

# CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: EXTRACURRICULAR,  
COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
AND ATHLETICS

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	<p style="text-align: center;">122. EXTRACURRICULAR, COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS</p>
1. Purpose	<p>The Board believes that the district's goals and objectives are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, some of which are more appropriately conducted outside the regular curricular program of the schools.</p> <p>All learning experiences offered by the schools, curricular and extracurricular, shall be planned and integrated toward attainment of the district's educational objectives.</p>
2. Definitions Title 22 Sec. 12.1 Pol. 123	<p>For purposes of this policy, <b>extracurricular activities</b> shall be those programs that are sponsored or approved by the Board and are conducted wholly or partly outside the regular school day; are marked by student participation in the processes of initiation, planning, organizing, and execution; and are equally available to all students who voluntarily elect to participate. Examples of activities that are considered extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, athletics, clubs, marching band, school plays, and student council.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, <b>cocurricular activities</b> are those activities that are sponsored by the Board, are offered for credit toward graduation, and have required components of their programs that require attendance at and participation in activities scheduled during nonschool hours. Examples of activities that are considered cocurricular activities include, but are not limited to, choir and band performances and practices during nonschool hours, world language travel for credit, and nonschool hours field trips.</p>
3. Authority SC 511 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq Pol. 103	<p>The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available and shall assign staff members for the support of extracurricular activities for students. Such availability and assignment shall be in accordance with the Equal Access Act.</p> <p>Any extracurricular activity shall be considered to be under the sponsorship of this Board when it has been approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall prepare procedures to implement the extracurricular activities program.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p>	<p>Guidelines shall ensure that the program of extracurricular activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assesses the needs and interests of and is responsive to district students.</li> <li>2. Involves students in developing and planning extracurricular activities.</li> <li>3. Ensures provision of competent guidance and supervision by staff.</li> <li>4. Guards against exploitation of students.</li> <li>5. Provides for continuing evaluation of the program and its components.</li> <li>6. Ensures that all extracurricular activities are open to all students and that all students are fully informed of the opportunities open to them.</li> </ol>
<p>20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq</p>	<p><u>Equal Access Act</u></p> <p>The district shall provide secondary students the opportunity for noncurricular-related student groups to meet on the school premises during noninstructional time for the purpose of conducting a meeting within the limited open forum on the basis of religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must be voluntary, student-initiated, and not sponsored in any way by the school, its agents or employees. <b>Noninstructional time</b> is the time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.</p> <p>The meetings cannot materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of the educational activities in the school.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall establish the length of sessions, number per week, and other limitations deemed reasonably necessary.</p> <p>The district retains the authority to maintain order and discipline on school premises to protect the well-being of students and employees and to ensure that student attendance at such meetings is voluntary.</p>

