

PART IV - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CODE OF CONDUCT

Mission Statement: The goal of the extra-curricular program at Geneva High School is to provide students with opportunities and direction in developing:

- a positive attitude
- self-discipline
- commitment
- leadership
- teamwork
- respect for rules, themselves, and others
- healthy living habits

The Geneva High School administration and faculty believe that participation by students in a well-rounded extra-curricular activities (ECA) program is appropriate and desirable. An ECA program is defined as those activities which are outside of the regular curriculum and not related to coursework and grades. While participating in the regular educational program is a right afforded to each student, participating in any ECA program is a privilege that carries with it additional responsibilities and expectations. Therefore, in order to participate in the ECA program, students must not only follow all guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook but also the additional expectations set forth in the Code of Conduct. These expectations reflect the educational philosophy and mission of Geneva High School.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS & CONSEQUENCES

The Code of Conduct is in effect twelve months of the year, seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, in and out of season, in and out school zones, until graduation. Violations of the Code of Conduct that occur in a school zone may include additional consequences.

ACADEMIC/ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

A student who participates in the ECA program is expected to:

1. Pass five academic classes each week and every semester.

A student not passing five academic classes each week will be ineligible to participate in contests/events/performances the following week. A student not passing five academic classes each semester will be ineligible to participate in contests/events/performances the following semester.

2. Attend all classes all the time unless excused by parents. Class cutting/truancy is not acceptable.

If a participant cuts a class or is truant during a season or after auditions, that student will be ineligible to participate in the next contest or performance. Individual team/organization sanctions may also be applied.

3. Attend four class periods in order to be qualified to practice, compete, or perform on any given day unless otherwise authorized by the Principal, Athletic Director, or Designee.

TEAM/ORGANIZATION EXPECTATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

A student who participates in the ECA program is expected to:

1. Attend practice, contests, awards nights, and/or any other function related to the activity.
2. Travel on school-arranged transportation to all events related to the activity, unless pre-approved and accompanied with a written note.
3. Be responsible for all equipment, materials, and/or clothing issued and the return of same at the conclusion of the activity.
4. Display appropriate conduct including respect of persons and property at all times.
5. Follow all team/organization rules as outlined by the coach/sponsor.

If a problem occurs with the Team/Organization Expectations, the sponsor/coach with assistance from the Principal, Athletic Director, or Designee will be responsible for appropriate disciplinary action. This may include losing the privilege of participating in the extra-curricular activity.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

A student who participates in the ECA program is expected to follow all rules set forth in the Student Handbook.

If a problem occurs with a behavioral expectation set forth in the Geneva High School Student Handbook during the season or after auditions, the Principal, Athletic Director, or Designee, with assistance from the coach/sponsor, will be responsible for appropriate disciplinary action. In addition, in the case of every out of school suspension, a student will lose eligibility for a minimum of one competition or performance. Repeated behavior problems will result in losing eligibility for a longer period of time. Behavioral expectations will also include, but are not limited to, engaging in activities outside the school community that would be grounds for arrest or citation in the criminal or juvenile court system.

CHEMICAL USE EXPECTATIONS/CONSEQUENCES

A student who participates in the ECA program is expected to:

Not use/possess alcohol, other illegal/inappropriate chemical substances, tobacco in any form, and paraphernalia for drug use; arrange for the sale or exchange of any of the aforementioned; or attempt to obtain any of the aforementioned at any time during high school career including vacation periods.

If a violation of the Code of Conduct Chemical Use Policy occurs, a student will need to fulfill the following consequences in order to regain/maintain eligibility.

First Offense: Must provide confirmation of enrollment and completion of a school approved prevention/intervention program and follow all recommendations. In addition, the student will be ineligible for 20% of a season's contests or performances (per IHSA scheduling guidelines). If the violation occurs out-of-season or the penalty cannot be completed prior to the end of the season, it will be applied to the next activity in which the student participates.

Second Offense: Must provide confirmation of enrollment and completion of a school approved prevention/intervention program and follow all recommendations. In addition, the student will be ineligible for 50% of a season's contests or performances (per IHSA scheduling guidelines). If the violation occurs out-of-season or the penalty cannot be completed prior to the end of the season, it will be applied to the next activity in which the student participates.

Third Offense: The student will be ineligible from all ECA programs for one calendar year. Reinstatement prior to one calendar year may be considered if confirmation of enrollment and completion of a school approved prevention/intervention program are provided. A meeting with parents and Principal, Athletic Director, or Designee will determine if reinstatement is warranted.

Fourth and/or Subsequent Offenses: Permanent removal from all ECA programs.

CODE OF CONDUCT POINTS OF EMPHASIS:

- If season concludes before suspension is completed, ineligibility will carry over to the next activity in which the student participates.
- If the period of time between a violation and an activity is 12 months or more, the athlete shall not serve an additional penalty.
- An ineligible student shall attend all practices or rehearsals but will not "suit up" for games or performances.
- If a student fails to complete an activity in which they are serving a penalty for a code of conduct violation the full penalty will be attached to the next activity in which the student participates.
- All penalties involving the Code of Conduct are cumulative throughout high school.