

Barrington High School



Activities Handbook

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All school functions held after regular class hours are considered part of the entire educational program and as such are governed by the general regulations applicable at all other times. The following procedures must be followed for the recognition of school clubs and organizations by the Student Council and the school administration:

1. The club or organization must develop a constitution that specifies the purpose, functions and needs of the group.
2. Included in its plan for operation must be proposed budget figures which indicate the cost involved and the means by which it plans to subsidize its activities. If the advisor is to be paid, this must be stipulated in advance and is subject to school committee approval.
3. There will be no size limitation; rather, the number of members must be commensurate with the activity and the amount of interest displayed.
4. The constitution must be presented to the executive committee of the Student Council for consideration. It will be presented at one council meeting and acted upon at the next.
5. Student Council approval is the necessary first step in a series of actions that an organization must encounter on its way to existence. The ultimate approval, especially in regards to educational philosophy and financial support, must come from the school committee through its designated agents, the superintendent and the school administration. The acceptance of a club organization by the Student Council will be passed on to the school administration, superintendent's office and school committee for approval.
6. Recognition of a club or organization brings with it all the benefits of existing clubs and organizations in the use of school facilities and fund-raising. It assumes the responsibilities of existing organizations in the acceptance of established policies and restrictions that will govern all school clubs and organizations.
7. In order to avoid conflicts, two annual fund-raising activities that are service oriented will be permitted.

ALLIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONS (HOSA)

Advisor: Ms. Nicodemus

AMERICAN COMPUTER SCIENCE LEAGUE

Advisor: Mr. Correia

Approximately 400 schools in the United States and Canada participate in the American Computer Science League (ACSL). Students take part in four contests that are held during the school year. Members will meet three or four times after school prior to each contest to cover specific topics and do sample programs.

ART CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Kulis

The purpose of the Art Club is to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of art. Members work on both individual and group projects. Field trips are planned to art museums and professional studios. The club meets one afternoon per week.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Advisor: Ms. DePietro

The purpose of this club is to enrich the knowledge and understanding of the Cosmos. One pathway through which this purpose will be achieved is by classroom enrichment and lectures from scientists in the community. The other pathway of learning will be experiential learning with hands-on practice with telescopes to follow the path of the stars, sun, and moon.

ATHLETICS

Barrington High School offers a comprehensive program of sports for both boys and girls. Students who participate in our athletic program will receive a copy of the *Student Athlete Handbook*. This publication covers a range of topics including conduct, eligibility and requirements for participation.

SEASON	BOYS	GIRLS
FALL	Varsity Cross Country *	Varsity Cross Country *
	JV and Varsity Soccer	JV and Varsity Soccer
	JV, and Varsity Football	JV and Varsity Field Hockey
	Unified Volleyball (Co-Ed)	Varsity Football Cheerleading
		JV and Varsity Tennis
		JV and Varsity Volleyball
WINTER	Varsity Swimming	Varsity Swimming
	Varsity Indoor Track and Field *	Varsity Indoor Track and Field*
	Freshman, JV, and Varsity Basketball	JV, and Varsity Basketball
	Varsity Wrestling *	Varsity Gymnastics
	Varsity Ice Hockey *	Varsity Ice Hockey *
		Varsity Basketball Cheerleading
SPRING	Freshman, JV, and Varsity Baseball	JV, and Varsity Softball
	Varsity Outdoor Track and Field *	Varsity Outdoor Track and Field *
	JV and Varsity Tennis	JV and Varsity Lacrosse
	JV and Varsity Lacrosse	
	Varsity Golf (Co-Ed)	
	JV and Varsity Volleyball	
	Unified Basketball (Co-Ed)	

* Note: JV contests/events may be scheduled in cross-country, indoor/outdoor track, wrestling, and ice hockey.

BEST BUDDIES CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Tolento/Mrs. Sapolsky

The purpose of this club is to enrich the knowledge and understanding of the Cosmos. One pathway through which this purpose will be achieved is by classroom enrichment and lectures from scientists in the community. The other pathway of learning will be experiential learning with hands-on practice with telescopes to follow the path of the stars, sun, and moon.

CHINESE CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Sun

The purpose of the Chinese Club is to provide greater education in Chinese culture and commence the use of the spoken and written Chinese language. A wide range of cultural activities will be part of the club activities.

CLASS OFFICERS

Class officers are responsible for providing leadership to their respective classes. They work closely with the administration and class advisors in determining and planning class activities. Elections for the following year are usually held in the month of May. Each class elects a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and two social committee members. There are several election guidelines that must be emphasized:

1. A student can only be elected to one position. If a student is elected to Student Council, that student is not eligible to run for a class office.
2. Only those students who turn in the required petition by the designated time will have their name on the ballot.
3. The election takes place in Advisory, and only students in Advisory will have the right to vote.
4. In order to be elected on the first ballot, a student must receive a majority vote. If not, a run-off election will be held. The winner will then be the student with the most votes.

Elections are conducted by the advisor. The detailed BHS election procedure is available from the main office and/or class advisors.

