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STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular programs contribute to the educational, emotional and social development of students. Since students are not required to participate in co-curricular programs, the choice to participate in these programs is a privilege and students are required to follow the Code of Conduct to remain eligible to participate. Co-curricular activities include student body offices, athletics, cheerleading, Winter Guard, and any other activities that are outside the regular school day and not a requirement of a course of instruction. Students who choose to participate in Co-curricular activities are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values of the school and community they represent. In addition to the behavioral standards and disciplinary consequences applicable to all students in the District, each student desiring to participate in a co-curricular activity must comply with the District's co-curricular Code of Conduct.

PURPOSE OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS and CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES is to give students the opportunity to:

- develop organizational skills to balance athletics/co-curricular activities and academics.
- learn new skills and improve existing ones.
- experience commitment and dedication to school, co-curricular activities, sport, team & coach.
- develop physical vigor and desirable habits in health and safety.
- learn what it takes to be a good teammate.
- develop new friendships.
- observe and exemplify good sportsmanship.
- demonstrate truthfulness.
- be dependable in fulfilling obligations and commitments.
- accept responsibility for consequences of actions and not make excuses or blame others.
- strive to excel.
- persevere, give 100% effort and not give up in the face of setbacks.
- control anger and frustration and refrain from displays of temper and bad language.
- accept losing and winning graciously; to congratulate opponents, not sulk, or display other negative behaviors.
- realize that athletic competition and co-curricular participation carries with it certain responsibilities.
- learn that a violation of this Code has a consequence - and this same sequence occurs throughout endeavors in life.

These expectations will apply from the first day of the school year or the start of the extra-curricular activity (including pre-season meetings, practices, camps, and school-sponsored activities) whichever comes first. This includes the activities scheduled prior to the start of the school year, through the end of the sport season and/or the end of the school year, whichever is longer in duration.

The reason for developing the district's Code of Conduct is not to punish those who break the rules. The Code of Conduct sets behavioral standards to assist youth in making good decisions. It also sets clear and consistent boundaries for your son/daughters participation in co-curricular activities and athletics.

CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBILITY:

- Making adequate academic progress toward graduation.
- Will not have turned 19 years old prior to June 15 before the start of their senior year.
- Physical exam on record prior to the start of the season.
- Student-athletes must be present for at least 50% of the school day and any absent marks must be excused to participate in the next practice and contest.



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- Have not transferred from another school within the past year.
 - Will not compete in non-school athletic events in my sport after reporting for the school team.
 - Will not use, possess, sell or distribute tobacco products;
 - Will not use, possess, sell, distribute or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or performance enhancing substances (e.g. steroids), whether legal or illegal, look-alike drugs, or drug paraphernalia on school grounds, off school grounds, whether during sport season or out of sport season;
 - Will not host or remain present at events, activities or locations where illegal distribution of alcohol, drugs or other performance-enhancing substances are present or used.
 - Will not use, possess, or distribute firearms, weapons or explosive devices on school grounds or at school events;
 - Will not engage in threatening, hazing activities, bullying, vandalism, harassment, or other personal misconduct, including, but not limited to, witnessing intimidation or harassment and conduct that involves police or court action.
 - Students will not engage in cyber-bullying, participate in sending or creating inappropriate cyber images or be seen in an inappropriate cyber image.
 - Every participant and the participant's parent/guardian will be apprised of the co-curricular Code of Conduct in the required Athlete Committed presentations conducted at the beginning of each sports season. Every athlete and participant of a co-curricular activity is **required to attend** the Athlete Committed presentation with at least one parent/guardian.
 - Any student failing to return or pay for lost or damaged co-curricular equipment (uniforms, etc.) will be suspended from future participation until restitution is made.
 - School principals will direct the development and implementation of any needed school regulations and/or forms to implement this procedure.
 - The participant must fully cooperate in any investigation honestly and truthfully.

For purposes of this section, "possess" shall be defined as having in one's possession or control, e.g., on one's person or in one's physical control, or to have in one's presence or close proximity to be used in an **illegal activity.*

Parent Responsibility

Parents and guardians are essential partners in maintaining a safe, educational and enjoyable experience for students. When present at the District's events, including athletic games, practices, and co-curricular activities, they are expected to model the kind of citizenship and sportsmanship that is expected and required of students. The following are among the District's expectations for the parents of student athletes and co-curricular participants.

Parents/guardians:

- have **knowledge, understanding and agreement** about the Rules and Conduct/Standards. Included in this document.
- know the consequences for violations of those Rules and Conduct/Standards, and will assist in their enforcement.
- are supportive and encourage their children to demonstrate appropriate behavior while representing the District as student athletes and co-curricular participants.
- hold their children accountable for their actions and guide them in making proper decisions regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- hold their children accountable for their actions and behaviors towards others ensuring that their son/daughter does not bully or harass others and that their son/daughter is not a bystander to this behavior.
- are knowledgeable about individual team rules and expectations and address concerns regarding their children's program to the coach.



