CO-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT:

Participation in a co-curricular activity at Centerville High School or Centerville Middle Schools is a privilege, not a right. Students participating in co-curricular activities represent the entire Centerville High School and Middle Schools student population in local, state, regional, and national events. This representation of the school district carries with it the additional responsibility of maintaining the highest personal and ethical conduct. Co-curricular participants include but are not limited to, athletics, cheerleading, athletic support groups, band, band support groups, Coeds, forensic student participants, and managers.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Any student participating in a co-curricular activity shall not use or have in his/her possession, in any form, alcohol, tobacco, other drugs or drug paraphernalia, in or out of season, at any time or at any place.

A student who aids or assists another in committing any of the above infractions shall be deemed equally responsible for the offense and shall receive the same consequence.

Participants should conduct themselves both in and out of school in a manner that reflects good citizenship. Any behavior that results in dishonor to the participant, his or her team, or his or her school will not be tolerated. Examples of unacceptable conduct include, but are not limited to, theft, vandalism, disrespect, and violation of the law.

LIFETIME OF CODE

All students will be considered "participants" and bound by the Code of Conduct beginning with the date the code has been signed and turned in to their coach/advisor. No student shall be allowed to participate in any activity with a group/team until this has been turned in. Once a student has become an official member of a group/team they shall be bound by the Code of Conduct for one calendar year in all activities they participate in. Being an official member is defined as participating in any organized group activity. If the participant is trying out for a group with limited numbers (i.e. "cuts" occur) and are "cut" they no longer will be considered as having been an official member of that group.

INFRACTION PROCEDURE

All alleged infractions will be referred to the Athletic Director. He/she will determine if an infraction has occurred. If it is determined that an infraction has occurred it is the Athletic Director's responsibility to notify the participant, the participant's parents, and the participant's coaches and/or directors.

APPEALS

A written request for an appeal should be directed to the Athletic Director, and must occur within five school days following notification of the infraction. The participant will not be allowed to participate in contests/events during the appeal process. The Coordinating Principal at CHS and the building principal at the student's Middle School will hear the appeal and arrive at a final decision on the case. There will be no further appeals.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL CONSEQUENCES

First Offense:

The participant will not participate in the next contests/events, beginning with the first contest/event in which he/she would participate after determination that an infraction has occurred, equal to 20% of the number of regular scheduled contests/events. The participant will also be referred to the Centerville High School Crisis Intervention Counselor or their Middle School Guidance Counselor. The participant will be permitted to practice during the time period of his/her co-curricular suspension. The participant's reinstatement and eligibility will be determined by the Athletic Director.

OR:

The number of contests/events to be suspended from can be reduced to 10% if the participant agrees to complete 20 hours of approved community service within 45 days of determination that an infraction has occurred. Failure to comply with this will add an additional 20% suspension at the end of 45 days plus all awards will be revoked. Proof of an approved community service plan being in place must be presented to the Athletic Director prior to being reinstated to participate after the 10% suspension has been served. All other consequences relating to intervention, practice, reinstatement, and eligibility remain the same.

Second Offense:

The participant will not participate in any Centerville High School or Centerville Middle Schools co-curricular activity for one calendar year from the date of determination that a second infraction has

occurred. The participant will also be referred to the Centerville High School Crisis Intervention Counselor or their Middle School Guidance Counselor. The participant will not be permitted to practice or take part in any co-curricular events during this time period. The participant's reinstatement and eligibility will be determined by the Athletic Director.

OR:

The suspension can be reduced to 6 months if the participant agrees to complete 40 hours of approved community service within 90 days of determination that an infraction has occurred. Failure to comply with this will result in a year suspension beginning at the end of 90 days. All other consequences relating to intervention, reinstatement, and eligibility remain the same.

Third Offense (and subsequent offenses):

The participant will not be eligible for further participation in any Centerville High School or Centerville Middle Schools co-curricular activities for the remainder of their school career. The participant may apply for reinstatement at the conclusion of one calendar year from the date of determination that an infraction has occurred. This application should be made to the Athletic Director in writing and must include proof of completing an intervention program with, or approved by, the CHS Crisis Intervention Counselor or their Middle School Guidance Counselor and also proof of completing 100 hours of approved community service during this year's suspension. The participant's reinstatement and eligibility will be determined by the Athletic Director.

TOBACCO CONSEQUENCES

First Offense:

The participant will not participate in the next contests/events, beginning with the first contest/event in which he/she would participate after determination that an infraction has occurred, equal to 20% of the number of regular scheduled contests/events. The participant will also be referred to the Centerville High School Crisis Intervention Counselor or their Middle School Guidance Counselor. The participant will be permitted to practice during the time period of his/her co-curricular suspension. The participant's reinstatement and eligibility will be determined by the Athletic Director.

OR:

The number of contests/events to be suspended from can be reduced to 10% if the participant agrees to complete 20 hours of approved community service within 45 days of determination that an infraction has occurred. Failure to comply with this will add an additional 20 % suspension at the end of 45 days plus all awards will be revoked. Proof of an approved community service plan being in place must be presented to the Athletic Director prior to being reinstated to participate after the 10% suspension has been served. All other consequences relating to intervention, practice, reinstatement, and eligibility remain the same.

Second Offense (and subsequent offenses):

The participant will not participate in any Centerville High School co-curricular activity for one calendar year from the date of determination that a second infraction has occurred. The participant will also be referred to the Centerville High School Crisis Intervention Counselor. The participant will not be permitted to practice or take part in any co-curricular events during this time period. The participant's reinstatement and eligibility will be determined by the Athletic Director.