CLASS ADVISORS

Class of 2025: Mr. Paola, Mrs. Hennessey

Class of 2026: Mrs. Correia

Class of 2027: Mr. Scott, Mrs. Corr

Class of 2028:

CHAIN REACTION CLUB

Advisor Mr. Appel

The purpose of the Chain Reaction Club is to help the school community recognize diversity and to promote the development of a culture of awareness, understanding and acceptance so that all individuals are valued and treated with respect.

CHESS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Marshall

CHINESE CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Sun

COMMON GROUND CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Scott

DANCES

The Student Council sponsors several informal dances (including Homecoming) in the cafeteria during the year. Students are not permitted to loiter before, during, or after a dance. Once students leave the dance, they will not be readmitted. All dances have a curfew (9:00pm) after which students will not be admitted. All school regulations are in effect for students who attend BHS dances, and all rules listed in the Code of Conduct (General Misbehavior) will apply.

DEBATE and SPEECH TEAM

Advisor: Mrs. Turner

The Debate and Speech team is a unique organization where it is possible to increase your communication skills, become more articulate, and gain knowledge of current events. Research is not required to be competitive, although a broad base of general knowledge is useful. Debate forms include Parliamentary, which stresses spontaneity and quick wit, and Team Value, which concentrates on factual evidence and cross-examination. Throughout the year, many speech tournaments are held offering such events as Novice Reading, Student Congress, and Children's Literature. In the past, qualified members have had the opportunity to compete on a national level.

e-SPORTS GAMING CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Schachter

EAGLE'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Downey

The Eagle's Athletic Club is an organization open to membership to any male or female athlete who has been awarded one major or two minor letters and who is currently active in at least one sport at the high school. The purpose of the Eagle's Athletic Club is to promote leadership and sportsmanship, assist in athletic functions, and sponsor activities which promote cooperation between the school and community. Meetings are generally held twice each month.

EAGLE'S OUTLET

Advisors: Mr. West

The Eagle's Outlet is run by students from the Business Principles and Marketing classes. Students use the store as a laboratory to learn about the real world of owning and operating a small business. The students actively participate in the buying of school supplies, clothes and candy. They learn about display, advertising, merchandising, financial recordkeeping, cash and inventory control. The store is open before school from 7:00 AM to 7:35 AM, during the three lunch periods, and after school from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. T-shirts, hats, jackets, and sweatshirts with the Barrington logo embroidered are available. Any of these items can be custom designed with a sport, club or individual name and/or logo. School supplies, notebooks, memo pads, pens and pencils are also sold. Students sign up to work in the school store.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Nicodemus

Working in partnership with the Town of Barrington, the club members will gain experience in assisting in installation and maintenance of gardens at the High School, other Town Schools, Senior Citizens Center, and Wood's Pond as well as participating and/or sponsoring environmental events such as Bar-Zap Day, Audubon's Shoreline Litter Survey and Green Scene, a town-wide pine tree giveaway held annually to commemorate Earth Day.

FILM CLUB

Advisor:

FINANCE CLUB

Advisor:

FRENCH CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. DiPaola

The French Club is an organization of students who are interested in France and other French-speaking countries and areas. Membership is open to all students. Activities usually include four or five meetings with students from other high schools who have joined the Junior Alliance. Activities are planned by the teachers from the schools and include outside native French speakers, ethnic dances, student-produced skits, art lectures, visits and French cooking. Dues are \$4.00 per year.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Advisors: Mr. West

The Barrington Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a national organization for high school students who are interested in pursuing a business career. The purpose of FBLA is to provide additional opportunities for students in business programs to develop career supportive competencies and to promote civic and personal responsibility. A state and national Leadership Conference involves competitive events which give the students an opportunity to compete with other schools in the state and the nation. FBLA members also have the opportunity to operate the Eagle's Outlet school store and gain practical experience. To become a member, students must be currently or have been previously enrolled in a business class. Meetings are held monthly.

GENDER SEXUALITY ALLIANCE - (GSA) LBGTQR

Advisor: Mrs. Siravo-Bazin/Mr. Paola

The purpose of the Gay-Straight Alliance is to provide a place for students concerned about any type of LGBTQ+ issues to find common ground. This organization provides a jumping off point for heightened awareness and visibility of issues here at Barrington High School.

GENDER EQUITY AND AWARENESS

Advisor: Ms. Bergevine

INTERACT CLUB

Advisor:

The Interact Club is an organization whose major purpose is to provide students with opportunities to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. This club is jointly sponsored by Barrington High School and the Rotary Club of Warren. To become a member, students must possess good character and leadership potential. Each year the club undertakes projects, two of which are designed to serve the school or community and to promote international understanding. The club generally meets twice per month.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Klein

All students interested in learning about other cultures and who are interested in international understanding are invited to become members of the International Club. This club works closely with American Field Service in such activities as International Week and the International Dinner. Meetings are held monthly.

LATIN CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Smith

The Latin Club is designed to further enhance students' understanding of the Latin language and their cultural knowledge about the Roman people. A variety of activities throughout the year will be organized to support this celebration of love for Latin.

