

**COLD SPRING HARBOR
EXPECTATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN
STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS**

Dear Student and Parent:

Participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is an important part of the educational process, both academically and socially, in our School District. Such participation is a privilege and brings with it a responsibility, both academically and otherwise, when representing the School District. Standards of behavior are necessarily high and a willingness to adhere to such standards is an expectation for participation in student activities and athletics. Consistent with these expectations, students participating in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, as well as parent(s)/guardian(s), are required to sign this statement.

Cold Spring Harbor Expectations for Participation in Student Activities and Athletics

The student acknowledges that he/she will abide by the rules and regulations found in the 2011-12 Code of Conduct of the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District, as well as the expectations of this document. Any violations of the District's Code of Conduct which result in a disciplinary action may also extend to a student's participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Attendance Requirements:

A student must attend class/school for a minimum of five (5) periods in order to participate in that day's practice, event, and/or meeting.

Other Eligibility Requirements:

Students who participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities should recognize that they have an obligation to themselves, their teammates, and the school community to strive for excellence. As recognized representatives of their school, such students are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior during the season (activities) and during the off season in uniform or out of uniform, on campus or off campus. Thus, such students are expected to:

1. Students will dress in a manner consistent with school Code of Conduct regarding appropriate dress.
2. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game/activity, respect the integrity and judgment of the officials, and exercise proper conduct; sportsmanship, citizenship, behavior, self-control and mutual respect for others at all times.
3. Use only appropriate and acceptable language, and refrain from using crude, abusive or vulgar language or gestures in dealing with other students, officials and spectators.
4. Attend scheduled practices, games and meetings, arrive on time, and participate in a cooperative and acceptable manner with respect to the coach/teacher/supervisor's expectations, training or other requirements.

5. Respect, properly care for and return all school property, lockers, equipment and uniforms issued by the school and personally return all items to the coach/teacher/supervisor immediately at the conclusion of the season or upon termination or participation in such activity.
6. Not engage in activities or actions which bring discredit to the school/team programs or team.
7. Refrain from all forms of substance abuse including but not necessarily limited to, the possession, use, distribution/sale or purchase of smoking and tobacco products or paraphernalia, drugs or drug paraphernalia, performance enhancing substances and alcoholic beverages, whether illegal or look-alike drugs on or off school grounds.
8. Refrain from hosting/attending a party, event, or establishment in which students are consuming alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances. If students find themselves in such a situation he/she is encouraged to leave.
9. Refrain from staging or participating, individually or collectively, in any type of hazing or related initiation ceremony in conjunction with any school activity or involving any person associated with the school, regardless of where it occurs.
10. Refrain from verbal or physical harassment of fellow teammates or others during the school day or at school-sponsored events whether on or off school grounds.
11. Refrain from using, possessing or distributing firearms, dangerous weapons or explosive devices on school grounds or at school events.
12. Understand that participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities is a privilege that should be valued, not a "right".

Discipline:

Students who violate the basic expectations listed herein may be disciplined relative to their participation in extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities. This may include, but not necessarily be limited to removal from a meeting, practice or game and/or suspension or removal from the activity or team by the coach/teacher/supervisor. Prior to imposition of any penalty, the Superintendent's designee, the building principal and/or the athletic director will notify the student of the nature of the infraction and the student and his/her parent/guardian will be given an opportunity to appeal.

Name of Student (Print)

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print)

I _____ and
(Name of Student/Signature of Student)

(Name of Parent/Guardian/Signature of Parent/Guardian)

have read this statement and **understand** the requirements and content set forth and agree that by signing this statement, I accept the responsibilities that go with it for myself or on behalf of my son/daughter.