

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
“LIFE OF A PIONEER”
STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in Trinity High School extra-curricular and co-curricular activities (including athletics) is a privilege which should elicit great pride in both the student and his/her family. It is also an acceptance of responsibility which requires extra commitment from those who represent our school, their coaches/advisors, and community.

As a representative of Trinity High School, students are expected to always exhibit appropriate behavior. Curricular activities (activities that are graded and awarded credit) are exempt from this specific co-curricular code of conduct. However, school rules and behavior standards still apply as with any school related function/activity, whether that activity occurs on or off campus.

Section (1) Policies and Guidelines:

The following rules and guidelines have been set forth to govern participation in extracurricular and co-curricular activities at Trinity High School:

1. Students and their parents/guardians are required to sign the Life of a Pioneer Policy as a condition of participating in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Life of a Pioneer Policy serves as a contract outlining the requirements and expectations for participating in Trinity co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Students and all parents must sign that they have read and understand the student handbook which includes this and all disciplinary policies.

Student conduct/behavior unbecoming of a Pioneer or Disciplinary action resulting from improper conduct, as determined by the Athletic Director/coach, Dean of Student Life/activity advisor and/or administration shall result in disciplinary action up to and including removal/suspension from the team or activity.

The Athletic Director/Dean of Student Life and coaches/advisors are expected to always enforce all policies and school rules and to use their best judgment in applying penalties for violations. The advisor or coach shall consult with the Athletic Director or Dean of Student Life prior to suspending a student from an activity or team.

2. Students in good standing may participate in the co- and extra-curricular activities of their school. A student is considered in good standing if he/she is not the subject of any disciplinary action for violation of any policy or school rule and he/she is currently academically eligible based on NHIAA and school guidelines.

3. Students who **fail two or more classes** during a quarter will be ineligible to participate in activities and/or athletics for the duration of the next marking period. At the conclusion of the

subsequent quarter(s) students **must pass 5 classes** each quarter to be eligible to participate. This policy supersedes the NHIAA Guidelines. Students who fail a semester course and are in danger of not earning credit may have their eligibility reviewed. Eligibility for practices only or activities can be reviewed mid-quarter based on FACTS grade updates.

NOTE: Failures during the quarter marking period may cause a student to be immediately suspended from activities or athletics during the season. The Head of Academics will inform the Dean of Student Life and the Athletic Director regarding student eligibility for each quarter.

4. All participants are expected to come to school ready to learn on all scheduled school days. To participate in a school activity, a student must be present in school on the day of the activity. For the purpose of this policy, any student who misses any portion of the school day unexcused may NOT participate in co- and extracurricular activities. If an activity occurs on a non-school day, the student must be present on the last day of school prior to the activity. Any exceptions to this requirement must be pre-approved by a school administrator.

5. Students suspended from school (including in-school and out of school suspension) shall not practice, participate, attend, or compete in extra- or co-curricular activities during the days of suspension. Additionally, students suspended from school may be subject to further disciplinary action including suspension or removal from co-curricular or extracurricular activities. Suspension may prohibit students from serving in leadership positions such as club or class officers.

6. Students are required to abide by all school policies, school rules and any additional rules, and/or training guidelines imposed by coaches or advisors.

7. Student use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs is illegal and negatively affects student health, safety and performance. Students participating in co- and extracurricular activities carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, coaches/advisors, parents and school to set the highest possible example of conduct, sportsmanship and training, which includes avoiding any involvement with tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

8. If a student is charged with a crime, he or she may be suspended from participation in co- or extra-curricular activities until the case is adjudicated. A student who is convicted of a crime may be suspended from participation in activities for a period to be determined based upon the facts of the case. Students are expected to conduct themselves so as not to discredit themselves, their team or organization, their coach or advisor, and their school. Failure to do so may result in a student being declared ineligible to participate in the co-curricular or extra-curricular activity.

9. Students shall be responsible for all equipment and uniforms issued to them by the school. The cost of replacing damaged or lost equipment /uniforms will be the responsibility of the student.

Section (2) Extracurricular Club Membership Responsibilities / Expectations

Students involved in extracurricular clubs or organizations make the agreement to be both active and engaged in all areas of club membership. This includes, but is not limited to, attendance at all club meetings and participation in club events and activities.

Students recognize that out of school employment and involvement in athletics do not excuse absence from activity meetings or club activities and are expected to plan accordingly to meet these obligations. The Trinity High School schedule designates and protects the period from 2:20 pm-3:00 pm as reserved for academic assistance and extracurricular activities.

Athletic obligations do not begin until 3pm (with the exception of games). Students are expected to inform employers of their school obligations in outlining their availability, which should allow time for after school commitments. If a student cannot attend a meeting or activity, they are expected to speak to their advisor prior to the meeting or event and provide documentation that demonstrates an excused absence.

Club/activity advisors reserve the right to place a student on probation or dismiss/remove members who are not meeting the club/organization responsibilities with approval of the Dean of Student Life.

Section (3) Activity/Team Leadership Positions:

Students seeking a leadership position (elected or otherwise) must be found in good academic, behavioral, and attendance standing in order to qualify to seek election.