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- are knowledgeable spectators, knowing the rules of the game and serving as role models for sportsmanship. They cheer our successes, and show understanding in the wake of defeat. They encourage the efforts of their children's teams, and they respect the efforts of the opposing teams.
- adhere to state laws that prohibit smoking on school grounds or in school buildings.
- bring their concerns to the attention of the appropriate coach(es), including concerns about the mental and physical treatment of their children, ways to help their children improve, and their children's behavior. They schedule meetings with coaches in order that their concerns may be discussed at appropriate times and places.
- demonstrate a respect for the privacy of all student athletes, and an understanding of the coaches' responsibilities to all student athletes, by refraining from speaking with coaches about such issues as playing time, athletic ability, and team strategy, insofar as those subjects relate to student athletes other than their own child.

INFORMED CONSENT:

By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury and the transmission of infectious diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B, herpes and others. Although serious injuries are not common and the risk of HIV transmission is almost nonexistent in supervised school athletic programs, it is impossible to eliminate all risk. Participants have the responsibility to help reduce that risk. Participants must obey all safety rules, report all physical and hygiene problems to their coaches, follow proper conditioning programs, and inspect their own equipment daily.

CODE VIOLATIONS:

Students will comply with all state and local laws as well as all school district policies and regulations. Students are required to comply with all Education Codes 24 hours a day, seven days a week in order to remain eligible for participation. Any student who chooses to participate in co-curricular activities and who violates the Code of Conduct in any way may experience disciplinary consequences. Disciplinary consequences for violations of the Code of Conduct for Education Code offenses are as follows:

For violation of Education Code 48900 (a-t):

- (a) (1) physical injury on another person
(2) Willfully used force or violence upon another person
- (b) Possessed, used, sold or furnished alcohol or controlled substance
- (c) Offered, arranged or negotiated the sale of a controlled substance
- (d) Dangerous object
- (e) Robbery or extortion
- (f) Damage to school property or private property;
- (g) Theft of school property or private property;
- (h) Tobacco
- (i) Profanity or vulgarity;
- (j) Drug paraphernalia
- (k) Disrupted school activities or defiance of school authority
- (l) Possession of stolen school property or private property;
- (m) Possessed an imitation firearm.
- (n) Sexual assault
- (o) Witness intimidation or harassment
- (p) Negotiated the sale of the drug Soma;
- (q) Hazing
- (s) Aiding and/or abets, the infliction of physical injury to another person
- (t) As used in this section, "school property" includes, but is not limited to, electronic files and databases:

* More specific explanations of these codes can be found on the following website: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>

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First Step: Automatic suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 20% of competitive season's scheduled contests or co-curricular performances/events (whichever is greater) from the first date of disciplinary action. The student is required to attend all meetings, sessions and practices and must participate in every group/team activity, but may not compete or perform.

Second Step: Automatic suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 50% of competitive season's scheduled contests or co-curricular performances/events (whichever is greater) from the first date of disciplinary action. The student is required to attend all meetings, sessions and practices and must participate in every group/team activity, but may not compete or perform.

Third Step: Automatic suspension from co-curricular participation for the duration of the school year. The student will be placed on probation for the following year and a subsequent violation while on probation will result in the student being denied further co-curricular participation for the remainder of the school year.

Students that provide a place or location for committing an illegal act will automatically move to the Second Step above.

Students who self report their own code infraction will have the opportunity to receive a lesser penalty and/or reduced suspension.

Bullying and Harassment Policy

Chico Unified School District believes that all students have a right to a safe and healthy school environment. The district, schools, and community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance.

Students will not engage in cyber-bullying, participate in sending or creating inappropriate cyber images or be seen in an inappropriate cyber image.

Chico Unified School District will not tolerate behavior that infringes on the safety of any student. A student shall not intimidate or harass another student through words or actions. Such behavior includes: direct physical contact, such as hitting or shoving; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; and social isolation or manipulation. This includes cyber-bullying, threatening or harassing another student through any social networking site or electronic media device (i.e, texting, sexting, cyber imaging).

Chico Unified School District expects students and/or staff to immediately report incidents of bullying to the principal or designee.

FELONY VIOLATIONS:

Commission of any felony criminal offense or any juvenile offense that would be a felony if the student were an adult. This section is also applicable 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

First Step: Suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 40 school days from the first date of disciplinary action.

Second Step: Suspension from co-curricular participation for the duration of the school year. The student will be placed on probation for the following year, and a subsequent violation while on probation will cause the student to be denied further co-curricular participation for the remainder of the school year.



