

Pine Grove Area School District
School Street
Pine Grove PA, 17963

The following guidelines apply to all extra-curricular activities in the Pine Grove Area School District. Extra-curricular activities are generally defined as, but not limited to, activities, which occur outside the normal school day. This Code of Conduct is to be regarded as rules governing the conduct of students involved in extra-curricular activities.

BEHAVIOR/DEPARTMENT:

Participation in any extra-curricular activity is a privilege afforded the students in the Pine Grove Area School District. Good behavior is, and will continue to be, rewarded for those who show common courtesy, follow established rules and regulations, use appropriate language, cooperate, show self-discipline and demonstrate integrity.

Students on out-of-school suspension are not eligible for participation while suspended. Students are not eligible for the next event immediately following their out-of-school suspension, nor may they, as spectators, attend competitions either at home or away sites.

ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to be in school the day of the event. If a student is absent the day of an event, he/she will be ineligible to participate in practice or events that day. Exceptions to this include college visitation, school-related function, emergency or pre-approval by school administrator. Any early dismissal or late arrival that is non-medical (doctor's note needed) or not pre-approved by a school administrator will result in the participant being ineligible to participate in practice or events that day. If a student is sent home by the nurse, that student is ineligible to participate in practice or events that day.

Students tardy for school must report to school by **8:20 AM** to be eligible for participation in an extra-curricular activity.

Any student who is tardy more than 10 days per semester will result in consequences via the student handbook and the student will forfeit his/her privilege to participate in sports, all school activities, and all dances (including the Holiday Dance and the Prom) for 30 days. Parents will be required to have a conference with the Administration.

Any student who is tardy more than 15 days tardy per semester will result in consequences via the student handbook and the student forfeiting his/her privilege to participate in sports, all school activities, and all dances (including the Holiday Dance and the Prom) for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be required to have a conference with the Administration.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY:

The following requirements are intended to maintain the academic integrity of our student-athletes. Eligibility reports will be run every mid-day Friday beginning no later than the 3rd Friday of a new course. If a student is deemed to be ineligible, the time period of ineligibility will be that Sunday through the following Saturday.

A student who is determined to be ineligible may check with their teacher on the following Monday to receive an update on their overall grade. If a grade is entered by the teacher over the weekend and the student's grade becomes passing (with passing being defined as a 60% or above), the student may then report his/her updated grade to the Athletic Director. If the student is confirmed to be passing, he or she will be eligible that Monday; otherwise, the student will remain ineligible. It is the student's responsibility to check with his/her teacher(s) on Monday.

1. If a student is failing a 1-credit Math or English course, he/she will be placed on academic probation for one week. If at the end of the probationary week the student continues to fail the same Math or English course, he/she will be ineligible for the following week.
2. If a student is failing any two courses in a given week, the student will be deemed to be ineligible for the following week.
3. If, by the end of the week on ineligibility, a student still does not satisfy the academic eligibility requirement of earning passing grades, the student shall remain ineligible for the following week.
4. If a student's final grade in a course is less than 60%, that student will be deemed to be ineligible for the first 20 days of the next grading period. Students who attend summer school and are successful in credit recovery will then become eligible.
5. Independent eligibility cases may be presented to the High School Principal for further review.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco and other controlled substances is illegal. Violation of the school policy prohibiting use and/or possession of such substances on school property or at school event, including transportation to and from, will result in an immediate suspension from all extra-curricular activities and referral to the Student Assistance Program (SAP). This suspension will continue for a period of ninety (90) calendar days. Should this extra-curricular season expire before the ninety (90) calendar days, the remaining days will be carried over to the next activity in which the student wishes to participate. At this time the student may request a tryout/opportunity to participate in any extra-curricular activity.

Any student who possesses, uses, or distributes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or anabolic steroids off school property, or is knowingly in the presence of the illegal use of alcohol, drugs, or anabolic steroids off school property will be subject to one of the following actions as determined by the high school principal:

- A) Seven (7) calendar day suspension from the extra-curricular activity and must enter and comply with any and all recommendations of the SAP counselor.
- B) Twenty-one (21) calendar day suspension with no counseling program.

Second Offense:

- A) Forty-five (45) calendar day suspension and must enter, comply and complete any and all recommendations of the SAP counselor.
- B) Ninety (90) calendar day suspension with no counseling program.

Third Offense

Suspension for one (1) full year (365 days)

Should this extra-curricular activity expire before the suspension is served, the remaining days will be carried over to the next activity in which the student wishes to participate. At this time the student may request a try-out/opportunity to participate in any extra-curricular activity.

HAZING:

Any student who participates in any intentional, knowing, or reckless act, occurring on or off school property, by one person or acting as a group, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or membership into any Pine Grove Area School District organization will result in an immediate suspension from all extra-curricular activities and referral to the Student Assistance Program (SAP). This suspension will continue for a period of up to ninety (90) calendar days. Should this extra-curricular season expire before the ninety (90) calendar days, the remaining days will be carried over to the next activity in which the student wishes to participate. At this time the student may request a tryout/opportunity to participate in any extra-curricular activity.

A suspended student will be immediately referred to SAP for review. The student must follow the recommendation of the assessor. The SAP is composed of school personnel with special training in adolescent chemical dependency, intervention and after care. The terms have established school-wide intervention procedures for referring “at risk” students who demonstrate problems with drugs/alcohol/tobacco. Intervention procedures include identification of students, collection and review of pertinent data, referral for assessment and evaluation and participation in support programs.

The suspension period shall be from the date of the infraction. If the school year concludes before the suspension has been completed, the suspension will continue at the beginning of the next school year. Offenses occurring during the summer months when the student is participating in activities under the supervision of district personnel will result in the immediate removal from extra-curricular activities. The suspension shall begin the first day of school.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The Administration may exclude students from any or all extra-curricular activities due to serious academic problems, attendance or disciplinary infractions.
- Everyone involved in extra-curricular activities has a fundamental responsibility to uphold the rules and regulations of the district and/or outside organization involved with the program when it relates to any extra-curricular activities.
- A student may not participate in school activity without his/her own signature and the signature of his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) on the Code of Conduct Form.
- The signed Code of Conduct form will be in effect for all activities, athletics during the school year.
- It is the Administration’s responsibility to enforce this policy. Appeals to his/her decisions should be made to the Administration in writing and should list the reasons for the appeal.
- A season or activity will begin with the first day of practice and end with the day after the last event of that season or activity.

CODE OF CONDUCT
SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTANCE

In order to participate in extra-curricular activities at the district, students and parents are required to formally accept the Code of Conduct.

“I have read the Code of Conduct and hereby accept the specifics as stated in this document. I will represent the Pine Grove Area School District in a faithful and responsible manner, adhering to its policies and expectations.”

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

_____ Students Name	_____ Date
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_____ Grade	_____ Name of School
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_____ Student Signature	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature
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