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GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GOOD CONDUCT CODE, GRADES 7 – 12
GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Student Eligibility For Extracurricular Activities

The Board of Directors of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District offers a variety of voluntary activities designed to enhance the classroom education of its students. Students who participate in extracurricular activities serve as ambassadors of the school throughout the calendar year, whether away from or at school. Students who wish to exercise the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities must conduct themselves in accordance with board policy. Participating in these school sponsored activities is a privilege, conditioned upon meeting the eligibility criteria established by the board, administration, and individual activity coaches and sponsors.

The following extracurricular activities are covered by the board's policy and these rules:

Athletic: Archery, Trapshooting, Esports, Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball, Cheerleading, Track, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, and any other sports as determined by administration.

Non Athletic: Band, Colorguard, Vocal, Speech, Drama, Fine Arts, Mock Trial, Yearbook, FFA, FCCLA, National Honor Society, Student Council, and any other clubs, organizations, or activities as determined by administration.

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To retain eligibility for participation in Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School or Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Middle School extracurricular activities, students must conduct themselves as good citizens both in and out of school at all times. Students who represent the school in an activity are expected to serve as good role models to other students and to the members of the community.

Violations:

- Possession, use, transmission, or purchase of tobacco, nicotine or imitation products, regardless of the student's age; this is to include, but not limited to, e-cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, vapor devices and tobacco pens.
- Possession, consumption, or purchase of alcoholic beverages

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- Possession use, purchase, attempt to purchase, delivery or attempted delivery of illegal drugs, or the unauthorized possession, use, purchase attempted purchase, delivery or attempted delivery of any drug.
- Committing a Law Violation –Commission of any act which results in any of the following:
    - issuance of a citation or complaint
    - arrest or detention
    - filing of a delinquency petition
    - entering into an Informal Adjustment Agreement or agreement for deferred prosecution
    - finding of adjudication
    - granting of a consent decree, deferred judgment or deferred sentence
    - entry of conviction

  A law violation does not include traffic violations punishable by a scheduled fine, non simple misdemeanor, and misdemeanor hunting or fishing offenses.

- Inappropriate or offensive conduct, including but not limited to assaulting staff or students, gross insubordination, disrespect to or refusing to cooperate with authorities, hazing or harassment (even if it does not constitute a violation of the anti-bullying/harassment policy), inappropriate or disparaging comments to or about others, and threats. A Good Conduct Code violation may result from group conduct.

Student Transfers: If a student transfers in from another Iowa school or school district and the student had not yet completed a period of ineligibility for a violation of a Good Conduct Code in the previous school, the student shall be ineligible if the administration determines that there is general knowledge in our school district of the fact of the student's misconduct or violation in the previous district.

General Definitions

Co-Curricular – student is graded and earns credit for this class and certain activities/performances outside the classroom. If the activity is a graded extension of the classroom, the Good Conduct Code would not be enforced.

Extracurricular in a Co-Curricular Activity – activities/performances over and above the expectations of the student in this class.

Extracurricular – (Yearly or Seasonal) includes activities that a student chooses to participate in where the student publically represents the school.

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Consequences of a Good Conduct Violation:

(Percentages of events missed will be rounded up to whole numbers in all cases.)

- **First Offense**: Students who violate the Good Conduct Policy will become ineligible for 20% of their current/next athletic season and 1 event for non athletic activities or events.

- **Second Offense** - Students who violate the Good Conduct Policy a second time within one calendar year will become ineligible for 40% of their current/next athletic season and 2 events for non athletic activities or events.

- **Third Offense** - Students who violate the Good Conduct Policy a third time within one calendar year will become ineligible for all activities for one calendar year from the date of the offense.

A student who is ineligible may practice with their sports team or non athletic activity/event. The student may travel with the team or group as long as the coach or sponsor has granted permission. However, the student in violation of the Good Conduct Policy must not be in uniform and may only perform tasks assigned by the coach or sponsor.

