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# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Mr. Bryce Thompson *J.S. JCF* *CR*  
**From:** Mr. Josh Audsley, Mr. John Spink and Mr. Eric Romesser  
**Subject:** Attica Athletic Code of Conduct  
**Date:** May 13, 2014  
**cc:**

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Page 51 B. ATTICA *ATHLETIC* CODE OF CONDUCT

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**D- USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES VAPOR CIGARETTES –**  
*Use or possession is prohibited*

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- A. Any student in violation of a Alcohol/Drug infraction, whether “actively” involved in a season or not; will be considered a first offender subject to the guidelines listed below:
  - 4. A alcohol/drug evaluation will take place, followed by enrollment and participation, as recommended by the evaluator, in a school recognize program.

Page 54 – Curtailment Procedure and Assessment

D. Removed the word TOBACCO

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## B. ATTICA CODE OF CONDUCT

The following are considered in determining suitable conduct for each person participating in athletics:

- A. **DRUGS**- The use or possession of illegal drugs is prohibited.
- B. **ALCOHOL**- The use or possession of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- C. **TOBACCO**- The use or possession of tobacco of any form is prohibited. *Use of Elect. Cig or Vapor Cigarette - Use or Possession is prohibited*
- E* D. **CURFEW HOURS**- A responsible curfew shall be set by the coach with regard to evenings that precede a regular school day or athletic event.
- F* E. **CITIZENSHIP**- All participants are expected to exercise good behavior in school and in the community keeping in mind they represent their families, school, and community.
- G* F. **VIOLATION OF LAW**- Any act committed by the athlete which results in the student being found delinquent by the courts, arrested, or placed on probation.
- H* G. **SPORTSMANSHIP**- All participants shall adhere to characteristics of good sportsmanship in reference of teammates, opponents, and spectators.
- I* H. **TEAM MEMBERSHIP**- A member of the team shall follow all policies and directions established by the coach and all others who are responsible for the Attica Central School's athletic program and attend all meets, matches, games, etc. to receive a letter.
- J* I. **VIOLATION PROCEDURE**- All violations shall be reported in writing by the person knowing of the violation to Director of Athletics and/or Principal, Coach. The Director of Athletics, principal and the coach of the sport will make a decision on the case. Each case is different; the action taken will depend on the severity of the incident and the circumstances involved.
- K* J. **FORFEITING AWARDS**- If a player is in violation of the athletic code, the player will not receive awards for that sport.
- L* K. **APPEARANCE**- All members will dress neatly and cleanly. You must remember you are representing the Attica Central School. There will be at no time any participant allowed to practice or play in a game wearing earrings, necklaces, rings, or any other jewelry.
- M* L. **ELIGIBILITY**- Anyone may play as long as they pass a physical and meet the age and grade requirement. All athletes must take Physical Education, U's are not permitted. No Physical Education, no practice and/or play.

- M. **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**- The performance of the student athlete will be monitored by the Administration, Guidance Counselors, Faculty and Coaches. This group effort is to help the student having trouble in one or more subjects, not to penalize them. If the student is late to practice because of receiving extra help, they will not be penalized; however, they must give their coach a pass from the teacher that was giving them extra help.
- N. **EQUIPMENT**- All athletes are responsible for all equipment given to them. All lost equipment must be paid for before awards are given to the individual. Anyone who fails to pay will not be eligible for another sport until payment is made.

### C. CURTAILMENT

The following guidelines shall be used when curtailing an athlete's participation due to violation of the above policies of the contract.

- A. Any student in violation of a **TOBACCO/ALCOHOL/DRUG** infraction, whether "actively" involved in a season or not; will be considered a first offender subject to the guidelines listed below:

**FIRST OFFENSE STUDENT-ATHLETE WILL BE PLACED ON A TWO-WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD. THIS PROBATIONARY PERIOD WILL EXIST UNDER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:**

1. During probationary period, non-participation in games/contests/ events for two weeks.
2. Athletes will not be allowed to practice or be with the organization in any manner for the first week.
3. During the second week, the student will be allowed to practice with the organization and participate on a limited basis (ex. keep statistics).
4. A **tobacco**, alcohol/drug evaluation will take place, followed by enrollment and participation, as recommended by the evaluator, in a school recognized program.
5. After probationary period, continued enrollment in counseling program until successful conclusion, with coach/advisor cooperation with release from activity as necessary. The athlete may rejoin the organization without restrictions after the two week probationary period.
6. If the incident occurs with less than two (2) weeks remaining in the season, the athlete is still required to complete counseling.
7. Violation of any of the above will be dealt with as a second offense.
8. The athlete's family will pay all financial costs dealing with any counseling program.