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DUE PROCESS REVIEW:

- Students suspended from co-curricular activities will be notified in writing by the principal or designee of the suspension and the basis thereof, as soon as practical after the school becomes aware of the basis for the suspension.
- Students shall be entitled to a conference with the principal/designee within two days of the notice referred to above. Unless otherwise directed by the principal/designee, the actual suspension shall not take place until said conference is held.
- If the student or the student's parent is not satisfied with the results of the conference referred to in paragraph B above, they may have the decision reviewed by the superintendent or designee by making a request within five (5) school days of receiving the notification of the decision referred to in paragraph B above.
- If the student or the student's parent is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent/designee, they may appear before the school board at a regular meeting (closed or open as requested by the parent).
- During the appeal process as noted above, the suspension from co-curricular activities remains in effect pending the outcome of the appeal.
- The process provided for herein is intended to be informal in nature and shall in no way be intended to confer a right to appeal or hearing, other than as specifically provided for herein.

AGREEMENT FOR COMPLETE DRUG AND ALCOHOL BAN:

- Student athletes and participants in co-curricular activities are expected to never use, possess, sell or be in the presence of and location of illegal alcohol or drugs as defined in Education Code 48900 at any time. These expectations will apply from the first day of the school year or the start of the extra-curricular activity (including pre-season meetings, practices, camps, and school-sponsored activities) whichever comes first. This includes the activities scheduled prior to the start of the school year, through the end of the sport season and/or the end of the school year, whichever is longer in duration.
- Additionally, athletes and co-curricular participants may not host or remain present at events, activities, or location where illegal distribution of alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances are present and/or being used.
- If a student attends a party/gathering where alcohol or drugs are being consumed and/or illegally dispensed, the student must leave the party/gathering immediately – and take as many of your teammates with you as possible.
- The student must report their attendance to a coach or school administrator before the end of the next school day.
- Because possession and use of alcohol or drugs by youth is against the law, it is our intent to prevent any student from being in an environment which greatly increases the risk of danger and negative behaviors.

Violations verified by a school or district employee and/or a law enforcement officer will require the disciplinary consequences described below:

First Offense: Automatic suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 20% of competitive scheduled contests or co-curricular performances/events from the first date of disciplinary action. The student is required to attend all meetings, sessions and practices and must participate in every group/team activity, but may not compete or perform. The student is required to schedule, attend, and participate in three weekly counseling sessions with a qualified school-based counseling professional or Substance Use Specialist approved by the Superintendent or designee.

****If the offense occurs at the end of the season, the penalty carries over to the next season sport until the full disciplinary consequence is fulfilled.**



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Second Offense: Automatic suspension from co-curricular participation for no less than 50% of competitive scheduled contests or co-curricular performances/events (whichever is greater) from the first date of disciplinary action. The student is required to attend all meetings, sessions and practices and must participate in every group/team activity, but may not compete or perform.

Third Offense: Automatic suspension from co-curricular participation for the duration of the school year. The student will be placed on probation for the following year and a subsequent violation while on probation will result in the student being denied further co-curricular participation for the remainder of the school year.

BAN ON USE OF ANDROGENIC/ANABOLIC STEROIDS:

Student athletes, participants in co-curricular activities and their parents, legal guardians/caregivers agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician (as recognized by the AMA) to treat a medical condition. Student athletes and their parents, legal guardians/caregivers also recognize that under CIF bylaw 200.D, there could be penalties for false or fraudulent information. Student athletes and their parents, legal guardians/caregivers also understand that District policy regarding the use of illegal drugs will be enforced for any violations of these rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF POTENTIAL RISK:

- I understand and acknowledge that the activities of athletic teams, by their very nature, pose the potential risk of serious injury/illness to individuals who participate in such activities.
- I understand and acknowledge that some of the injuries/illnesses which may result from participating in activities include, but are not limited to, the following: Sprains/strains; fractured bones; unconsciousness; head and/or neck injuries; paralysis; loss of eyesight; communicable diseases; death.
- I understand and acknowledge that participation in these activities is completely voluntary and as such is not required by the district for course credit or for completion of graduation requirements.
- I understand and acknowledge that in order to participate in these activities, I and my son/daughter agree to assume liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks which may be associated with participation in these activities.
- I understand, acknowledge, and agree that the District, its employees, officers, agents, or volunteers, shall not be liable for any injury/illness suffered by my son/daughter which is incident to and / or associated with preparing for and/or participating in this activity.
- I acknowledge that I have carefully read this PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR CIF VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES and that I understand and agree to its terms.

MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE: Required

California law (Education Code Sections 32220-21) requires every member of any interscholastic athletic team, as well as those associated directly with any interscholastic athletic event, including cheerleaders, team mascots, band member, team managers, etc., to possess accidental bodily injury insurance providing at least \$1500 of scheduled medical and hospital benefits. Students are not to engage in interscholastic athletic practice, games or associated activities until the pertinent parts of this certificate have been completed and filed with the assistant principal of their school. Parents must specify the required insurance coverage that has been provided. **Please check with your insurance agent to be sure your plan includes tackle football if your child intends to participate in that sport.*