<p>Pol. 227</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CODE OF CONDUCT</b></p> <p>Student participation in any cocurricular/extracurricular/athletic activity is a privilege, which may be revoked or suspended when the established rules or regulations are violated. Students who desire to participate in cocurricular/extracurricular/athletic activities are expected to properly conduct themselves at all times. Each program may establish additional rules, which apply specifically to that program. The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any on and off school premises violation. It is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with and follow the guidelines in this code. The following misconduct shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension and potential expulsion from practices, participation in interscholastic practices and competition, and/or participation in cocurricular/extracurricular activities. These violations need not result in a citation from the local police or an arrest in order to be considered a violation of this Code of Conduct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any violation of law or conduct by a student participant that is determined by the coach/advisor and school administration to be detrimental to the cocurricular/extracurricular or athletic program may result in suspension and/or dismissal from the sport/activity. Before permanent dismissal from the activity occurs, a conference will be held with the student, coach/advisor, parent/guardian and administrator.</li> <li>• Violations of these guidelines will result in at least a suspension from one (1) game/contest/performance, but may also result in dismissal from the program/activity/sport.</li> <li>• A student who is suspended out of school as per Policy 227 may not participate in any activity after school on the day of the suspension. For suspensions that carry from the end of the week to the beginning of the following week or extend over nonschool days, the student will not be permitted to participate in any activity that is scheduled for those days.</li> <li>• A student found in violation of this Code of Conduct may be referred to the Student Assistance Team.</li> </ul> <p><u>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</u></p> <p>A display of unsportsmanlike/inappropriate behavior directed toward an opponent, teammate, official, coach/advisor, or another student or the use of profanity is unacceptable at any time. The coach/advisor and/or an administrator will address all offenses. If this occurs during a practice, contest or activity, it will result in an</p>
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<p>Pol. 218.1</p>	<p>immediate action. If this type of behavior occurs more than once, a student may be suspended from the program. Students are not permitted to be with the team/student group during the suspension. Gross misconduct by any athlete/student will mean immediate removal/suspension from the team/activity.</p> <p>This misconduct may include, but is not limited, to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verbal/Physical abuse of participant, official, teammate, coach, and teacher or staff member.</li> <li>2. The use of violence, force, coercion, threat, intimidation, or similar conduct in a manner that constitutes a substantial interference with school purposes.</li> <li>3. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to a school employee, school student or any other person. Physical injury caused by accident, self-defense, or other action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not constitute a violation of this subdivision.</li> <li>4. Knowingly possessing, handling, or transporting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon, capable of harming another or intended to be used for unlawful purposes, while on school property and/or at a school-sponsored event. A student, who possesses, handles or transports a weapon on behalf of another student, even if without intent to use the weapon, shall have violated this Code of Conduct.</li> <li>5. Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of obtaining money or anything of value from this student.</li> <li>6. Use of abusive language, or obscene gestures, or willful indecent exposure.</li> </ol> <p><u>Theft Or Malicious Destruction Of Property</u></p> <p>This misconduct shall include, but is not limited to, willfully causing or attempting to cause damage to school property, stealing or attempting to steal private or school property.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>First Offense:</b> The individual will be suspended from the program. At the end of this suspension period, following conference with the head coach/advisor and school administrator, a decision regarding reinstatement will be made. Return of stolen items and/or restitution must occur prior to the possibility of reinstatement. Police will be notified.</li> </ol>
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	<p>2. <b>Subsequent Offense:</b> A subsequent offense will result in a dismissal from the program and a referral of the student to the school administrator for other appropriate disciplinary action. Police will be notified.</p> <p><u>Illegal Activity</u></p> <p>Pol. 227 Engaging in any other activity forbidden by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, that actively constitutes a danger to other students or interferes with school purposes, including participation in the use of alcohol/drugs will constitute a Code of Conduct violation. Participants in athletic or other extracurricular/cocurricular activities are expected to avoid the consumption, possession, or distribution of drugs/alcohol, and to refrain from involvement in any illegal activities. They are also expected to avoid activities in which alcohol or any illegal substance is being used or presented with the possible intent of use. While participating in an athletic or other extracurricular activity, no student will use, possess or distribute alcoholic beverages, steroids, controlled substances, look-alikes, or possess drug-related paraphernalia on or off school property.</p> <p>Any student, who has been adjudicated delinquent, found guilty of a crime, offers a plea of guilty or a plea of no contest related to an activity committed on or off school property will be dismissed from participation by administration.</p> <p>Pol. 218, 233 In cases described above, a central office hearing may also be convened to determine other appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.</p> <p><u>Threats, Bullying, Intimidation, Hazing And/Or Initiation Ceremonies</u></p> <p>Pol. 247, 249 The school district believes that students must be protected from threats, bullying, intimidation, hazing and/or initiation ceremonies. All verbal, written, or physical conduct that harasses, humiliates, or persecutes students, or disrupts or interferes with any student's curricular or extracurricular experiences will not be tolerated.</p> <p>Pol. 218, 233 Any student found, after investigation, to have engaged in any forms of this misconduct would be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion.</p> <p>Any student who witnesses or has knowledge of such misconduct activities and fails to report such actions will also be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions.</p>
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<p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.1 Pol. 227</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 807.2 Pol. 233</p> <p>Pol. 227</p>	<p><u>Performance-Enhancing Supplements</u></p> <p>In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes and maintain ethical standards, students will not supply, recommend or use any drug, medication, or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.</p> <p>The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school-related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. Bodybuilding and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes.</p> <p>Students shall be made aware of the dangers of steroid use; that anabolic steroids are classified as controlled substances; and that use, unauthorized possession, purchase or sale could result in suspension, expulsion and/or criminal prosecution.</p> <p>No student shall be eligible to resume participation in cocurricular, extracurricular, or athletic activities unless a medical determination has been submitted verifying that no residual evidence of steroid use exists.</p> <p>In addition to the parameters set forth in a violation of Policy 227, Controlled Substances, the following minimum penalties are prescribed for any student athlete or extracurricular activity participant found in possession of or using anabolic steroids:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For a <b>first</b> violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.</li> <li>2. For any <b>subsequent</b> violation, dismissal from the extracurricular, cocurricular and/or athletic activities.</li> </ol> <p>References: School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.1, 12.4</p> <p>Steroids – 35 P.S. Sec. 807.1 et seq.</p> <p>Equal Access Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 4071 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 103, 123, 218, 218.1, 222, 227, 233, 247, 249</p>
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## **Central Bucks School District**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE**