**SECOND OFFENSE (Within one calendar year)  
SUSPENSION FROM ALL PARTICIPATION IN  
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER  
OF THAT SEASON AND THE NEXT TWO (2) IMMEDIATE  
SEASONS.**

**PLEASE NOTE: IF A STUDENT-ATHLETE IS PENALIZED FOR ONE ACTIVITY, THIS CONTRACT, AS IT PERTAINS TO A SECOND OFFENSE, WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT FOR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY IN WHICH THIS INDIVIDUAL MAY PARTICIPATE.**

**ALL DRUG AND ALCOHOL INFRACTIONS ARE REFERRED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; EXTREMELY SERIOUS OFFENSES WILL FACE A HIGHER LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE.**

- B. The first curtailment shall take place concerning violations of civil law  
**FIRST OFFENSE – SUSPENSION FROM THE TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT SEASON, AND FORFEIT ALL AWARDS.**

**SECOND OFFENSE – SUSPENSION FROM THE TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, AND FORFEIT ALL AWARDS. PLUS THE ATHLETE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE DURING THE NEXT “ACTIVE” SEASON.**

- C. In cases involving citizenship, curfew, sportsmanship, or team membership, the following curtailment may take place:  
**FIRST OFFENSE – PUNISHMENT MAY RANGE FROM AN OFFICIAL WARNING TO SUSPENSION FROM THE TEAM DEPENDENT UPON THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE OFFENSE.**

**SECOND OFFENSE – PUNISHMENT COULD RANGE FROM NOT ALLOWING A PARTICIPANT TO DRESS FOR ONE OR MORE ATHLETIC CONTESTS, TO COMPLETE SUSPENSION FROM THE TEAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT SEASON.**

**THIRD OFFENSE – PUNISHMENT SHALL BE SUSPENSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT SEASON.**

- D. In a case of attendance eligibility, the participant could be suspended from practice or a game for one or more occasions.

#### **D. CURTAILMENT PROCEDURE & ASSESSMENT**

- A. A participant's suspension or other punishment shall take place immediately.  
B. The coach will notify the participant, his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and the Athletic Director immediately.

- C. Record of Proceedings- A copy of the curtailment will be placed in the student's file.
- D. The athlete must meet with the student assistance counselor, the coach, Athletic Director and/or administrator. The interview is to assess the type of and degree of involvement. The purpose of the interview is to direct the student athlete toward successful elimination of any future drug, alcohol, and ~~tobacco~~ involvement.

## E. BAND POLICIES

### **Introduction**

*Welcome to the "Pride of Attica, the Marching Blue Devil!" You are about to become a part of a group that has made this school and community proud for many years. We believe that PRIDE is part of what makes this organization so outstanding. When you put on your uniform and march down the street, you will feel this pride and become part of the reason it continues.*

*To do this, we need DEDICATION from all students and parents if we are to continue successfully. This is something you must bring to the Marching Blue Devils yourself. This means you must learn your music, show up for practices and Camp, march at parades, and care for your uniform. We are offering you this handbook because we believe it will answer many of your questions and provide information you need to be a dedicated member of our band and color guard.*

*The Attica High School Band has three components: Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Marching Band. You will learn what you need to know about concert band during school. Exemplary conduct is expected of everyone at all times. No one, by his or her conduct, is to impose on anyone else.*

### **Uniforms**

*Students will be supplied with properly fitted uniforms, hat, gloves, and instructs on the proper care of the equipment, during the summer months the weather can be hot, so band members wear shorts and a T-shirt under the uniform. A section leader, usually an upperclassman, will help at the first several parades. They will make sure the uniform is worn properly. When you put on this uniform you become part of the TRADITION that we have been talking about. You represent your school, your parents and the many communities that make up the Attica Central School District. When you are uniform the following rules are to be followed:*

*NO gum chewing*

*NO jewelry*

*NO bright, visible nail polish*

*Anyone (boy or girl) with long hair must put it under their hat. Straggly hair is very distracting from your appearance and is unacceptable.*

*Wear a T-shirt – muscle shirts are not allowed.*

*Uniforms are cleaned once a year by Mr. Rogers. Those wishing to clean uniforms at their own expense may sign the uniforms out with Mr. Rogers.*

### **Band shoes**

*All band and color guard members pay for their own white shoes. The cost is \$29.95. If your feet do not grow, you will need to buy shoes once. You are not to put these shoes in your uniform bag or hat box. The dirt from your shoes should not be near your uniform*