

# ***LAFARGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT***

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **For All Secondary Students in Grades 7-12**

#### **PURPOSE:**

There are exceptional opportunities in the LaFargeville Central School (LCS) for our students to participate in extracurricular activities. Participation is a privilege that requires dedication and commitment. In participating, our students gain invaluable educational experiences as members of a team or club, as student leaders, and as young adults setting and reaching their goals. This participation enriches their middle/high school years and develops personal standards of discipline. To ensure participating students meet reasonable academic standards and appropriate standards of conduct fitting their status as leaders in our school and local community, the LCS Board of Education establishes the following codes. We expect parents/guardians and students will review these codes and students will comply with them.

The student-athlete is one of the most recognized individuals in the school, particularly by the students in the elementary grades. The younger students often emulate the student-athlete. For this reason, it is extremely important that the student-athlete set desirable standards of conduct and attitude. It is important also for student members of clubs to demonstrate appropriate conduct and attitude.

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct does NOT replace or diminish any existing rules or policies governing students at LCS. It does augment existing policies and is an attempt at designing the minimal levels of behaviors expected for anyone participating in extracurricular activities at LCS. It highlights the essential characteristics that student-athletes and club participants are to display including, but not limited to:

- Citizenship: The act of demonstrating positive behavior in the community.
- Sportsmanship: The act of participating in or spectating a school event by showing positive school spirit, encouraging student-athletes and student-performers, as well as refraining from any negative gestures or phrases.

Teachers are requested to notify the coach or advisor if a student is not conducting himself/herself in an acceptable manner and/or producing academically to his/her fullest. The coach or advisor shall immediately counsel with the student to initiate a corrective action.

#### **I. Extracurricular Activities are defined below:**

Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Color Guard, Drama, Science Club, Foreign Language Club, Peer Leadership, and any other organized school activity outside of credit bearing academic subjects including dances and attendance at games/events.

#### **II. Listed below are the areas of behavior identified as ones to be regulated.**

##### **A. In-School Behavior**

All Extra-Curricular activities are considered to be a privilege and can and will be taken away based on student behavior in school at the administrator's discretion.

Students that are in the Planning Center (PC) for In-School Suspension will not be eligible to participate or attend any after school, non-curricular activity on the day in which they are scheduled to serve. If suspended out of school, then he/she will not be eligible to participate for 1 calendar week following his/her return to school (ex. if he/she returns to school on Wednesday then he/she is eligible again the following Wednesday).

## **B. Attendance**

ALL students must be on time and in attendance for a full day to participate in or attend any night, after school or non-curricular activity that day unless he/she receives administrative approval due to a verifiable medical appointment, death in the family, religious observance, required court appearance, or other pre-approved scheduled appointment.

Student-athletes and club participants in attendance must attend all practice sessions, unless excused by the coach or advisor of the sport/club involved. Failure to attend practices without being excused may result in loss of playing time or club privileges.

## **C. On-Field Behavior**

LaFargeville Central School will abide by all Frontier League rules and regulations. Further action could be taken by the school.

## **D. Tobacco Violations (on or within sight of school grounds)\***

1<sup>st</sup> offense – Athletes will be suspended for the next 2 contests and non-athletes will perform 2 hours of community service or will be barred from extracurricular activities for 3 calendar weeks. Additionally, he/she is subject to punishment from administration if violation occurs on school property or at a school sponsored event.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Athletes will be suspended for the next 4 contests and non-athletes will perform 4 hours of community service or will be barred from extracurricular activities for 6 calendar weeks. Additionally, he/she is subject to punishment from administration if violation occurs on school property or at a school sponsored event.

3<sup>rd</sup> offense – Athletes will be suspended for the next 8 contests\* and non-athletes will be barred from extracurricular activities for 10 calendar weeks.

