

Knights' Pledge

Extra Curricular Code

Kaneland School District 302 administrators, coaches, and sponsors believe that those students involved in extracurricular activities do so as a privilege and therefore are responsible for conducting themselves as responsible representatives of their schools. In order to insure this conduct, the administration, coaches, and sponsors will enforce this Extracurricular Code. As recognized representatives of their schools, participants must demonstrate the character and behavior outlined in this Code. Behavior of the participants is to be monitored by coaches, sponsors, and school officials whether on or off campus. Individuals who fail to abide by this Extracurricular Code are subject to disciplinary action as prescribed by the Code.

As a participant in any Kaneland High School extracurricular program, I agree to abide by all training rules, including the rules regarding the use of alcohol/drugs/tobacco.

TO DEMONSTRATE MY SUPPORT, I PLEDGE TO:

1. **Be punctual; attend all practices prepared with uniform, equipment, and proper attitude.**
2. **Conduct my self in a proper manner on and off the field, court, or stage.**
3. **Support my fellow students by setting an example and abstaining from alcohol, drugs, and tobacco use.**
4. **Not enable my fellow students who use alcohol/drugs/tobacco. I will not cover up for them, or lie for them if any rules are broken. I will hold my teammates responsible and accountable for their actions.**
5. **Seek information and assistance in dealing with my own or my fellow students' problems.**
6. **Be honest and open with my parents about feelings, needs, and problems.**
7. **Be open and honest with my coach/sponsor and other school personnel when the best interests of my fellow students and my school are being jeopardized.**

Enforcement of these rules is not the sole responsibility of the coach/sponsor, but must be shared by parents and team members. Both parents and team members frequently have knowledge of training rule violations and therefore, have an obligation to attempt to deal with the situation.

Extracurricular and Activities Behavior Codes

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

A code is a system of guiding principles and rules that communicate norms and values and helps individuals distinguish between what is right and what is wrong. This code outlines Kaneland High School's expectations for students who choose to be involved in an extracurricular program.

Kaneland High School offers an extensive and diverse extracurricular program to provide additional learning opportunities to students who wish to further develop special interests, skills and talents. Extracurricular activities are defined as those activities not related to an academic course and/or involve participation in competitions outside of the normal school day. These activities include, but are not limited to:

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| 1. All Athletic Teams | 2. FFA Club | 14. Partners in International Education Club |
| 3. Cheerleaders/Poms | 4. Art Club | 15. Peer Leadership |
| 5. French Club | 6. Spanish Club | 16. Scholastic Bowl |
| 7. Student Council | 8. PODA | 17. Global Cultural Club |
| 9. Chess Team | 9. Speech Club | 18. Model UN Club |
| 10. Mathletes | 11. Specific band and choir events | 19. FEA Club |
| 12. Theater Productions | 13. DECA | 20. Writer's Block |

Participation in these events at Kaneland High School is a privilege granted to students who can, and do, uphold the ideals of good citizenship, who abide by the rules and regulations of the school community, and, who commit themselves to academic success. Kaneland students represent more than themselves in events. They represent the entire school community. Participation will be granted to those students who agree to abide by the behavior code. In order to contribute to the welfare of the activity, the participant must be willing to make sacrifices not required of others.

The administration, coaches, sponsors and participants will work together to develop and maintain a program in which the emphasis is placed on high values and commitments to a healthy atmosphere of participation. This code of behavior is designed so all participants will be aware of what constitutes improper behavior by an activity participant. Students who choose to participate in the extracurricular program are responsible for behaving in accordance with this code.

One of the primary goals of the extracurricular programs at Kaneland is to provide student athletes with the lessons and skills necessary for success not only on the athletic field, stage, etc., but also in all aspects and areas of their lives.

BEHAVIOR CODE

The first time in an individual's high school career a student becomes a member of an activity, the behavior code becomes active. The behavior code is in effect twelve months of the year, seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, in and out of season, and on and off school grounds until graduation.

The violations and infractions for each of these codes will be as indicated in this document. An individual participating in an extra-curricular and an activity will face disciplinary consequences for violating each code (the extra-curricular and activity).

MAJOR RULE INFRACTIONS:

1. Possession, consumption or sale of alcohol
2. Possession, consumption or sale of harmful or **illegal** drugs, or look alike drugs
3. Possession, consumption or sale of anabolic-androgenic steroids
4. Use of any form of tobacco
5. Major unsportsmanlike conduct
6. Attendance at activities involving the **illegal** consumption of alcohol or any **illegal** substance. Arrest or ticketing by police, or a report by a staff member, the parent, or admission by the student, shall constitute notice for this infraction. Students are responsible for being aware of their surroundings and if **illegal** consumption is taking place they must take immediate steps to leave the activity safely (or if hosting an activity, take immediate steps to have the offending individual(s) leave safely.)
7. Commission of a criminal act defined as a Felony.
8. Any level IV misconduct or activities.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR MAJOR RULE INFRACTIONS:

When evidence of a violation of the behavior code occurs, disciplinary action will be taken in consecutive order for each offense throughout the individual's high school career by the athletic director, principal or his designee. Written parent contact will be made. If the individual and/or parent wishes to appeal the decision, that appeal can be made in writing to the high school principal within five school days of written notification.

1. **First offense:** Suspension for 22% of the regular season dates scheduled for that activity. If the number of suspended dates is a fraction, that number will be rounded to the next whole number. The participant is expected to attend all practices, follow all of the coach's rules, and attend, but not dress for all of the competitions.
2. **Second Offense:** 1-year suspension from all activities covered by the behavior code for one calendar year from the date of the offense. No award will be earned.
3. **Third Offense:** Career suspension from all extra curriculars from the date of the offense through graduation. No award will be earned.

- If a student is involved in simultaneous activities, the suspension will be served concurrently in all of the activities. However, students will not be allowed to join extra-curricular activities already established in order to avoid an athletic suspension.
- If the participant finishes the season in good standing, the individual will be eligible for an award.
- If the suspension is carried over to the next activity in which the individual participates, an award may be given after the suspension is completed.
- In order for the suspension to be considered served, the participant needs to successfully complete the season.
- Violations during school, at school functions or on school grounds follow present school handbook consequences.

ACTIONS TO REDUCE CONSEQUENCES OF MAJOR RULES INFRACTIONS: (Only one of the two options allowed)

Option 1 - The consequence of the first violation of a training regulation which is first reported by the student or the parents of the extracurricular participant shall reduce by 11% the actual participation dates or performances but not less than one date or performance. Exception: If a student has been arrested or is named in a police report the school is automatically notified by police through the reciprocal reporting agreement, therefore Option 1 is not available. Exception: If a student has been arrested or ticketed by police via the reciprocal reporting agreement, or reported by a staff member, Option 1 is not available.

(Or)

Option 2 - any extracurricular participant who, at his/her own expense, participates in and completes a program approved by the administration for substance abuse may reduce the consequence of a first violation of a training rule. The consequence of the first violation may reduce by 11% the actual participation dates or performances but not less than one date or performance.

MINOR RULE INFRACTIONS: These rules will be distributed at the first extracurricular meeting by the individual coach or sponsor and will only affect that sport or activity. Disciplinary action will be left up to the individual in charge of that activity. If the individual and/or parent wish to appeal the decision, that appeal can be made with 48 hours to the high school athletic director or assistant principal/principal.

I understand/agree to abide by all the current provisions of the Extracurricular Behavior Code listed on this form and handbook.

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Please Print Participant's Name			

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