OR:

The suspension can be reduced to 6 months if the participant agrees to complete 40 hours of approved community service within 90 days of determination that an infraction has occurred. Failure to comply with this will result in a year suspension beginning at the end of 90 days. All other consequences relating to intervention, reinstatement, and eligibility remain the same.

CITIZENSHIP

Any possible infraction of the citizenship clause will be reviewed by the athletic director and coach. A decision will then be made which could result in the assignment of community hours and/or suspension from contests. Citizenship infractions will not be considered "offenses" (1st, 2nd, . . .).

RELATED INFORMATION:

1. If the group/sport season or the school year ends while the participant is serving the suspension for a Code of Conduct rule infraction, the balance of the suspension will roll over to the beginning of the next season in which the participant is involved. The number of contests/events to be missed will be determined by applying the percentage rule to the number of regular scheduled events of the activity the participant was involved in when the infraction occurred. If the participant is not involved in an activity

when the infraction occurs, the number of contests/events to be missed will be determined by applying the percentage rule to the number of regular scheduled events of the next activity in which the participant is involved.

2. If an infraction of the Code of Conduct occurs after the conclusion of a season but before the awards program for that activity, or if a suspension as a result of a Code of Conduct infraction has not been completed at the conclusion of a season, the participant will be suspended from the awards program and is ineligible to receive any Centerville High School individual or team awards, including 9th grade numerals, JV letter, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year Varsity awards. In addition, any first offense, second offense, third offense, or subsequent offense consequences will also be applied.

3. If an infraction of the Code of Conduct occurs during the junior or senior year, the participant will not be eligible for the Scholar-Athlete Award during the year of the infraction. If the infraction occurs after the Scholar-Athlete Award ceremony but prior to the end of the school year, the award will be revoked and returned. The following year begins immediately following dismissal from school on the final day of school for that year.

4. If a student becomes a member of a group/team either as a participant, manager, or student aide after the officially designated starting date, he/she cannot serve any percentage of a Code of Conduct suspension during this season. The official starting date is the date established by the Ohio High School Athletic Association as the date on which that sport may begin official practice.

5. In order for any suspension to count, the participant must complete the season and receive an award (certificate, letter, etc.).

6. For each infraction all co-curricular leadership positions (including, but not limited to, captain) will be denied for 1 calendar year from the date the infraction occurred. "Early" reinstatement will not lessen this time length.

7. For each infraction no "special" individual or team awards will be awarded for 1 calendar year. "Early" reinstatement will not lessen this time length. Outside scholarships may be given at the discretion of the group giving the scholarship.

8. If a participant is suspended from school, he/she will be unable to participate in practices, games, competitions, or any other team activities during the time of the suspension.

9. For a participant to be eligible to participate in a game, competition, or event, he/she must be in school a complete half day on the day of the game, competition, or event. A half day is defined as being three complete periods. Any exceptions must be approved through the Athletic Director. If absent for observance of a religious holiday, the athlete may practice or compete even if not present three periods provided the building principal has been notified prior to the absence.

10. The Code of Conduct is in addition to any other policy, rule, or regulation of Centerville High School. Consequences under the Code of Conduct may be in addition to consequences for the violation for these other policies, rules, or regulations.

11. Under the Centerville City Schools Board of Education policy, a student may be suspended from co-curricular activities for up to one year for misconduct other than that related to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

12. If, when applying the 10%, or 20% rule, a partial number of contests/events results, the number will be rounded down to arrive at the length of the suspension. (e.g. 20% of 27 = 5.4 which would be a suspension of 5 games)

13. In order to receive any award, an athlete must finish the season in good standing. Any suspension at the end of the season (academic, Co-curricular code, or otherwise) will result in forfeiture of all awards, including 9th grade numerals, JV letter, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year Varsity awards.

14. Community service hours assigned by Centerville High School will be considered the maximum number of hours assigned including any hours which may have been assigned by the court system for the same offense. (i.e. if the infraction calls for 40 hrs. to be assigned and the court system assigns 20, then Centerville High School will only assign 20 hrs. to bring the total to 40 hrs.) It is understood by all parties that the timing of the infraction may sometimes make the community service alternative more difficult to fulfill.

15. During the time of the suspension, the participant may attend his team's event at the coach's discretion but may not be in uniform.

STUDENT PLEDGE

As a participant in athletic, athletic support group, band, Coeds and/or forensic activities, I agree to abide by all co-curricular rules regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco and/or other drugs. To demonstrate my support, I pledge to:

1. Support my fellow students by setting an example and abstaining from alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

2. Not enable my fellow students who use alcohol/tobacco/drugs. I will not cover up for them or lie for them if any rules are broken. I will hold my teammates responsible for their actions.

3. Seek information and assistance in dealing with alcohol, tobacco and/or other drug problems.

4. Be honest and open with my parents about my feelings, needs and problems.

5. Be open and honest with my coach and other school personnel when the best interests of my fellow students and my school are being jeopardized.

PARENT PLEDGE

As parent(s) of a student participating in the Centerville City Schools' Co-Curricular program, I will support _____,'s agreement to abide by all co-curricular rules. I realize that chemical dependency is a serious problem and I am also concerned about recurring problems that arise from teenage alcohol, tobacco and/or other drug use. To demonstrate my support, I pledge to:

1. Set a positive example by exhibiting low risk use of alcohol/prescriptions and other legal drugs.

2. Heighten my awareness of my child's behavior, psychological needs, social habits, academic status.

3. Assert my authority as parent(s) by not enabling or covering up for my child if the co-curricular rules are broken. I will hold him/her responsible for his/her actions.

4. Not enable by allowing my child to entertain teenagers who are using alcohol, tobacco and/or other drugs in my home or on my property.

5. Uphold the coach/director and other school personnel in dealing with my child.

6. Provide support for my child if it becomes apparent a problem exists.