The following Code of Conduct is for students' privileged to participate and be involved in our athletic program. While you participate you are representing yourself and your school. You are an example of all that Central Bucks School believes. All students who seek to participate in any form of athletic activities must strictly comply with the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. This does not supersede the "Code of Student Discipline and Responsibilities" as stated in the Central Bucks Student Handbook. Rather, it is a Code that will be used by coaches to insure that all students involved in activities are treated uniformly. Each program may establish additional rules, which apply specifically to that program. The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any on or off school premises violation and/or adjudication during the season. It is the responsibility of the student to become familiar with and follow the guidelines in this code. The opportunity to participate in a school activity is a privilege, not a right. A student who violates the Code of Conduct can lose this privilege.

#### General

- Any violation of the law or conduct by a student that is determined by the coach/advisor and school administration to be detrimental to co-curricular or extracurricular program may result in suspension from the sport/activity. Before permanent dismissal from the activity occurs, a conference will be held with the athlete, coach/advisor and administrator.
- Violations of these guidelines will result in at least a suspension from one contest/performance. Ensuing violations may result in dismissal from the program for the remainder of the season.
- A student who is suspended out of school as per Policy 227 may not participate in any activity after school on the day of the suspension. For suspensions that carry from the end of the week to the beginning of the following week or extend over non-school days, the student will not be permitted to participate in any activity that is scheduled for those days.

#### Unsportsmanlike Conduct

A display of unsportsmanlike conduct toward an opponent, teammate, official, coach/advisor, or use of profanity is unacceptable at any time. The coach/advisor and/or an administrator will address all offenses. If this occurs during a practice or contest it will result in an immediate action. If this type of behavior occurs more than once, a student may be suspended from the program. The PIAA will suspend an athlete for the next game if the player receives an ejection during a game. Students are not permitted to be with the team during the suspension. Gross misconduct by any athlete will mean immediate removal/suspension from the team/activity. This misconduct may include, but is not limited to, verbal/physical abuse of player, official, teammate, coach, and teacher or staff member. Coach/director and school administrator will determine the outcome in each case.

#### Theft or malicious destruction of Property

1. First Offense: The individual will be suspended from the program 15 school days. At the end of this period, following conference with the head coach/advisor and a school administrator, a decision

regarding reinstatement will be made. Return of stolen items and/or restitution must occur prior to the possibility of reinstatement. Police will be notified.

2. Second Offense: A second offense will result in a dismissal from the program for the remainder of the season and a referral of the student to the school administrator for appropriate disciplinary action. Police will be notified.

#### Illegal Activity

Participation in the use of alcohol/drugs or other illegal activities at any time or place will not be tolerated. Participants in athletic activities are expected to avoid the consumption, possession, or distribution of drugs/alcohol, or to refrain from involvement in any illegal activities. They are also expected avoid activities in which alcohol or any illegal substance is being used or presented with the possible intent of use. While participating in an athletic activity no student shall use, possess or distribute tobacco or tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, steroids, controlled substances, look-alike, or possess drug related paraphernalia on or off school property.

1. Any athlete, who has been adjudicated, found guilty of a crime, offers a plea of guilty or a plea of no contest to an activity committed off school property shall be suspended from participation by the Administration. Upon acquittal or dismissal of the charges the athlete will be reinstated as a member of the team in good standing.
2. In the cases described above, a central office hearing may also be convened to determine other appropriate disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

#### Hazing

The Central Bucks School District believes that students must be protected from hazing and/or initiation ceremonies. All verbal, written, or physical conduct, which harasses, humiliates, persecutes students, or disrupts or interferes with any student's curricular or extracurricular experiences, shall not be tolerated.

1. Any student who is found, after investigation, to have engaged in the hazing or any student or the filing of false charges shall be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion.
2. Any student who witnessed or has knowledge of hazing activities and fails to report such actions shall also be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions.

#### Performance Enhancing Supplements

In order to minimize health and safety risks to student-athletes and maintain ethical standards, students will not supply, recommend or use any drug, medication or food supplement solely for performance-enhancing purposes.



