

Cassadaga Valley Central School
EXTRACURRICULAR GUIDE AND CODE OF ETHICS

- A. Purpose-The purpose of this guide is to inform students and parents of the Cassadaga Valley Extracurricular program, its goals, and requirements. Extracurricular programs include athletics, clubs, organizations, and any other non-credit bearing school group.
- B. Philosophy-Extracurricular activities, which include any school-related activities (including sports), are an integral part of the total education program. This Guide will incorporate the School Code of Conduct and the following Ten Cardinal Athletic Principles as stated in the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A Handbook:
1. *To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.*
 2. *To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.*
 3. *To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.*
 4. *To show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.*
 5. *To establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.*
 6. *To respect the integrity and judgment of the sports officials.*
 7. *To achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and standards of eligibility.*
 8. *To encourage leadership, use of incentive, and good judgment by the players on the team.*
 9. *To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of the individual players.*
 10. *To remember that an athletic contest is only a game...not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, official, fan, community, state or nation.*
- C. Rules and Regulations- Students who participate in Cassadaga Valley Central School Extracurricular programs.
1. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain passing grades. It is the responsibility of the teacher to keep accurate records. To that end, student's grades will be checked every three weeks. Students not passing will be notified and given one week to modify their grades. If after one week the student is not passing, they will be suspended from the activity (or activities). Teacher will alert student weekly of missing assignments.
 2. A student may appeal a failing grade directly with the teacher at the end of each week. The teacher may allow a student to participate if:
 - 1) The student's work assignments are up to date.
 - 2) The student utilizes after school help.
 - 3) The student is showing good effort.
 3. If a student is granted the appeal the teacher will provide written notice to the principal. Eligibility is only determined by the teacher and the principals. If a principal deems a student eligible in the absence of a teacher, they will make an effort prior to signing off to notify the teacher.
 4. Lists of ineligible students will be compiled and updated by the Principal. These lists will be distributed, as updated by the principal.
 5. Students will be in school the day following a scheduled event or contest, unless excused by a legal absence. If students are not in school following an event or contest; they will not be eligible for the next event or contest.

(Example 1): Tuesday event must be in school on Wednesday.
(Example 2): Friday or Saturday event must be in school on Monday.
 6. Cassadaga Valley students are expected to uphold the high ideals and strong moral attributes on which our school system depends for its reputation.
 7. If social probation or suspension from school occurs, the student is prohibited from participation in the extracurricular program during the social probation period.
 8. If a student is suspended (in or out of school) he/she is ineligible to participate on the day of the suspension. **THIS INCLUDES EXTENDED DETENTION.**

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D. Infractions

1. Adhere to the following participation rules, in and out of school:
NO smoking, use or possession of tobacco products
NO consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages
NO use of/ or possession of drugs except those prescribed by a physician

E. Enforcement-Rule enforcement and decisions pertaining thereto will be made by the High School/Middle School Principal.

1. Appeal Process-Should a student wish to appeal the decision of the High School Principal or Middle School Principal he/she must do so in 5 days and the following process will take place:

Step 1- Student can appeal to the Superintendent of Schools.

Step 2- Student can appeal to the Board of Education.

Step 3-Student can appeal to the New York State Commissioner of Education.

F. Recommendations- Students should maintain reasonable hours regarding sleep. (Coaching staff and advisors recommend the following hours for students: Home by 10:00 p.m. on school nights, home by midnight on Fridays and Saturdays except on special occasions.

G. Guidelines to Acceptable or Unacceptable Behavior- Students are expected to follow the school Code of Conduct as published in the District Calendar/Handbook.

1. Students are expected to demonstrate proper and acceptable behavior in the classroom and hallways as stated in the student handbook.
2. Stealing or problems with the police is unacceptable behavior.
3. Students are to be in school and on time the day of and the day following an event. Any exceptions must be approved by the building principal.
4. Persistent problems in these or similar areas will result in the student being suspended from the activity.

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