for Physical Education class. Students that do not change for class will be marked unprepared and will not participate in class. Students who do not participate in Physical Education, either excused or unexcused, will not be eligible to participate in any athletic practice or scheduled extracurricular activities unless they have permission from the building principal.

Student athletes who drive to school must keep their vehicles parked in the student parking lot; this includes Saturdays. Student athletes will not be able to park behind the stadium as this is reserved for faculty and staff. This regulation takes effect on the first day of the sports season. Failure of a student to abide by this regulation may result in losing their privilege to drive on the middle school/high school campus.

The head coach or activity advisor will determine the end of the “season” for the sport or the extracurricular activity for each participant. For athletes this will likely be when the team has completed its last post-season contest. For some athletes this may be sooner than the last completed contest. An athlete that is training and practicing with the team is considered a member of the team. Each athlete should verify their status with their respective coach.

Each coach or advisor, at their discretion and with the approval of the administration, may have additional standards pertinent to their teams or organizations/groups which shall not conflict with this policy or the district Code of Conduct. Participants are expected to adhere to those additional guidelines.

Students for who there are extenuating circumstances may appeal this policy upon application to the Superintendent of Schools and/or his/her designee.

Attendance

All students participating in extracurricular activities are expected to maintain attendance in all of their classes and must at minimum be in school prior to 8:00 a.m. on the days that extracurricular activities including practice sessions, rehearsals, presentations, concerts, competitions, games, matches or meets will occur. The only exception to this rule is if the late arrival is deemed “excused” under the district’s Attendance Policy and proof of the excused absence is presented to the student’s advisor or coach prior to participation in the extracurricular activity that day.

Participation

Any student who participates in an extracurricular activity is expected to remain a member of the activity until its completion. Students are expected to attend all activities of the group or team including practices, rehearsals, presentations, concerts, competitions, games, matches or meets unless excused by the coach or advisor. Participation could include, but is not limited to practices or contests during holidays, school vacation periods, evenings or weekends. Non-attendance at these activities, even during vacation periods, may have a negative impact on future participation, which includes for athletics playing time being affected. Failure to participate in these activities may result in corrective and/or disciplinary action by the coach or advisor, including possible exclusion from one or more activities or dismissal from the team or group.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the coach or advisor in advance of his/her anticipated absence from any activity. If a student is detained for academic or disciplinary reasons, he/she must bring a note signed by the person by whom he/she was detained stating the time he/she was released. On non-school days it is the obligation of the student to notify (directly, if possible) the coach/advisor if he/she will be absent from practice, rehearsal, performance, contest or activity.

Travel and Early Dismissal

It is the policy of the Chenango Valley Central School District to provide round trip transportation for students engaged in school activities that are conducted away from Chenango Valley. Such activities include certain BOCES programs, interscholastic athletic contests, music activities and tournaments. The transportation services provided both originate and terminate at a designated Chenango Valley Central School District building. As part of the educational process, it is expected and encouraged that students engaged in such activities will travel to and from these events as a group while under the direct supervision of a designated Chenango Valley staff member. Under extenuating circumstances the supervising staff member may permit a student having prior written parental permission to be driven by a parent or guardian, or drive him or herself to and from any and all school-sponsored activities, events or clubs held away from Chenango Valley but must have approval by the appropriate administrator (i.e. Building Principal, Athletic Director, and/or designee). It is a frequent occurrence that parents, guardians, family members and neighbors attend such school activities as spectators and wish to provide transportation for the student. Arrangements for transportation alternatives for the student must be arranged to the satisfaction of the appropriate supervisor or designee and the parent or guardian. Any such parental permission must be in writing. A parent/guardian signature would constitute adequate permission. Under extenuating circumstances and upon approval of Superintendent or designee, some school sponsored activities, events or clubs may not have student transportation provided.

Respect for Property

Students are required to be responsible for all equipment issued to them. They should not expect managers, coaches, advisors or others to assume that obligation. Such equipment is not to be used in classes or in any other way unless specific permission is granted in advance by the coach, athletic director and/or activity advisor.

Students are not to willfully damage or remove property belonging to the district or any other school. A student will not be permitted to retain any article of property taken without authorization. In such cases, the student shall return it personally and make an appropriate apology.

Students must return all equipment or materials issued for an activity within ten (10) school days after the end of the activity. Any student who fails to return such equipment or materials will not be eligible for another extracurricular activity until the student pays for such equipment or materials. Students or their parents/guardian shall pay for all equipment or materials not returned or returned in damaged condition, excepting normal wear and tear.

Violations/Penalties

1. A student assigned to the alternate learning placement for a first offense is automatically suspended for the next group activity (i.e., game, match, performance, dance, etc.) that takes place in the “season” of the infraction.
2. A student assigned to the alternate learning placement an additional time during the same season, production period, etc., will be dismissed from participation indefinitely pending investigation by the coach, advisor, director, etc., and/or the assistant principal/principal.

3. A student who is on Out of Building Suspension (OBS) shall not participate in or attend any extracurricular activities during the day or days of suspension. In addition, the student will be suspended from additional participation as follows:
 - a. 0-2 days of OBS – 1 week suspension from participation from the student’s OBS return date.
 - b. 3+ days of OBS – 2 weeks of suspension from participation from the student’s OBS return date.
 - c. All suspensions are pending an investigation by the coach, advisor, director, etc., and/or the assistant principal/principal with further suspension from participation and/or removal pending the outcome of the investigation.
4. A student who is found to have violated the Student Tobacco policy or found to be in possession, distributing, selling, using alcoholic beverages or marijuana and/or paraphernalia shall automatically be suspended for 4 weeks from any and all participation in non-credit bearing extracurricular activities; regardless of whether such suspension overlaps into different activities/seasons.
5. A student who is found in possession, distributing, selling or using illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia shall automatically be suspended from all participation in his/her current non-credit bearing extracurricular activities for the remainder of the activities’ term or season or shall be suspended for a period of eight (8) weeks from participation in any noncredit bearing extracurricular activities regardless of whether such suspension overlaps into different activities/seasons; whichever term is greater.
6. Students that are forthcoming and honest when interviewed about misconduct, except misconduct described in #5 (Drugs) may be eligible for a “First Time Honesty Reduction.” Students shall only be eligible for the “First Time Honesty Reduction” one (1) time while a student is at the district.

Each case will be judged individually before the principal makes the final determination. Exceptions may be made with the recommendation of the administrator and the approval of the Superintendent. Exceptions may include the ability to practice and/or be a part of an activity, but be ineligible to play in any activities during the suspension period.

Acknowledgements

I acknowledge that I have read the regulations for participation in Chenango Valley Central School District extracurricular activities and agree to comply in letter and spirit.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and that I will support the regulations for my son/daughter's participation in Chenango Valley Central School District extracurricular activities.

Parent/ Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____