**Student-athletes and their parents/guardians should become acquainted with specific policies, rules, regulations, and standards for conduct and academic achievement. Please read them carefully. The last page requires you and your parents/guardians to sign and return to the Athletic Office verifying that you have reviewed the regulations.**

## **RISKS OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

In spite of protective equipment, and the supervision and sound instruction by our coaches, there are some risks associated when someone participates in athletics. Injuries in some of our activities can and do occur. In extremely rare cases, death could also result. All athletes and parents need to be aware and understand this possibility. The Central Bucks Athletic Departments will do all that they can to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our athletes.

## **THE PLAYER-COACH RELATIONSHIP**

Unfortunately, through televised games and the more recent proliferation of cable TV, many adults feel that they understand or perhaps know more than many coaches. Everyone becomes an expert. While this new found expertise might heighten your appreciation of a sport, as a parent, however, you are not the coach.

The player-coach relationship is perhaps the most critical relationship in athletics. Players must be receptive to coaching. The team's goals, welfare and success must come before any individual. Unfortunately, a parent can have a pronounced effect on this very important and delicate relationship. While you may not agree with all decisions of a coach, how and when you express your feelings can have a decided effect upon your child.

If you express a negative opinion in front of your child, you need to remember that he or she will return to practice the next day and may carry with him or her your convictions. Your son or daughter will then have to interact with this coach. You, as the parent, can greatly affect this delicate relationship.

Receiving technical or strategic instruction at home may interfere and conflict with the instructional process at practice sessions and games. This may ultimately impede your son or daughter's progress and affect their playing time or whether they win a starting position.

## **PARTICIPATION ON AN ATHLETIC TEAM**

It is important to understand that participation on an athletic team in Central Bucks is a privilege and not a right. Being on and maintaining one's membership on the team means accepting all the responsibilities of an athlete. However, unlike recreation or intramural teams, equal or guaranteed playing time does not exist. In an effort to win, a coach will use players best suited to the conditions or demands of the contest at that time.

### **CUTTING THE TEAM**

Every coach has the responsibility and authority for selecting his/her team. The criteria for selecting the team are developed by the coach. It is also important to remember that there are no guarantees. Players from the previous year's JV team, for example, do not automatically make either the JV or Varsity team the following year. Having been a member of a team during the previous year or even being a senior does not ensure that an athlete will make the team. Parents should expect that every candidate is treated fairly and given every consideration. Coaches are sensitive to feelings of disappointment, will handle the task as positively as possible, and be available to answer athletes' questions.

While we understand that being cut is disappointing for many athletes and even for their parents, we unfortunately cannot keep everyone. Anyone cut from a team is welcome to try out again next season or to try another sport. When parents and athletes understand and support the coach's decision, this difficult process becomes a less painful experience for all.

### **THE PURPOSE OF A JV TEAM**

JV teams exist to provide those athletes unable to participate on the varsity level an opportunity to develop skills and gain experience. While the athlete's age, size, or skill level may be the limiting factor in not making the varsity team, participation on a JV team may enhance the athlete's potential to make the varsity team in the future. A caution, however, must also be given. Being a member of a JV team does not guarantee that an athlete will automatically move up the following year to the varsity team. The athlete's best suited for varsity competition will make the squad each year. Striving to win is important in athletics; however, compiling a great record or winning a championship should not be the primary objective of a JV team. The development of athletes should be the ultimate purpose of a JV squad while at the same time acknowledging the value of winning, learning, and enjoying being a member of a team.

### **TEAM CAPTAINS**

There may be several good reasons for having captains of a team. These athletes may serve as positive role models, links between the team and the coach, and they certainly should be leaders. A good captain can be a real asset to the team and coaching staff. While some coaches may allow their team to select captains, the ultimate responsibility lies with the coach. The decision to have or not have team captains will be the sole responsibility of the coach. It is also important to understand that serving in the capacity of a captain is not reserved solely for seniors on a team, but rather this position is for the athlete who is best suited to filling the responsibilities.

### **THE PARENT-COACH RELATIONSHIP**

In your role as a parent, you obviously love and are concerned about your child's welfare. You want the best for him or her. But an athlete can have only one coach. Allowing the coach to instruct and guide the team is crucial in many respects.

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not approach the coach immediately at the conclusion of a contest. At this time, coaches have other responsibilities and it may be an emotional time. Call and make an appointment for a later time and approach this meeting in a calm, courteous and logical manner.

One of the responsibilities that a coach has at the conclusion of a contest is to have a brief meeting with his players. Athletes should not pause to talk to parents or friends immediately after games. These brief meetings are essential to the learning process involved in athletics.