Special Notes:

- Each student must be in school by fourth hour in order to participate in an activity or practice session. Any exceptions to this regulation are at the discretion of the building principal.
- Any student who, on his/her own accord, admits to a school staff member a substance abuse problem prior to a good conduct code violation will not be ruled in violation of this policy. The student will remain eligible contingent upon completion of an approved evaluation and recommended treatment program.
- Any student serving out a period of ineligibility must successfully complete that activity season in full or that sanction will be carried over to the next activity of participation. To serve an ineligibility period a student must begin the activity during the first week of practice.
- Any student declared ineligible shall not participate or be in uniform in any public performances, games or contests, or participate in any other school-sponsored extra-curricular activity. Students are allowed to practice/participate in any/all scrimmages or dress rehearsal type activity during the period of ineligibility.
- In addition to the Good Conduct Code, each coach or sponsor may have additional team rules and guidelines. These rules should be reviewed with the students at the beginning of each season or periodically.

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- Upon entering high school, all freshmen students will begin with a fresh start/clean slate of the Good Conduct Policy to start their high school careers. Unique freshmen circumstances/multiple offenses in middle school are at the discretion of the high school administration and activities director.
- **Violations Occurring During Ineligibility**: If a student is ineligible at the time of a violation of the Good Conduct Code, the penalty for the violation will not begin until the student regains eligibility. The second penalty attaches when the first penalty is completed.

Appeals

Any student who is found by the administration to have violated the Good Conduct Code may obtain review of this determination to the superintendent by contacting the superintendent within 3 days of being advised of the violation. The penalty will be in effect until reversed. If the student is still dissatisfied, he or she may seek further review by the school board by filing a written appeal with the board secretary at least 72 hours prior to the next board meeting. A special meeting of the board will not be called. The review by the board will be in closed session unless the student's parent (or the student, if the student is 18) requests an open session. The penalty will remain in effect pending the outcome of the meeting with the board. If the school board reverses the decision of the administration, the student shall be immediately eligible and shall have any record of the ineligibility period and violation deleted from the student's records.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

IOWA SCHOLARSHIP RULE - NO PASS/NO PLAY

The Iowa Scholarship Rule, 281—IAC 36.15(2), often referred to as No Pass, No Play, puts forth minimum academic eligibility requirements for participation in activities. The state allows local control to each district to impose additional eligibility requirements.

GHV's approach is that any student with a failed class is ineligible in any activity for the next 30 calendar days. This applies to all events, included but not limited to those in music, band, speech, archery, trapshooting, cheerleading, and FFA as well as all sanctioned sports. Upon completion of the 30 day ineligibility period, the student will be reinstated as eligible without any further waiting period.

General Guidelines:

Summary of Scholarship Rule, 281—IAC 36.15(2) Iowa High School Athletic Assn. The following requirements were effective 7-1-08:

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- A student must receive credit in at least 4 subjects at all times.
- A student must pass all classes and make adequate progress toward graduation to remain eligible.
- **If a student is not passing all classes at the end of a final grading period, the student is ineligible for the first period of 30 consecutive calendar days in the interscholastic athletic event in which the student is a contestant.** There is no requirement that the student competed in the sport previously. Students in baseball or softball have the same penalty as all other students.
- Schools must check grades at the end of each grading period; otherwise, a school determines if and how often it checks grades.
- A student with a disability and an IEP is judged based on progress made toward IEP goals.
- The ability to use summer school or other means to make up failing grades for eligibility purposes is not available. The rule now also requires that all original failing grades (even those remediated for purposes other than athletic eligibility) be reported to any school to which the student transfers.

Music - Any participant receiving a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded is ineligible to participate in any competitive event sanctioned by the IHSMA or any IHSMA-sponsored event that is non-graded within a period of thirty consecutive calendar days. School districts may impose additional restrictions within the 30 day period.

Speech - At the end of any grading period a participant receives a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded, the participant is ineligible to participate in any event sanctioned by the IHSSA or IHSSA-sponsored event within a period of thirty consecutive calendar days. School districts may impose additional restrictions within the 30 day period.

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