

## STUDENT POLICIES

### COCURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

#### Interscholastic Athletics

Interscholastic athletics for boys and girls is an integral and desirable part of the district's secondary school educational program. Individual and team sports shall be based upon comprehensive physical education instruction and intramural activities, seeking broad participation from all eligible secondary students. Parity in the number and kind of sports activities for girls and boys is an objective of the district.

Student eligibility for participation on interscholastic teams shall include:

1. authorization by the school physician;
2. written parent or guardian consent;
3. endorsement by the school principal based on established rules and various league and State Education Department regulations;
4. adherence to Code of Conduct.

Ref: 8NYCRR, Section 135.4

Update  
Presentation: 8/19/98

First  
Vote: 9/2/98

Second  
Vote: 9/16/98

STUDENT NAME (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student Athlete:

Participation on a West Genesee School District Athletic Team is a privilege which should elicit great pride in you, your family, and your school. A willingness to abide by training regulations and behave as a good citizen is necessary for the success of our student athletes and our athletic program.

Every student athlete is required to sign this statement of personal commitment. The student signature signifies a willingness to set a positive example, adhere to basic concepts of good citizenship, and follow proper training practices. The parent signature acknowledges the commitment of the athlete.

**ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the athletic department. The community, school administrators, and coaching staff feel strongly that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound program of athletics.

All athletes shall abide by a code of ethics which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition provides through the interscholastic athletic program. Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, hazing, disrespect, immorality, insubordination, or violations of law, tarnish the integrity of everyone associated with the athletic programs and will not be tolerated.

Violation of this athletic code will result in a restriction from participation, a suspension for a period of time, or a loss of eligibility based on the severity of the infraction.

Based on the severity of the infraction of the Code of Conduct, the Athletic Director may convene a meeting of the Coach involved, the Athletic Director, and Principal to meet and determine the penalty according to the degree of the infraction.

**TRAINING REGULATIONS**

1. Each coach may specify definite rest programs and hours when team members must be in their homes. Any adjustments must be approved by the coach of the sport.
2. The use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and tobacco are considered health hazards and detrimental to an athlete's physical and mental well being. Such use will result in the student being dropped from the team for the remainder of that sport season including sectional and state meets.
3. Attendance at practice is essential to develop the greater degree of skill. All requests to be excused from practice sessions must be submitted to the coach before the practice for which the request is made.
4. Athletes absent from school may not practice or play the day such absence occurs. Exceptions to this rule can be made only by the school principal or designee. Frequent or excessive tardiness may result in the same penalty.
5. Individual coaches may also make specific guidelines and regulations relating to their sport.

**Enforcement Dates:** First official day of practice, as designated by Section III, through final athletic contest of the season.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_