

2023-24 BRUCE CO-CURRICULAR CODE

We expect our students to take pride in themselves, our school, and all of the activities in which they participate. Participation in activities means more than competition between individuals or two schools. It teaches fair play, respect for the rules, sportsmanship, and an understanding and appreciation of teamwork. The development of leadership and cooperation are traits from which a student will continually benefit.

The Bruce School District strongly feels it takes a dedicated kind of student to accommodate the sacrifices dictated by the school's normal academic load and also be involved in athletics or activities. The school district has come to expect more from our students in co-curricular events. Because some students choose to take part in the activities program, are using facilities provided for that purpose by the community, and are benefiting from tax funds expressly set aside for these programs, greater demands are made of them. These demands are manifested in the form of specific rules and regulations demanded only of those students who take part in such activities. It is the intent of this code that students who represent Bruce High School do so in a most positive, legal and respectable manner. It is a privilege to participate in extracurricular activities, and we want those students representing our school in these activities to do so in a most respectful manner that brings praise and pride to themselves, their families, and our school.

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY 365 DAYS A YEAR TO ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN ANY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING BHS. THIS INCLUDES ALL CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS, SPORTS, HOMECOMING, AND PROM. The Bruce School Clubs other than all athletics, including cheerleading are: Homecoming, Prom, Forensics, Band Competition, Drama Club, Student Council, Lakeland Honor Society, FFA, FBLA, FCA, Mathletes, Robotics, Skills USA, eSports, Ice Fishing Team, & Trap Shooting Team. This will also include any new club or activity that may arise during the school year.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM EVENTS

Students must ride school provided transportation to and from the site of school out-of-district events. An exemption from this policy may be granted if the parent or guardian signs the waiver form in the presence of the chaperon, coach, advisor, or bus driver at the site of the activity or if they get prior permission from administration.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Students must receive a passing grade in all classes in which they are enrolled. Students involved in any extra-curricular activity who receive a failing grade at mid trimester progress are ineligible until passing and by submitting daily/weekly academic progress form. This form must then be submitted weekly until the end of the trimester. Students must submit this form to the athletic director or Mrs. Leaf weekly no matter if they know they are still ineligible or not. **FAILURE TO TURN THIS FORM IN WEEKLY WILL RESULT IN ONE ADDITIONAL EVENT OF INELIGIBILITY PER WEEK!** Students who fail a class at the end of a trimester are ineligible to participate in contests or activities for a mandatory 15 school days. At the start of the new trimester these students must submit a weekly academic progress report to the athletic director showing passing work in ALL courses until the next grading period.

UNIFORMS

All uniforms must be turned into the coach at the end of the season. Failure to do so will result in the athlete not being allowed to participate in any games until it is turned in or paid for. Coaches will turn the bills into the office.

ATTENDANCE

Students who accumulate make-up time in any trimester will be ineligible for one co-curricular event unless the time is made-up prior to that event.

ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN ATHLETICS

VIOLATION	PENALTY
<p>1. The illegal use, possession, or association with any drug, alcohol, or tobacco (this includes E – cigarettes, Hookah Pens, Vape Pens, Juuls, and any devices or products that are related or look-alikes). Possession includes holding an illegal substance for someone else, this includes holding someone’s beer, or cigarette. Association means being in direct contact with an illegal act, e.g. being at a party where illegal consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs is occurring. It also includes standing in a group of people who are illegally consuming alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.</p>	<p><u>First offense</u> - one event (annual list of “events” will be given to principal by club advisor) suspension and suspension from holding office for 9 weeks. <u>In addition– Vaping – mandatory intervention for nicotine dependence program with the guidance counselor.</u> <u>Additional for Second offense – Vaping</u> Referral to police for citation, suspension up to 2 days out of school.</p>
<p>2. Unacceptable behavior which is deemed by the co-curricular board of review is to be classified as a serious violation. This includes acts of harassment, theft, insubordination (not obeying rules), injury, threats, danger to others, unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect for others including property, and any unacceptable acts of sexually explicit or derogatory behavior.</p> <p>3. Social Media – Unacceptable behavior such as defamation of character, harassment, slander, inappropriate language, and any other issues deemed unacceptable by Athletic Director, Principal, or Co-Curricular Board.</p>	<p><u>Second offense</u> – suspension from activities for one calendar year. The student may be reinstated by completing the probation (reinstatement) contract with a minimum of nine weeks of suspension.</p> <p><u>Third and subsequent offenses</u> – suspension from activities for one calendar year. The student may be reinstated by completing the probation (reinstatement) contract with a minimum of eighteen weeks of suspension.</p>
<p>4. Dishonesty: Any student questioned formally in the presence of his/her parents by a coach,</p>	<p>Suspension from one co-curricular season. If the student chooses to take</p>

