

# **DEXTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CODE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The success of the Activities Program depends upon the total effort of both the participants and coaches/sponsors. This activities code is a statement of conditions, conduct and discipline that promotes positive morals, attitudes, and behaviors for all of those involved in the Dexter Activity Program. This code lists expectations, requirements of all participants, and the consequences for inappropriate actions.

Participation in the Activities Program is strictly voluntary. It is a privilege rather than a right. Consequently a student must know that by his/her participation they accept the obligation of certain established restrictions on their behavior that are not required of non – participants.

A student should develop and maintain pride in himself/herself and their actions at all times. The pride that he/she develops involves his/her self-concept as an individual within a society and includes general behavior and appearances that are expected to be developed and practiced. With this concept in mind, the following rules of conduct are established for all Dexter School Activities Program participants.

All rules of the Dexter Student Handbook shall be adhered to by all student participants.

All rules of the Dexter School Activity Code are in effect from the beginning of 2 – a – days until the last day of school for grades 7-11, the last day of all – star competitions will be the last day for seniors.

## **Rules of conduct of grades 7-12**

1. Will not use or be in possession of illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia in any form (i.e., tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, etc.).
2. Will not receive an out of school suspension.
3. Will not attend a function where illegal drugs or alcohol is being consumed by minors.
4. Will not use profane, vulgar, or obscene language or signs.
5. Will not violate the Dexter Schools dress and grooming code, and will abide by additional dress code standards set by the sponsor or coaches.
6. Will not miss practice sessions/meetings without prior approval of the sponsor or coach (i.e., doctors appointment, family emergency, etc.).
7. Will be present at school the entire day of the activity or on Friday if the activity is a weekend activity, unless otherwise cleared by the principal's office. If a student is truant during the week of an activity, that student will be ineligible to participate in their next scheduled activity.
8. Cheerleaders will not participate in fall and winter sports.
9. No seniors will be allowed to participate on JV teams unless prior approval is given by principals and athletic director.

## **Consequences for the current school year**

1<sup>st</sup> offense of rules 1 and 2 will result in immediate suspension from the sport or activity involved for a period of 15 school days and the student will be referred to counseling. The student will be allowed to practice with vigorous physical training given by the coach. A 2 game/activity minimum will also be administered.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense of rules 1 and 2 will result in dismissal from all activities for one calendar year, and the student will be referred to counseling.

1<sup>st</sup> offense of rule 3 will result in a minimum one game/activity suspension.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense of rule 3 will result in dismissal from the sport or activity for the rest of the season, and the student will be referred to counseling.

1<sup>st</sup> offense of rules 4-7 will be handled by the head coach/sponsor on an individual basis.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense of rules 4-7 will result in a one game/activity suspension or five school day suspension.

Additional violations of rules 4-7 may result in dismissal from a sport or activity for the remainder of the season.

## QUITTING AND/OR REMOVAL FROM TEAM

1. If a participant quits or is removed from a sport or activity in less than 10 days after the first practice, there are no consequences.
2. If a participant quits or is removed from a sport or activity after 10 days up to 20 days after the first practice, they may not participate in the next sport until the current sport's or activity's season is completed.
3. If a participant quits or is removed from a sport or activity more than 20 days after the first practice, they are suspended for 15 days, with a minimum 2 games suspension, from their next participating sport.

Extenuating circumstances and/or exceptions to these rules will be determined by the Principals and Athletic Director.

## HAZING

Hazing is prohibited at Dexter Schools, whether on or off school property, and whether during or outside school hours.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to: 1) engaging in any offensive or dangerous physical contact, restraint, abduction, or isolation of a student; 2) requiring or encouraging a student to perform any dangerous, painful, offensive, or demeaning physical or verbal act, including the ingestion of any substance, exposure to the elements, deprivation of sleep or rest, or extensive isolation; 3) subjecting a student to any dangerous, painful, offensive, or demeaning conduct, or to conduct reasonably likely to create extreme mental distress.

Athletes found to have engaged in hazing shall be subject to discipline by the Principals and Athletic Director. Such discipline may include suspension or complete removal from the team.

Any behavior unbecoming a Dexter School Activities Program participant will be handled on an individual basis by the coach/sponsor and administrator.

On trips the coach/sponsor shall be in FULL CHARGE and may take such disciplinary actions as is necessary to maintain the safety and welfare of the group. Action shall be prudent and may include returning individual students to their parents so as not to punish the whole group for the actions of a few.

**I HAVE READ THE PRECEDING RULES OF CONDUCT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS, INCLUDING THE CONSEQUENCES.**

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Student/Participant

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Parent or Guardian

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Date

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