

**Union-Endicott Central School District
Department of Athletics
Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**



The following is a regulation set forth by the Board of Education on the Union-Endicott Central School District.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM

Philosophy

The Union Endicott Central School District is committed to high behavioral standards and positive academic effort for students who participate in extracurricular activities. Sports (both intramural and interscholastic), goal-oriented school clubs (such as marching band, mock trial, Science Olympiad, and school musical) and optional school clubs (such as key club and SADD) are all examples of extracurricular activities. Sports and goal-oriented school clubs shall be covered by this regulation whereas optional school clubs will not be covered.

Participating students represent the District and community to which they should be held accountable to higher standards. These standards are aligned with Board of Education policy, District Commencement Goals, and are intended to reinforce the basic goals of interscholastic competition and participation in group activities not included in the academic day. The expectations include the development of effective academic effort, good character, sportsmanship, teamwork, respect for good health and support of team play.

Effort and Behavior

It is an expectation of the Union-Endicott Central School District that all students demonstrate these behaviors throughout the calendar year, in and out of a particular season, and in and out of school. To this end students are expected to continuously demonstrate the following:

1. It is expected that all students demonstrate academic effort as defined by teacher comments including but not limited to progress reports and report cards. If academic effort falters in areas including, but not limited to, homework, class work, class attendance, arrival in school, discipline etc. consequences may range from a suspension to dismissal from a team or extracurricular activity at the discretion of the Building Principal and/or Athletic Director.

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It is understood by faculty and the Administration that participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and an individual responsibility. If academics are faltering and the student is showing good effort such as doing the assigned homework, attending classes, participating in class discussions, etc. then the student will be excused from the activity to tend to their academics with no negative consequences as a member of the extracurricular activity. This must be coordinated between the advisor/coach and the teacher. A student will not be dismissed from an activity for academics unless his/her performance effort does not meet these expectations.

2. Students should demonstrate positive behavior by adhering to the behavioral expectations as defined in the Student Code of Conduct which is incorporated herein by reference and the Special Code of Conduct for Students as stated hereafter. If a student does not meet these expectations, he/she will be subject to consequences ranging from a warning to dismissal from the extracurricular activity at the discretion of the Building Principal/Athletic Director.

Special Code of Conduct for Students Involved in Extracurricular Activities

The following behaviors, which are not specifically listed in the Student Code of Conduct, are prohibited for all students involved in an extracurricular activity during the year and will be treated as serious violations of this regulation:

1. Possession of school uniforms or equipment beyond the end of the season in which they are used.
2. Possession or use of tobacco (including smokeless tobacco), alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, illegal or illicit drugs, narcotics, or any properly prescribed medication that has been improperly used while not on school property or not at a school function.
3. Attendance at student parties where drugs and/or alcoholic beverages are present.
4. Engage in any act, which violates any federal or state statute, local ordinance or board policy while not on school property or while not at a school function.
5. Any other behavior that brings discredit on the school.

Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities.

The following rules will apply to student involved in extracurricular activities.

1. If a student is not in attendance by the 5th class period, he/she is ineligible to participate in that activity that day unless the absence is due to an excused absence as defined in the student code of conduct unless the absence is due to illness. Students not in attendance by the 5th class period due to an unexcused

absence or for illness shall be considered ineligible. If a student is tardy, and arrives prior to 5th period, he/she must report such to the attendance office.

2. A student placed on “in-school suspension” is ineligible to participate in an activity that day plus the next competition or performance if applicable.

3. A student placed on “out-of-school suspension” is ineligible to participate in an extracurricular activity that day, plus the next competition or performance, and will be required to attend a meeting with the Building Principal/Athletic Director and the parent prior to participating in the next competition or performance for which he/she is eligible.

5. Multiple suspensions from school may result in temporary or permanent removal from extracurricular activity according to the discretion of the Building Principal/Athletic Director.

6. A student who is absent from school the day before an event scheduled on a nonschool day, such as on Saturday a holiday or a conference day, shall not be eligible to participate in that event or activity unless the absence was due to an excused absence that was previously explained to the advisor/coach.

7. A student who does not attend all classes when in school will not be eligible to participate in an event or activity on the day of his/her non-attendance.

Confirmed Reports

Reports of alleged violations of this regulation must be made to the Building Principal/Athletic Director in a timely manner, before an investigation can ensue. Reports from any district employee, Board of Education member, an adult acting as a chaperone or assisting with a school activity, any law enforcement officer or any parent/legal guardian of the student involved, will be investigated.

Consequences For Violations And Due Process

Any confirmed violation of this regulation will result in consequences for a student. If a violation has occurred the consequences may range from a warning to dismissal from the activity. Progressive discipline consequences will be determined after assessing the seriousness and frequency of the violation(s). Students will be afforded due process rights before a consequence is assigned. The student will be given the opportunity to give his/her account of the allegation to the Building Principal/Athletic Director, and/or his/her designee.

1. A confirmed report of the violation of this regulation regarding the use of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, illegal or illicit drugs, narcotics, or any properly prescribed medication that has been improperly used will be investigated. If it is found that a violation has actually occurred, the consequences may range from a suspension to dismissal from the activity. Where appropriate, a rehabilitation program may be recommended.

2. Any student arrested, or receiving an appearance ticket from a law enforcement agency, may be suspended from the activity until the investigation by that agency is complete. If found guilty, and after assessing the seriousness and frequency of the crime, the consequences may range from a suspension to dismissal from the activity.

The Building Principal/Athletic Director, and/or his/her designee will notify parents of disciplinary actions taken and offer an informal conference within 24 hours. The parents will also be made aware of the Appeal Procedure, as stated hereafter, regarding the disciplining of a student.

Appeal Procedure

Decisions regarding the discipline of a student by the Building Principal/Athletic Director may be appealed to the Superintendent in accordance with the Union-Endicott Student Code of Conduct which is incorporated herein by reference. Decisions regarding the discipline of a student by the Superintendent may be appealed to the Board of Education in accordance with the Union-Endicott Student Code of Conduct which is incorporated herein by reference.

Parental and Student Acknowledgement

Parents and students will sign below acknowledging the fact that there are risks involved with any participation in an extracurricular event, especially activities that require physical exertion or that involves competition, in which serious injury can occur. Additionally they will sign a form acknowledging that they have read this regulation and that they agree to abide by these terms and conditions as long as the student is enrolled at Union-Endicott.

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Student: _____ Date: _____

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