

## **ACTIVITIES BEHAVIOR CODE**

The code of conduct listed herein is intended to identify a single code of conduct for all young men and young women in River Bend involved in activities. These activities include, but are not limited to the following: Baseball; Basketball; Cheerleading; Class Officers; Football; Golf; Jazz Band; Jazz Choir; Musicals; Plays; Scholastic Bowl; Softball; Speech Team; SADA/PRT; Student Council; Thespians; Track; Volleyball; Swimming, National Honor Society and Wrestling.

For the purposes of this policy, extracurricular activities at Fulton High School will be broken down into three categories: a) Seasonal activities b) Year-long activities and c) Elected/Honors activities

- a) Seasonal activities include: Basketball, Football, Football Cheerleading, Basketball Cheerleading, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Wrestling, Track, Volleyball, Swimming, Speech Team and Scholastic Bowl.
- b) Year-long activities include: Thespians, Jazz Choir and Jazz Band
- c) Elected/Honors activities include: Student Council, Class Officers, National Honor Society, SADA and PRT.

The goal of the activities program is to develop the academic/physical skills of our students so as to allow them to compete in excellent fashion within the Board of Education of River Bend Unit No. 2 policies and the by-laws of the Illinois High School Association. As a high school we must include certain philosophical beliefs, which are consistent with good sportsmanship, leadership, and appropriate moral conduct. Knowing the expectations and goals of an activity program is the key toward realization and fulfillment. The FHS Activities Behavior Code applies to all students enrolled at Fulton High School and all graduates of River Bend Middle School immediately upon the completion of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students should understand that this code does not contain a complete list of inappropriate behaviors as a River Bend activity participant. Suffice it to say that in addition to those listed, River Bend students will be expected to demonstrate excellent conduct in their classrooms, in the community and on the field of athletic/activity competition. Nothing less will do.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

River Bend activity participants will not:

1. Smoke or chew any tobacco substances.
2. Consume or possess alcoholic beverages, drugs, or foreign substances.
3. Steal or vandalize personal or school property. This includes pilferage of uniforms and athletic or personal equipment of other individuals.
4. Withhold the return of school equipment issued for the use of the student.
5. Be truant from any assigned classes at any time during the school year.
6. Take part in repeated misconduct or violation of school rules.
7. Take part in any conduct resulting in arrest or which breaks the rules and regulations of the school and community (to be disciplined by the Activities Violation Committee).

### **ACTION**

Any student violating the rules, or who breaks the rules and regulations of the school and community will be disciplined by the Activities Violation Committee, coach/sponsor and/or athletic director/principal. In addition, any student who breaks rules #1 and/or #2 above will be subject to the following extracurricular suspensions:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: \*1/3 of the season for Seasonal activities. (Students who are in Elected/Honors activities will be suspended from participation in those activities for the remainder of the school year in which the offense takes place and for the following school year if an applicable election for that position/honor has already taken place.)

\*If a 1<sup>st</sup> offense occurs during an activity season, the suspension will begin immediately. If a 1<sup>st</sup> offense occurs outside an activity season, the suspension will begin on the Monday of the week of the 1<sup>st</sup> contest of the next activity season in which the student chooses to participate.

For the purposes of this policy, the length of a suspension from a Seasonal activity will be determined by the administration and will be based on the number of scheduled event dates in the activity season. (For example, for a Seasonal activity with 21 scheduled event dates, a suspension for 1/3 of a season equals 7 event dates).

*For Year-long activities only, a first violation will result in suspension from participation in the current/next official performance for that activity (i.e. Fall Play, Spring Play/Musical, Music Contest, Winter Concert, Spring Concert) and all practices, meetings, etc. leading up to that performance/activity.*

Any suspension that cannot be completed during one activity season, must be completed at the start of the next activity season in which the student chooses to participate.

(For example: If a student is suspended from participating for the last 1/6 of one Seasonal activity, that student would also be suspended from participating for 1/6 of the next Seasonal activity season in which he/she chooses to participate.)

No student will be permitted to participate in an extracurricular activity that he/she has not previously participated in if it is determined by the administration that participation is an attempt to avoid suspension from an activity the student has previously participated in.

A student must finish an applicable activity season “in good standing” in order for any associated suspension to apply.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense:	**1 calendar year from the date of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Subsequent Offenses:</u>	**1 calendar year from the date of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> or subsequent offense.

\*\*If an offense occurs while a student is serving an activities suspension, the additional year of suspension will begin on the date the current suspension concludes. A participant will be required to attend practice during a period of extracurricular suspension, for any activity in which he/she plans to participate.

1. A student will be considered to be in an activity season as soon as that student checks out equipment or signs up for that sport/activity and/or participates in the first practice session.
2. A violation of the code of conduct may be reported by any teacher or administrator in the River Bend District provided the report is based upon actual witnessing of the violation by the reporter. The student is considered in violation if said student admits his/her violation to any staff member or school administrator and if reported by their parents to any staff member or administrator.
3. A violation of the code of conduct may also be determined by a report of a law enforcement officer, court officer, newspaper account, or the results of a school-sponsored random drug screening.
4. A self-referral component is available to activity participants. A participant who voluntarily comes forward to a staff member or administrator, in recognition of a substance abuse problem will receive no consequence, but must satisfactorily complete, at their expense, an approved substance assessment and/or abuse program. Self-referral must take place before a reportable violation, as described in #3 and #4 above, has occurred.

**Other Positions:** Each year students are chosen by the FHS student body to hold positions of honor. These positions include, but are not limited to: Homecoming court, Prom attendants, Graduation speakers, etc. If a student is chosen for one of these positions and that student has recently violated or subsequently violates the Extracurricular Code of Conduct, his/her participation in the applicable activity will be determined through administrative review and discretion.

# FULTON HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SIGNATURE SHEET

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO:**

FULTON HIGH SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

AS A PARENT OR GUARDIAN, I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO HAVE THEM ENFORCED BY THE ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

AS A STUDENT, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student Signature

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Date