<p>advisor or administrator in regard to suspected involvement with any violation in which the student denies involvement, but is later proven to have been involved.</p>	<p>the penalty in an activity in which he/she previously did not participate, they must attend practice and successfully complete the season to the coach's satisfaction.</p>
<p>5. Suspension from school.</p>	<p>One event suspension.</p>
<p>6. Talking openly about planning and/or participating in any illegal function.</p>	
<p>7. Violating curfew. Curfew hours for Sunday through Thursday are until 10:30 P.M. On Friday and Saturday it is until 12:00 A.M. Curfew is only in effect during the activity season for each specific activity. Curfew does not apply to summer or vacations unless an activity is scheduled over that time and coaches or advisors make the students aware of the curfew requirement. Curfew times also allow flexibility to give students a reasonable amount of time to reach home following an activity.</p>	<p><u>First offense</u> – left to the discretion of the advisor.</p> <p><u>Second and subsequent offenses</u> - one event suspension for each occurrence.</p>
<p>8. Unexcused absence from school, practice, or event.</p>	<p><u>First offense</u> – one event suspension.</p> <p><u>Second and subsequent offenses</u> - one event suspension for each occurrence.</p>
<p>9. Unacceptable behavior that is of less serious nature than those in number 2 as deemed by the co-curricular board of review.</p>	

ATHLETICS

VIOLATION	PENALTY
<p>1. The illegal use, possession, or association with any drug, alcohol, or tobacco (This includes E-cigarettes, Hookah Pens, Vape Pens, Juuls, and any look alike devices or products). Possession includes holding an illegal substance for someone else, including holding someone’s beer or cigarette. Association means being in direct contact with an illegal act, e.g. being at a party where illegal consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs is occurring. It also includes standing in a group of people who are illegally consuming alcohol, tobacco, or drugs</p> <p>2. Unacceptable behavior which is deemed by the co-curricular board of review to be classified as a serious violation. This includes acts of harassment, theft, insubordination, injury, threats, danger to others, unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect for others including property, and any unacceptable acts of sexually explicit or derogatory behavior.</p>	<p><u>First offense</u> - suspension from one quarter of all regularly scheduled events. (A scrimmage does not count as a regularly scheduled event). If such suspension occurs near the end of a season, the suspension will carry over into the next season in which the student participates, but will NOT exceed one quarter of that season</p> <p><u>In addition – Vaping</u> Mandatory <i>completion of intervention for nicotine dependence program with the guidance counselor.</i></p> <p><u>Additional for Second offense– Vaping</u> Referral to police for citation, suspension up to 2 days out of school.</p> <p><u>Second offense</u> – suspension from all events for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.</p> <p><u>Third offense</u> – suspension from all events for two calendar years from the date the penalty is imposed.</p> <p><u>Fourth and subsequent offenses</u> Suspension from all events for the remainder of high school career.</p> <hr/> <p>The PENALTY for unacceptable behavior may range from a first offense to a 4th offense as imposed by the Principal and Athletic Director.</p>

<p>3. Grievous Offense-Any offense that is deemed serious enough by the Principal and Athletic Director that a penalty more severe than the Code prescribes is warranted.</p>	<p>The PENALTY may range from a second offense to a 4th offense as imposed by the Principal and Athletic Director.</p>
<p>4. Dishonesty: Any student questioned formally in the presence of his/her parents by a coach, advisor or administrator in regard to suspected involvement with any violation in which the student denies involvement, but is later proven to have been involved.</p>	<p>Suspension from one co-curricular season. If the student chooses to take the penalty in an activity in which he/she previously did not participate, they must attend practice and successfully complete the season to the coach's satisfaction.</p>
<p>5. Social Media – Unacceptable behavior such as defamation of character, harassment, slander, inappropriate language, and any other issues deemed unacceptable by the Ath. Dir., Principal, or Co-Curr. Board.</p>	<p>Suspension from one event on first offense. Suspension for ¼ of season on 2nd offense. Suspension for one calendar year on 3RD offense.</p>

