

VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC STANDARDS

PHILOSOPHY

The Victor Board of Education believes that interscholastic athletic involvement is an integral part of a student's total educational program. It forms a connection between the student and the school community and nurtures each student's special interests and abilities. Participation in athletic activities is a privilege and carries with it responsibilities to self, school and community. The Eligibility Standards and Rules will cover four areas: Academic Performance, Chemical Use/Abuse, Student Behavior, and School Attendance.

STANDARDS

1. Students will demonstrate acceptable academic progress in all classes. Teachers, counselors, assistant principals, and building principals will evaluate students. Students ***MUST*** maintain an average of 65 or higher in all classes to be eligible.
2. Students will be drug/chemically/alcohol free as described in the below section.
3. Students will behave as role model citizens for the district, school and community.
4. Students will attend class regularly and meet all attendance requirements.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

An individual class grade of 65 in each class is required. If a student falls below eligibility in one or more classes, the student will be deemed ineligible and must raise that grade before competing in their activity. Athletes must be leaders in the classroom and make academics their first priority. For more information, see [Appendix B](#) on the Victor Central Schools Athletics Website.

DRUG/CHEMICAL/ALCOHOL ABUSE

Students are expected to exercise self-discipline and abstain from any drug/chemical/alcohol use. Students are expected to stay within lawful standards of these substances. Any student caught under the influence of, in possession of, using, buying, or selling an unlawful or prohibited substance will be subject to disciplinary action. For more information, see [Appendix A](#) on the Victor Central Schools Athletics Website.

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VIOLATIONS

- FIRST VIOLATION:** Suspension from participation begins at 25% of the regularly scheduled contests of the team on which he/she is playing. By meeting the criteria below, the suspension may be reduced to 15%.
- Earn positive recommendation from Coach
 - Address the team on the situation
 - Obtain signatures from Coach, Athletic Director and Drug/Alcohol Coordinator for sign off sheet.
 - Participate in the Mandatory Diversion Program
- SECOND VIOLATION:** Suspension from participation in 50% - 60% of the regularly scheduled contests of the team on which he/she is playing. Required Drug and Alcohol Assessments with appropriate treatment / completion. Participation in the Mandatory Diversion Program is required.
- THIRD VIOLATION:** Dismissal from the team for a period up to one calendar year or permanent suspension from all athletic programs for the duration of the student's school career.

Final decisions regarding the appropriate sanction for a violation of the rules may be imposed to the Athletic Review Board.

Mandatory Diversion Program: Any student athlete who violates the regulations for drug and/or alcohol use shall be required to participate in a Substance Abuse Diversion Program developed or approved by Victor Central Schools. A failure to participate in this program shall result in continued athletic suspension.

Carry-Over: If the duration of the consequence extends beyond the end of the current season, it will carry over to the next season in which the student athlete participates. It will not affect the tryout period for the next season.

Suspensions: Suspensions apply to regularly scheduled contests and do not include scrimmages.

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[APPENDIX SECTION AVAILABLE](#)

Appendix sections are available on the Victor Central School District website under the Athletic Department section. Appendix sections available include, but are not limited to:

[Appendix A: ATHLETIC RULES GOVERNING SUBSTANCE ABUSE](#)

[Appendix B: OTHER MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION](#)

[Appendix C: CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING THE ATHLETIC RULES AND REGULATIONS](#)

[Appendix D: ATHLETIC REVIEW BOARD PROCEDURES AND APPEALS](#)

TERMS OF AGREEMENT FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

I have read and understand the contents of the VCS Athletic Rules and Regulations of Participation documents and supporting appendices, and agree to those terms and conditions. I agree to be bound by the Code of Conduct and regulations for participation in student athletics. I understand that, by participating in a sport, I am a representative of Victor Central Schools and a role model to fellow students. I agree to conduct myself in an acceptable and appropriate fashion. I further understand that participation in the Athletic Program is a privilege, not a right, and is subject to the rules and regulations of Victor Central Schools.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

*** Please Note: This contract will be in effect the entire year, which includes the summer months.**

Approved by the VCS Board of Education on August, 16th 2018