

CONDUCT GUIDELINES FOR THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Students shall conduct themselves with the guidelines of the Student Conduct Code during all games and school activities, home or away. Failure to do so may result in being denied the privilege of attending any event, home or away, for a period up to 18 weeks. In addition a student may be disciplined according to the consequences set forth in the Student Conduct Code. The Administration reserves the right to extend the consequences to include all school activities and athletic contests, depending on the situation. School rules apply to all Worthington District's school events and activities, home or away, just as they do during the regular school day. We expect students to follow school rules whenever they represent Thomas Worthington High School either as a participant or as spectators. Serving in a student leadership position (whether appointed or elected) for a co-curricular program, team, or activity shall be considered a privilege and a student may be removed from such a leadership position for serious or repeated infractions of the Student Conduct Code at the discretion of the advisor/coach with the approval of the principal and his/her designee.

INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The Worthington Board of Education recognizes that extracurricular activities of the school district such as interscholastic athletic events, plays, and musical performances (Worthington Board of Education Policy 90707) represents an extension of the overall school program. All such programs must contribute to the goals of general education to justify their existence in the curriculum. In order to be granted the privilege to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities, students must make normal academic progress toward graduation. Accordingly, the academic eligibility policy will reflect the academic standards that a student must attain in order to progress toward graduation. An interscholastic extracurricular activity is defined as a school-sponsored student activity not included in the Graded Course of Study, which has a competitive component or a public performance. To be eligible to participate in an interscholastic extracurricular activity, the Board requires that high school students (grades 9 - 12):

Meet all Ohio School Athletic Association (OHSAA) regulations.

Pass a minimum of five (5) one credit courses, or the equivalent, during the preceding nine-week grading period. Note: Students are advised that physical education classes will not count toward academic eligibility.

Attain a GPA of 1.0 or greater in those five courses.

In addition, high school students must pass 2.5 units of credit from the previous semester. Failing grades will not make a student ineligible, provided the above requirements are met. Credits earned in summer school may be used to make up unearned SEMESTER credit. Failure to comply with grading period (nine-weeks; or, nine-weeks and semester) eligibility requirements will result in loss of eligibility for the succeeding nine-week grading period.

This policy will be effective August 29, 2000. Eligibility for the first nine-week grading period will be based on regulations in effect prior to the passage of this policy. All transfer students must comply with OHSAA regulation 4-7-1 through 4-7-12.

ATTENDANCE (CLASS) REGULATIONS

Students participating in the co-curricular program must be present in at least one-half of his/her regularly scheduled classes on the day of a practice or contest in order to be able to participate that day. One-half is defined as four (4) class periods excluding the lunch period. Exception situations may be appealed to the Principal or his designee. It is the responsibility of the student/parent to notify the coach/advisor of any situation, which may limit the participation of the student in a scheduled event.