Violation	Penalty
6. Suspension from school. 7. Talking about, planning, or participating in any illegal function.	Suspended from one event
9. If a student violates curfew. Curfew hours are 10:30 P.M. Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 A.M. Friday and Saturday. Curfew applies only during the season of the sport. Curfew does not apply to vacations or the summer unless the sport is scheduled during that time, and the coaches let the students know the curfew has started. The curfew times also allow students to get home following an activity.	<u>First Offense:</u> Coach's decision <u>Second and any Following Offenses:</u> One event suspension for each occurrence
10. Unexcused absence from school, practice, or event. 11. Unacceptable behavior that is not as serious as those in number 2, chosen by the Principal and Athletic Director.	<u>First offense:</u> One event suspension <u>Second and any Following Offenses:</u> One event suspension for each occurrence

NOTE: A student disciplined for Athletic Violations 1, 2, 3, or 4 will not be eligible to receive any individual awards or All-Conference nominations in the sport in which they are participating in at the time of the violation, or sport while serving the suspension.

All reports of violations will be investigated by the Principal and the Athletic Director. They will determine if a violation has occurred and will assign the appropriate penalty by notifying the student-athlete and parents in writing. Students suspended from competition must still accompany their team and participate in practices, but are not allowed any early release from school to do so.

All violations will be applied to both club/activity and sports that the student competes/participates in.

APPEAL POLICY

The student may appeal to the decision of the Principal and/or Athletic Director. The appeal is limited to whether a violation occurred or if due process was violated. During the appeal process, the student will be deemed ineligible.

The procedure is as follows:

1. The student submits in writing to the Principal or Athletic Director a detailed rationale for the appeal within 7 days of being notified of the decision.
2. The Athletic Director or Principal will have a meeting of all available Head Coaches or Club Advisors (depending on student participation in activities) to review the appeal. The student and parents may request to appear at the appeal meeting. However, any presentation will be limited to the specifics of the appeal.
3. A decision on the appeal will be provided no less than 24 hours or more than 48 hours from the appeal meeting during which time the committee may seek clarification of the appeal.
4. A simple majority will determine whether the appeal is accepted or rejected.
5. The Appeal Committee will notify the Principal or the Athletic Director of their decision. The Principal or Athletic Director will then notify the student and parents of the decision in writing.
6. The decision of the appeal board may be appealed to the Board of Education by written notification to the District Administrator within seven days of being notified of the decision and must state the basis of the appeal (due process violation or wrongly accused). The school board will hear the appeal at their next scheduled meeting. The decision of the school board will be final.

EARLY REINSTATEMENT

A student may seek early reinstatement from a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd violation by contacting the athletic director and principal and meeting the following conditions:

1. The student or parents self-report a violation or the student immediately admits to the violation when questioned by the Athletic Director, Principal, Coach, or an Advisor.
2. The student completes appropriate counseling, i.e. AODA- They will have the option of taking the Teen Intervene Course or the KNOW course student-approved by the athletic director and principal.
The Student completes a Community Service Plan approved by the principal and athletic director
 - a. First violation - 25 hours.
 - b. Second violation - 60 hours.
 - c. Third violation - 120 hours.
3. The student accepts responsibility for his/her actions in a written apology to his/her coach or advisor and teammates or club members, which must be read to them.

By successfully fulfilling the terms of reinstatement, the Student-Athlete may reduce the penalty as follows:

1. First violation—from one quarter season to 1/8th.
2. Second violation—from one year to one season.
3. Third violation—from two years to one year.

Upon completion of all requirements and being reinstated, the Student-Athlete will remain at the appropriate violation step for one year. At the end of a year they will be moved back one step.

ALSO, IF VIOLATION 1, 2, OR 3 OCCURS DURING THE REINSTATEMENT PROCESS, THE PROCESS WILL BE TERMINATED AND THE STUDENT-ATHLETE WILL SERVE ALL APPROPRIATE SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EARLY REINSTATEMENT.

NOTE: All violations will be considered individually and penalties will be applied afterward.

Parents:

It is your responsibility as much or more than any school employee to ensure that your child upholds the standards of this code. If you cannot uphold these standards, or be willing to report your own child when he/she violate them, or cannot accept the consequences set forth, then your child probably should not participate in school sponsored activities.

Our students are minors, not adults, and therefore cannot make all decisions on their own. They must be given strong, positive guidance by you and by us. We desperately need your help to keep them safe, healthy, and eligible to participate. Please help us in our commitment to helping our students become the best they can be!