

CODE OF ETHICS/STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR FOR STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular programs and activities are provided as a supplement to the academic program and are designed to offer enrichment, promote social development and encourage service to the school and community. Students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities; however participation is considered a privilege.

Academics:

Students must have passed a minimum of four (4) academic courses during the previous marking period and cannot have failed more than one in order to participate in co-curricular activities. Summer school grades cannot be used toward eligibility. Students who have passed four (4) academic courses but failed more than one (1) may appeal the decision to the principal. The exception to this requirement is the criteria for National Honor Society.

Alcohol/Other Drugs:

Any violation of a code of ethics, immoral conduct, or refusing to abide by other school rules may result in the student being barred from participation in co-curricular activities. Students must have and maintain a record of acceptable and appropriate citizenship, character and personal conduct both inside and outside the school environment during the school year. The “School Year” will be defined as the period from the first day of assembly for any school-related sport or activity to the last day of school.

Any school-organized or co-curricular related activity, even if all eligible students do not participate, will be considered part of the “School Year” even if it falls outside of the above defined time period.

In regard to a student’s questionable participation, the Principal (or his authorized delegate) will investigate and make the determination. Because students are expected to maintain high standards, the following behaviors would constitute serious violations of this expectation:

- Drinking of alcoholic beverages
- Being at a gathering where alcohol or illegal drugs are being used by minors
- Smoking or using tobacco in any form
- Use of illegal drugs
- Possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs

The above behaviors are illegal; in addition they put the student and his/her fellow students in jeopardy.

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Consequences may include:

First Violation

- Notification of Parents.
- Suspension from the activity.
- Student may request a reduced penalty reinstatement.

- Student must present a *rehabilitation plan and have it approved by the Principal or the Principal's authorized delegate.

Upon approval of the plan, the student will be allowed to participate in the co-curricular activity.

*The following may be required as part of a rehabilitation plan:

- Counseling – a minimum of 3 sessions with a Sunapee Middle High School Counselor
- Community Service Project – related to the offense if practical
- Typed paper on the effects of committing the offense
- The student is responsible for following through with his/her plan

Second Violation

- Notification of parents.
- Student is dismissed from the activity for the remainder of the school year.
- Student may be required to submit a new *rehabilitation plan to be considered for future participation in an activity. For second violations, the plan may be required to include an appointment with a certified counselor/clinician with parental involvement.

The student will not be able to participate until the requirements of the approved rehabilitation plan has been completed.

Third Violation

- Notification of parents.
- Student will not participate in co-curricular activities for one calendar year from the date of the third violation.

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- The student may be required to submit a new *rehabilitation plan to be considered for future participation in an activity. For third violations, the plan may be required to include sessions with a certified counselor/clinician with parental involvement.

The student will not be eligible to participate again for 365 days and the requirements of the approved rehabilitation plan have been completed.

PENALTIES ARE CUMULATIVE OVER THE COURSE OF A STUDENT'S CAREER AT SUNAPEE HIGH SCHOOL, NOT PER YEAR.

Sunapee Middle High School will continue to support and assist in the rehabilitation of the student.

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Second Reading and Approval: 10/19/05