**Policy Changes and/or Updates for the WHS Extra-curricular Code of Conduct**

The Committee reaffirms the notion and policy that student athletes and extra-curricular students are held to a higher standard and that they do represent us in our community and while they travel as members of a club or sport. The Committee also reaffirms that WHS students involved in sports and/or extra-curriculars that these students should be held to a higher standard throughout the school year, whether they are in season or not. The Committee also reaffirms that students involved in sports and/or extra-curriculars should still be held accountable under the Code of Conduct Policy, whether or not the infraction(s) happened on or off campus (under the 5 and 3 Rule found in the Code of Conduct). The Committee also wants to ensure and enforce the notion of equity in treatment of students and that clear policy and practice is in place for appeals and due process. The Committee wants to ensure that the discipline policy is progressive in its consequences, escalating with each offense.

The Committee would also like to reaffirm that teams and clubs keep organized with gear, supplies, materials, etc while performing and traveling…that everything has its place and that we pick up after ourselves with the standard of leaving it better than we found it (i.e. leave no trace).

Additions/Changes in policy or practice related to the Code of Conduct:

1. Mandatory Parent Meetings for each sport/club/activity/season, with parents, coaches, and athletes signing off on the Code of Conduct policies and expectations. Athletes cannot participate until this criteria has been met.
2. WHS extra-curriculars Code of Conduct Policy will be posted on the district website, in the handbook, attached to the physical form, and passed out at Coaches Meetings.
3. Admission of guilt does NOT reduce consequences. Students know rules and consequences, along with expectations ahead of time.
4. Appeal Process: Chain of Command is vital. Students and parents can appeal decisions made about suspensions. Consequences, etc. made by coaches and/or the A.D to the principal. The school must notify parents of consequences the same day that the school addresses the issue(s). Parents can appeal the decision within 24 hours and in writing only. Principals need to give expedited priority to these appeals, as they are time sensitive. Coaches firstly, AD follows up. Parents are 1st point of contact and should be present where possible, during disciplinary actions and/or hearings, even if the student is 18+ years old.
5. Coaches will need to establish and enforce a consistent team dress code for traveling.
6. Under Burden of Proof, if a staff member sees one of the 5 major conducts being violated, it must be on school grounds or at a school sanctioned event.
7. 1st offense under Code of Conduct: 0-10% of games/events in that current season.

2nd offense under Code of Conduct: 10-25% of games/events in that current season

3rd offense under Code of Conduct – removed from all WHS extra curriculars for the remainder of the school year

1. Suspended players/members will not travel with the team/club and will not sit on the bench or sidelines or in the audience during the games/performances while suspended. This includes those that are academically ineligible.
2. From the Code of Conduct perspective, the Committee would like to see all Vape treated as a drug and not like a cigarette. This would conflict with the regular handbook policy proposal.