### **EXPRESSING CONCERNS**

If there are any questions or concerns involving some aspect of our athletic program, the athlete should first contact the appropriate coach. If there were no resolution, he or she would then go to the head coach, athletic director, or principal.

When expressing an occasional concern with a coach, please refer to and use the following guidelines: 1) Never approach a coach immediately after a contest. This is not the proper time or place for a discussion concerning your child or the team. 2) Call the following day and make an appointment, which is convenient for both you and the coach to meet. 3) Raise your concern in a calm and civil manner. Yelling, being rude or using foul language is totally unacceptable. 4) Once you have stated your question or concern, listen to the explanation. Often a parent may be blinded by emotion and this overrides logic and reason. Listening receptively may really help you to understand any explanation, which is given.

### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

You are eligible only if you have had a physical examination by a licensed physician of medicine, a certified nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant before you begin to practice for your first sports season for the same academic year. You must be reexamined or certified that your condition is satisfactory before you begin to practice in the sport.

Wrestlers must also obtain from the physician, prior to beginning practice, a certification of the minimum weight class at which they may wrestle for the entire season.

In all cases, the medical professional must have signed the PIAA Physician's Certificate.

### **ATTENDANCE**

You cannot participate or compete on a day in which you are absent or suspended. School related functions are not considered an absence. On any given day you must be in attendance for at least two full class periods. You must be regularly enrolled in your school and in full-time attendance there. You are eligible only at the school at which you are enrolled. If you are absent from school during a semester for a total of 20 or more school days, you lose your eligibility until you have been in attendance for a total of 60 school days following your 20<sup>th</sup> day of absence.

### **ACADEMIC AND CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

You must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by your principal as a full time curriculum. You must be passing four full-credit subjects or the equivalent as of every Friday during a grading period. If you fail to meet this requirement, you will be placed on probation the following week. If you fail to bring up your grade during your probation week, you will become ineligible until your classroom teacher releases you. You must have passed at least four full-credit subjects or the equivalent during the previous grading period, except that eligibility for the first grading period is based on your final grades for the preceding school year. If you fail to meet this requirement, you will lose your eligibility to play. Any student receiving a failing or incomplete grade in any subject for the preceding quarter is ineligible for 15 days.

### **PRACTICE SESSIONS AND GAMES**

Practice sessions are normally closed to spectators and there is a very sound reason for this. These sessions are the equivalent of a teacher's classroom and there is real, quality instruction taking place. Interruptions and interference to an athlete's concentration and focus in practice can not be allowed any more than a disruption would be tolerated in an academic setting. Education in any setting cannot be compromised. Practice sessions may last up to three hours. An athlete needs to consistently attend practice sessions. They may start and end at different times due to the schedule of the coach or of our facilities. Check with the coach for specific times. No practice may be held when school is dismissed early due to inclement weather or held when school is not in session due to inclement weather. There may be practices held on Saturdays and over holiday periods.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Student-athletes must travel to and from away contests in transportation provided by the school district. At no time will student-athletes be permitted to drive on their own or ride to or from away contests with a friend. Situations may occur where, through no attempt to circumvent this rule, a parent must drive a student-athlete. This is acceptable only through advance notice to the Athletic Director. Our Coaches are instructed to deny participation to any athlete, who does not ride school transportation, unless coach approves the plan in advance. A note from the parent seeking permission to transport the athlete home after a contest must be received by the coach and approved by the athletic director. The note is required at least 24 hours prior to the date of the contest. The parental note should specifically explain the reason for not traveling home with the team. This explanation may be needed in order for the athletic director to make an informed decision consistent with previous requests. Prior to leaving the contest, the coach must actually speak with the parent to confirm that he/she and not another student or friend is driving.

### **EQUIPMENT**

You are responsible for any and all equipment issued to you. You will be expected to pay for any items that you do not return. Issued equipment is for interscholastic use only. You are not to use athletic attire for physical education classes or casual wear. Secure all equipment and personal items with a lock. Any unreturned equipment will become an obligation.

### **DRESS CODE**

Coaches reserve the right to set acceptable standards for student-athletes. As a representative of the Central Bucks Schools and community you should attempt to look your best.

### **SUPER FROSH**

The Central Bucks School District provides the opportunity for extremely talented 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to compete at the High School Varsity Level. An application form is available at school's athletic offices. Both the middle school and high school principals must approve this application, before the student-athlete may try out for the varsity team.

