

**COCALICO HIGH SCHOOL
CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Co-curricular activities such as athletics, band, student government, clubs, etc., are important and integral parts of the total school community and are open to participation by all students. Through voluntary participation, the student gives time, energy and loyalty to the school and activity and reaps the rewards associated with participation in these privileges. He/she also accepts the training rules, regulations and responsibilities, which are unique to that activity. All students involved in co-curricular activities must agree to “The Code of Responsibilities” in order to participate.

In an effort to ensure the health, safety and well-being of Cocalico students involved in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities **the following Code of Responsibilities will be in effect for the entire school year.** Violations of any of these items may result in dismissal or suspension from any co-curricular or extra-curricular activity. In addition, any student who has been involved with criminal misconduct at any time during the calendar year may be suspended from co-curricular or extra-curricular activities during the present and/or upcoming season(s) of activities.

CODE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. ***Use, abuse, possession, and distribution of drugs (including steroids), alcohol and tobacco in any form or the use of any look-a-like drug or attendance at any activity where alcohol or drugs are being used illegally.***

1st Offense: The student will be suspended from co-curricular activities for sixty (60) days and will be referred to the Student Assistance Program Team. A student may remain with the team and practice with the coach /advisor’s consent, but will be denied the opportunity for interscholastic competition/event participation.

Subsequent Offense: The student will be ineligible to participate in any co-curricular activity for one (1) calendar year beginning on the date which the administration determines that the student violated the policy.

2. **Civil law violations** - Any infraction of a civil/criminal law by a student will result in a review by the head coach/advisor, athletic director and principal. Possible suspension/dismissal will be based upon severity of the violation.
3. **Hazing** - The Cocalico School District will not tolerate or condone any type of team or individual hazing or initiation where mental stress, embarrassment or physical harm may take place. Any infraction of this policy will be subject to disciplinary review by the coach/advisor, athletic director and principal. Disciplinary action may include suspension or dismissal and the reporting of the behavior to police authorities.
4. **Return of equipment** - All students have an obligation to return issued equipment. If equipment or its monetary value is not returned to the coach/advisor, the student may not participate in future activities until all obligations have been met.

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5. **Attendance at school** - A student must be in school by 10:30 a.m. in order to participate in a contest/practice that day. Any exception must be approved by the building principal. Any student sent home ill by the school nurse would not be eligible for competition that day. Any student who has been absent for a total of twenty (20) or more school days during a semester will not be eligible until he/she has been in attendance forty-five (45) school days after the last absence.
6. **Quitting an activity** - A student may not quit one activity and participate in another co-curricular activity after that activity has begun without the mutual consent of both coaches/advisors. Use of the high school weight room after quitting an athletic team needs approval of the Athletic Director.
7. **PIAA and Lancaster-Lebanon League Regulations** - All rules established by the PIAA or Lancaster-Lebanon League shall be adhered to by all student participants.
8. **Individual sport/program guidelines** - A student is expected to familiarize himself/herself with the guidelines established by the coach/advisor and to comply with those regulations.
9. **Academic eligibility** - A student not passing any two (2) subjects will be ineligible for the following week's activity. In addition, if the student participant is not passing two (2) credits at the end of the grading period, they will not be eligible to participate for the next fifteen (15) school days. Students are required to pass four (4) credits per year to participate the following school semester.
10. **ISS/OSS** - Any student that is assigned ISS/OSS is not eligible to participate in any school activity the day(s) of the suspension. Any student that would be suspended on a Friday would not be eligible to participate until the following Monday.

CODE OF RESPONSIBILITIES - DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES

1. **If a Code of Responsibilities decision is disputed by the co-curricular participant or his/her parents/guardians, a Review Board consisting of two (2) students, two (2) administrators, and two (2) coaches/advisors, all of whom are not directly involved in the action will hear the dispute and render a decision. A school director will moderate this hearing.**
2. **All persons, including parents/guardians, involved in the violation and those responsible for the subsequent decision may attend the hearing to present their position.**
3. **The rendered decision will be given to the offended parties in a timely fashion.**

STUDENT/PARENT CO-CURRICULAR ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE.

FAILURE TO RETURN THIS FORM WILL RESULT IN THE STUDENT NOT BEING ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITY.

We, the undersigned, have read and understand the Student Code of Responsibilities governing the operation of the co-curricular activity in which participation is desired. We understand that any violations of these policies will result in the school taking action against the student as stated in the code.

We have also read the COACH'S/ADVISOR'S RULES and understand that the coach/ advisor has the authority to exercise disciplinary measures against any member of the activity found to be in violation of these rules.

STUDENT _____ ACTIVITY _____
Please Print

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____