MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLS
Rules and Regulations Governing Participation
On Athletic Teams and Extracurricular Activities

Student Name_____ Date_____
School Name_____ Extracurricular Activity_____

I. **Justification:** The student activities program is voluntary and extracurricular. Participation in Middle/High school activities is a privilege and not a right. With this privilege, it is the responsibility of the participant to uphold the standards established by the school. These standards are based in the fundamental premise that the participant is in a position of school leadership and he/she should represent the activity, the school, and the community in the highest manner.

II. **Rules of Conduct:** All activity participants are responsible for appropriate conduct as defined in the Prince William County Public Schools Code of Behavior and the rules established by their organization's constitution during the entire term of the activity. Violations may include but are not restricted to:

1. Use of alcohol, drugs, or controlled dangerous substances. (Except by physician's prescription and notification of advisor.)
2. Possession of weapons.

Disciplinary Actions: Violation of rules of conduct 1 or 2 will result in dismissal from the organization.

3. Use of Tobacco.
4. Exceeding the allotted number of absences or tardiness to announced meetings, activities, etc.
5. Violation of the rules and regulations listed in the Prince William County Public Schools Code of Behavior.
6. Failure to maintain appropriate appearance.

Disciplinary Actions: Violation of rules of conduct 3, 4, 5, or 6 will result in disciplinary action ranging from a conference to suspension, to dismissal from the organization.

7. Misconduct or misbehavior which results in "out of school" suspension.

Disciplinary Actions: Violations of the rule of conduct 7 will result in disciplinary action that will include suspension from the games missed and the next game eligible when the student returns or possible dismissal from the organization.

8. Conduct, which results in conviction of non-traffic related class 1 or 2 misdemeanor.

Disciplinary Actions: Violation of the rule of conduct 8 will result in dismissal from all activities for the period of one year following the date of the conviction.

9. Fighting during interscholastic activities. This includes closely following an opposing player during a disturbance; making taunting gestures or sounds; baiting; punching; whether the punch landed or not; pushing; wrestling in a contest other than wrestling; or tackling an opponent outside a legal play situation.

Disciplinary Actions: Violation of the rule of conduct 9 will result in a one game suspension from the next scheduled game. The same penalty applies to any member of the playing squad who leaves the bench during a fight.

III. **Appeal Procedure:** Disciplinary action will be taken only after the student has had the opportunity to answer charges of the violations, including the right to bring his/her own witnesses before the activity sponsor. Appeals may be made to the principal of the middle/high school with a further appeal to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. Since participation in activities is a privilege and not a right, students who are suspended may not participate during the period of the appeal.

Circle Area(s):

ATHLETIC	CHEERLEADING	CHORUS	CLUBS
DANCE TEAM	MARCHING BAND	ORCHESTRA	
STEP TEAM	STUDENT COUNCIL	OTHER_____	

IV. Prince William County's Athletic Eligibility will start on the days report cards are distributed. VHSL begins the next calendar day of the semester.

I have received a copy of the above rules and regulations governing participation in extracurricular activities in Prince William County Schools and a copy of the Prince William County Activities Guide for Students and Parents. I have read and understand the rules and regulations.

Student Signature_____ Parent Signature_____

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