## **E. Alcohol/Drug Violations (on or off school grounds)\***

1<sup>st</sup> offense – Athletes will be suspended a total of 4 contests and non-athletes will be barred from extracurricular activities for 6 calendar weeks. Additionally, he/she is subject to punishment from administration if violation occurs on school property or at a school sponsored event.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense – Suspended from extracurricular activities for 20 calendar weeks. Additionally, he/she is subject to punishment from administration if violation occurs on school property or at a school sponsored event.

3<sup>rd</sup> offense - Administration and/or Board of Education review.

- \* If an athlete, then the athletic penalty will take precedence (be enforced first), but if at the conclusion of the season the student-athlete was unable to fulfill his/her suspension he/she will be treated as a non-athlete and will be suspended from extracurricular activities for the remaining prorated time.

## **F. Quitting**

If a student quits a team/production/club after he/she has committed himself/herself to it, the student will be declared ineligible for the next activity, which he/she wishes to participate in. The student will be considered committed after he/she has been involved for 10 practice sessions or 3 club meetings, under ordinary circumstances. Students who skip practice, refuse to play, or are insubordinate shall be subject to dismissal by the administration and will be considered to have quit.

## G. Academics

This Academic portion of the extracurricular code of conduct is to support the following directions and concerns:

1. To Motivate Students
2. To Ensure Accountability
3. To Promote the Importance of Academics
4. To involve students in school activities

The Academic portion of the extra-curricular code of conduct refers to all participants of non-credit bearing activities. These activities include but may not be limited to: soccer, basketball, cheerleading, golf, baseball, softball, color guard, drama productions, and social activities (dances including prom and attendance at games/performances).

**Eligibility:** Academic progress will be reviewed weekly to determine participation status and will be based on a cumulative quarterly average.

Status	Criteria	Level of Participation
Regular	No course failures	<u>Full Participation</u>
Warning	1 course failure	<u>Full Participation.</u> Student is expected to show effort to improve and it is recommended that this student attends extra help sessions.
Probationary	2 Course failures	<u>Partial Participation</u> Student can practice and attend social activities but cannot play in games or participate in productions Student is expected to dress and be on the bench supporting his/her team at all games. Student is expected to attend all after school sessions and coaches are expected to encourage this.
Ineligible	3 or more courses failed	<u>Ineligible.</u> No participation in any extracurricular activities including social activities until the next list is printed the following week.

- Students will be notified by his/her coach/advisor or the principal or his/her designee.
- All students will be allowed to participate until the first list is printed during the second week of school.
- An appeals process (last page) will be available to students who believe they have a valid reason for their lack of participation by first consulting with the secondary principal.

## H. Students with Disabilities

The LCS Board of Education reaffirms the State Policy on Discipline Procedures for Handicapped students instituted in 1984. Handicapped students will be treated in the same manner as all other students with the exception that the process will include the District's CSE in certain circumstances.

(Adopted by Board of Education 6/8/87).

### III. Appeals Process

The administration of this Code of Conduct will be conducted by the Principal and/or Athletic Director.

A student has a right to appeal any suspension. The student and/or parent/guardian must notify the Principal, in writing, by the end of the third school day after the suspension has been levied. Students may not participate in games or extracurricular activities during the appeals process. The appeal is before a Review Board. The review board consists of five (5) members, which are appointed by administration, who will meet whenever a decision is needed. The members will include:

- A. An academic teacher who is not directly involved in extracurricular activities.
- B. An administrator.
- C. A staff member
- D. The Athletic Coordinator or Elementary Principal.
- E. Coach (different season)

The coach will be available to answer any questions.

Actions that may be taken by the Review Board include, but are NOT limited to, those listed:

- A. Exonerate the student and reinstate him/her if an accusation is groundless.
- B. Warn the student and determine a period of probation.
- C. Suspend the student from the activity for a season or the duration of the activity or for a lesser period if deemed appropriate.

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

My child and I have read the LCS Extracurricular Code of Conduct and understand the privileges and responsibilities of participating in an LCS sport and/or extracurricular activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_