

## REPUBLIC JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR CODE

I have read the Republic JR/SR High School Co-Curricular Code and understand and agree to its provisions.

**PARENTS:** *Please SIGN and RETURN the signature page and keep this code for your reference.*

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Co-curricular activities are defined as: athletics, music, cheerleading, debate, drama, officers of the A.S.B., clubs and organizations, or any activity where students represent the school district outside of the regular program. A participant will be permitted to change co-curricular activity if they do so prior to the first scheduled contest of that season. The purpose of this code is to communicate expectations for participation in the co-curricular programs offered in our schools. This code applies to all students involved in co-curricular activities, including managers, scorekeepers, filmers etc. *This code will remain in effect for one calendar year from the date signed.*

### The GOALS of our activities program:

1. To encourage the greatest possible number of participants taking part in interscholastic activities.
2. To provide the widest possible variety of activities.
3. To promote the health and physical development of the participants.
4. To promote good sportsmanship, healthful living, and good citizenship.
5. To teach leadership, decision-making skills, individual initiative, pride in accomplishment and good judgment by the participants.
6. To promote a success-oriented attitude in the school and participants.
7. To develop the highest possible degree of individual and team skill.
8. To develop a positive self-image in all participants.

## CO-CURRICULAR CODE

- I. GENERAL RULES: All code violations are cumulative (carries over to succeeding years), regardless of the category. In the case where there are less than 3 weeks remaining during the first offense the suspension will follow to the next season in which the student participates. The student must remain practicing with the other teammates in order for the weeks to count for the violation. In addition, if a participant violates code they will not be considered for a varsity letter in the co-curricular activity season in which the violation occurred.

Honesty Clause: if you self-report a violation of the co-curricular code in the first school day following the violation, there will only be a one week suspension imposed. This provision can only be used for first offense.

- A. Possession or use of tobacco. Attendance at peer parties where illegal drugs, alcohol or illegal activities are present.

### Consequences:

- a. First offense: suspension for three weeks of participation in contests.
- b. Second offense: suspension for the remainder of the season and a six week suspension from contests in the next season that the student

participates. The students will also meet weekly with the district student assistance specialist during the duration of their suspension.

- c. Third offense: suspension for one calendar year from the date of the co-curricular suspension.

B. Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs.

Consequences:

- a. First offense: suspension for three weeks of participation in contests, contingent upon the scheduling and completion of a district approved drug and alcohol assessment at the parent's expense. The student must abide by the professional assessment recommendation(s).
- b. Second offense: suspension for one calendar year from the date of the co-curricular suspension.
- c. Third offense: permanent removal from the co-curricular programs at Republic School District.

C. Illegal activities not covered in this code will be cause for suspension.

Consequences:

An offense which results in a conviction will result in a suspension for one calendar year from date of conviction.

II. SUSPENSION AND DUE PROCESS:

The athletic director shall impose the penalties for co-curricular violations. All penalties may be appealed through a board of appeals if the parent or student believes their due process rights have been violated. The Board of Appeals will consist of an ASB Representative, neutral coach, principal, and athletic director. This appeal must be made in writing and submitted to the athletic director within five calendar days of the suspension taking affect. The decision of the Appeals Board is final.

Violation of the co-curricular code during a season of non-participation or the interim period between seasons will necessitate the imposition of any penalty at the beginning of the next season the student participates.

III. ELIGIBILITY:

1. Republic High School co-curricular participants must meet the eligibility requirement of the W.I.A.A. and the Republic School District. The requirements are found in Policy #2151 of the District Policy book. Students must remain in good academic standing by maintaining a quarterly GPA above 2.00 and have no failing grades during weekly academic progress checks.
2. Students missing school the day of the game WILL NOT be allowed to take part in the contest that day unless the absence has been cleared beforehand through the athletic director or school administrator.
3. Coaches are required to monitor the academic and social progress of their athletes on a regular basis. Classroom behavior during the sport season will result in disciplinary action by coaches or administrators.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS:

The athletic director and/or school administrator will handle unusual situations not covered by this code. This code shall govern the co-curricular activities of Republic School District.