Previous disciplinary action may disqualify a student from seeking office in current or future years. A student elected to a leadership position for an activity/team that violates this code of conduct forfeits that position for the duration of the season or year.

Any student in violation of Life of a Pioneer also forfeits eligibility for any team/post season awards.

Section (4) Substance Abuse:

For infractions involving “prohibited substances,” disciplinary action will be taken as specified below. Coaches/activity advisors may impose additional consequences for such violations in consultation with the Athletic Director, Dean of Student Life or school administration. Repeat or extreme violations will warrant administrative review and additional sanctions. Violations during a student’s high school career are cumulative. The term “prohibited substance” includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Alcohol
- 2) Controlled or scheduled drugs (as defined in RSA 318-B)
- 3) Controlled substances (as defined in the federal Controlled Substance Act, 21 U.S.C. § 812)
- 4) Tobacco products of any kind, which for the purpose of school policy includes electronic smoking devices (devices used to deliver nicotine or other substance to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device including but not limited to devices manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic pipe, electronic hookah or so-called vape pens).
- 5) Prescription drugs not prescribed for the student and/or not in compliance with the school's policy on administering medications to students.
- 6) Any substance possessed or used for ingestion to produce an intoxicating effect (including but not limited to aerosols, smelling salts, paints, solvents, and glue).
- 7) Paraphernalia – implements used for the distribution or consumption of a prohibited substance.
- 8) Any look-alike/counterfeit drug or substance that is described as or is purported to be a prohibited substance defined in this section.

Disciplinary Action for Improper conduct, as determined by the Athletic Director/coach, Dean of Student Life/advisor and/or administration shall result in disciplinary action up to and including removal/suspension from the team or activity (in addition to any discipline imposed under applicable school policies or school rules).

The Athletic Director/Dean of Student Life and coaches/advisors are expected to always enforce all policies and school rules and to use their best judgment in applying penalties for violations. The advisor or coach shall consult with the Athletic Director or Dean of Student Life prior to suspending a student from an activity or team.

Prohibited Substances violations that occur on or off school property, or at a school related event:

First violation: No participation in co- and/or extra-curricular activities for 20 school days commencing upon return from suspension. The student must complete 10 hours of community service and the student and his/her parents must participate in a meeting with the Athletic Director/Dean of Student Life and coach/advisor prior to returning to the activity.

Second violation: No participation in co- and/or extra-curricular activities for 40 school days commencing upon return from suspension. The student must complete 20 hours of community service and the student and his/her parents must participate in a meeting with the Athletic Director/Dean of Student Life and coach/advisor prior to returning to the activity. The student may be required to take an approved substance abuse prevention course at the parents' expense.

Third violation: Student is ineligible to participate in co-and/or extracurricular activities. His/her parent must participate in a meeting with the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal and coach/advisor prior to returning to the activity. The student will be required to take an approved substance abuse prevention course at the parents' expense.

Section (5) Appeal of Suspension from Activity / Team:

A student who wishes to appeal a suspension from a team/activity must first discuss the matter with his/her advisor or coach.

Following that discussion, if the student and his/her parent/guardian wishes to appeal the suspension, it must be done in writing to the Athletic Director or Dean of Student Life within three school days of notice of the suspension decision. The Athletic Director / Dean of Student Life will investigate as he/she deems advisable and render a decision, in writing, to the student and his/her parent/guardian within five school days.

If the student and his/her parent/guardian are dissatisfied with this decision, the decision may be appealed in writing to the Principal within three school days. The Principal will conduct an investigation he/she deems advisable and render a decision, in writing, to his/her parents within a reasonable time. The Principal's decision is **final**. The student shall remain under suspension during the appeal process.

Section (6) New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletics Association (NHIAA) Regulations:

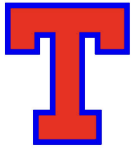
All student athletes representing Trinity High School in interscholastic athletics must comply with the NHIAA regulations

Athletes may participate in an outside sport during their period of high school competition. However, priority must always be given to the high school team, its practices and contests. Failure to do so will result in sanctions by the NHIAA.

Any action that results in the disqualification of a player from a game will be an automatic one game suspension on the next game date. There is a two (2) game suspension for fighting. The player must meet with the Athletic Director before reinstatement.

A student must pass a physical examination prior to the beginning of the athlete's high school career. In every subsequent year, athletes shall complete an updated medical form signed by the parent and submitted to the athletic department.

A student may not participate in interscholastic athletics for more than eight (8) consecutive semesters.



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Student's Full Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

I, _____ (student's name) have read and understand the "Life of a Pioneer" co-curricular code of conduct. I hereby agree to abide by the policies and guidelines outlined in this code of conduct and understand that I will be held responsible for actions that violate this code. I understand that failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in suspension or removal from any team or activity.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____ (parent / legal guardian's name) have read and understand the "Life of a Pioneer" co-curricular code of conduct. I hereby agree to encourage and remind my child to abide by the policies and guidelines outlined in this code of conduct and understand that they will be held responsible for actions that violate this code. I understand that failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in my child's suspension or removal from any team or activity.

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____