### **TRANSFERS**

If you transfer from one school district to another you are eligible immediately at the new school when: you live with your natural or adoptive parents in the new school district; when you live with a court-appointed legal guardian. You are eligible only if there is on file with the principal or your school, before you begin practice, an official PIAA DISTRICT ONE CERTIFICATE when you transfer for the first time between public and private schools, between private schools, or where the two school districts overlap.

If you are eligible immediately, the principals of both schools, or the PIAA DISTRICT ONE COMMITTEE, will determine whether your transfer was in whole or in part for any athletic purpose or as a result of recruiting. If it was not, you will be ruled eligible immediately upon the determination.

### **EJECTION FROM AN ATHLETIC CONTEST**

A coach or student athlete removed from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct (this includes pregame or postgame unsportsmanlike conduct) will receive a mandatory, minimum one game suspension effective the next scheduled contest. The coach or athlete will not be able to attend the suspended game as per Suburban One rules. The SECOND time an athlete is disqualified in the same sport or any other sport during the school year, the penalty shall be doubled. The THIRD time an athlete is disqualified in the same sport or any other sport during the school year shall result in immediate dismissal from the team for the remainder of the school year. An ejection or disqualification prevents a player from attending the regularly scheduled contest. This includes riding the bus, the locker room, the sidelines, the bench, the stands, or anywhere on the contest site. Any player who physically assaults an official, coach, player or spectator shall be immediately dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season. As a member of a team, an athlete must agree to and follow the team rules. Athletes need to remember that they are ambassadors and represent not only themselves, but also the coaching staff and the school.

### **LETTER AWARDS**

To earn letters a student-athlete must complete the season, including post-season play-offs, unless injury prevents participation. All athletes must participate in the required contests. The coach and athletic office will determine the necessary criteria for earning a varsity letter. Additional requirements include; punctual attendance of practice and games, observation of training rules, good sportsmanship, conforming to eligibility requirements, and maintaining care of issued equipment.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY FOR SAFE KEEPING OF STUDENT PROPERTY DURING ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND EVENTS**

1. Avoid bringing valuables with you to athletic practices and contests.
2. All student athletes trying out for sports teams should buy a lock for their locker. Student athletes may use their regular gym locker until team lockers have been assigned. These locks may not be left on the long lockers overnight!
3. Student athletes without a lock are to make arrangements with their coach to secure belongings. Please be advised that if you come to practice after it has started, liability prevents the coach from leaving practice to secure your valuables. Valuables left unsecured will be at risk. Take them to practice!
4. Any theft of team equipment or personal belongings must be reported immediately to the Athletic Director.
5. Do not depend on other schools to secure your valuables. When traveling, take only the basics and keep your valuables safe!

### **COLLEGE RECRUITMENT**

Student-athletes should contact the coach or Athletic Office if contacted personally by a college recruiter. We will be happy to assist in the process of recruitment. The Guidance Department should be contacted and advised regularly when colleges contact you. Check with your counselor concerning academic requirements of these institutions of higher education.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

It is our hope that you, as a student-athlete, recognize your position as a role model in your community. At no time in your life will you be under closer scrutiny. Take on the challenge and represent yourself, your family, and your school with dignity and honor.

The student-athlete handbook is intended to inform athletes and parents of state and local regulations governing interscholastic athletics. It is hoped that by being aware of rules, regulations, and expectations that unfortunate situations can be avoided. We require that both the student-athlete and parent sign the last page of this book indicating that you have read through this handbook. Submit the signature page to the Athletic Office. You need only submit it once in a school year.

This handbook is not all-inclusive. Many rules and regulations are not included here and, of course, each coach has the right to make reasonable rules that are more stringent than those listed.

The Department of Athletics is excited to have you participate in interscholastic athletics. Central Bucks has a rich and strong tradition in athletics. We are pleased that you have chosen to be a student-athlete at our High Schools

**Central Bucks School District**

**EXTRACURRICULAR, COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
AND ATHLETICS PLEDGE  
Policy 122**

**Adopted: May 2008**

**Student's Pledge**

As a participant in extracurricular activities sponsored by the Central Bucks School District, I agree to abide by all policies and procedures regarding my behavior as outlined in:

1. School Board Policy 218, Student Rights, Responsibilities and Discipline
2. School Board Policy 227, Controlled Substances
3. Central Bucks School District Code of Conduct and Discipline

I understand that if I break these rules, I will be subject to the discipline procedures listed in these policies and documents.

I have read and understand the attached policies and procedures and agree to comply.

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**Student Name (printed)**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**

**List all participating activities:** \_\_\_\_\_