LIFESMARTS

Advisor:

LifeSmarts is an Internet competition that encourages teenagers to learn about consumer issues. The program is run by the National Consumers League. Done in a game-show style for the state competitions, the content and competition questions focus on five key areas of consumer knowledge that teens need to know: Personal Finance, Health and Safety, Environment, Technology, and Consumer Rights and Responsibilities. In addition to the important information and knowledge that students gain, they also develop teamwork, self-esteem, verbal communication skills, and leadership abilities.

LITERARY/ART MAGAZINE (*The Revue*)

Advisor: Mrs. Pickford

The Revue is the school's annual publication of creative work by students which can be shown in printed form including poetry, short stories, non-fiction, photography and drawings. Membership on the staff is open to all students interested in writing, editing, layout, art and photography. The staff meets on a frequent basis throughout the school year for the purpose of reviewing work submitted for publication; meetings are scheduled with increasing frequency as the publication date approaches.

MOCK TRIAL

Advisor: Mr. Carrara

The Mock Trial team(s) will be composed of four to six students who are interested in participating in Mock Trial tournaments. As a member of the Mock Trial team, students will develop and promote life skills including communication skills, public speaking, negotiation, critical thinking, citizenship awareness, consumer expertise, and leadership. The Mock Trial team(s) will meet once a week from September until the date of the Rhode Island Mock Trial Tournament.

MODEL LEGISLATURE
Advisor: Mr. Pickford

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Advisor:

The purpose of this organization shall be to prepare for participation in Model United Nations Conferences as well as to promote a greater interest in international affairs, a better understanding of the global political environment in which we live, and the development of research, writing, public speaking, problem solving, consensus building, conflict resolution, compromise, and cooperation skills useful throughout life.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Advisor: Ms. Schoppel

The National Honor Society is a high school organization with chapters in six thousand schools throughout the nation. Its purposes are to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and to develop character. To be admitted to the Society, a student must be outstanding in scholarship, service, leadership and character. A student must initiate his or her own application to the National Honor Society. The applications for all candidates will be reviewed by a faculty committee. Students deserving membership to this Society will be required to meet the following criteria:

Scholarship: Scholarship is a standard of high academic achievement. The student must have accomplished the following:

1. Maintained a cumulative average of 3.6 at the midpoint of the junior year.
2. Maintained a cumulative average of 3.6 at the beginning of the senior year.

Service: Service is defined as work done or duty performed for another or others. Such service is rendered in school, in one's community, or in one's family. For election to the National Honor Society, the applicant must complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours towards one meaningful service project or thirty (30) hours in a diversity of service areas during his/her high school years. All the service hours must be documented with service recommendations which include statement(s) of verification. The prospective candidate must submit one typed page explanation regarding the contribution his service made to the community. The service performed cannot be given for compensation of any kind or be part of an academic class.

Leadership: A leader is a person who directs, commands, or is the guiding light of a group or activity. You are not just a participant or member of a group but through your talents you help the group reach a desired goal. Leadership does not necessarily require election or appointment to a position of trust or responsibility. Leadership is also an intangible quality. Leaders create a positive climate within an organization. Viable candidates for National Honor Society must be able to document at least one area of leadership.

Character: Character consists of being a moral person, of being responsible for one's decisions or trying to do the right things. It means that you care about yourself and others. You try to make this world just a little bit better by your having been here. National Honor Society applicants must present three (3) letters of character reference. The letters cannot be written by a parent/guardian or an immediate family member. Only one recommendation may be from a Barrington School system employee (teacher, coach, administrator, guidance counselor, etc.). *NOTE: Letters of recommendation or verification must be from different sources. If you have any questions regarding membership requirements, please see the Advisor.*

NEW ENGLAND MATH TEAM

Advisor: Mr. Marley

The New England Math Team is open to all interested students at Barrington High School. The purpose of the team is to further the study of mathematics outside the classroom, provide students with the opportunity to compete with each other at the school level, provide students with an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments during the competitions within their own class, and to participate in the New England Mathematics League.

OUTING CLUB

Advisor: Albert Garcia

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Advisor: Ms. Tucciarone

RHODE ISLAND MATH TEAM

Advisor: Mr. Marley

The purpose of the Rhode Island Math Team is to further the study of mathematics outside the classroom, provide students with the opportunity to compete against teams within the state and eventually against teams from schools throughout the New England area, provide students with an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments during the competitions at the state and regional level, and to participate in the Rhode Island Mathematics League. The team is open to all students who have an interest in mathematics.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Silva

The purpose of this organization shall be to further the study of science outside the classroom; provide an environment where students can meet with students sharing an interest in robotics; provide a project-driven environment where students apply robotics to real-world problems; provide

students hands-on experience in construction and experimentation with robots and participate in competitions deemed suitable and relevant to the projects being undertaken.

SAILING CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Chwalk

The Sailing Club offers students who have an interest in sailing the opportunity to compete against teams from other secondary schools. Competitions and practices are conducted in cooperation with the Barrington Yacht Club.

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Advisor:

The *Talon* is a student newspaper concerned with reporting various current events germane to the high school. Any student interested and willing to learn more about news writing and its demands will be given the opportunity to perform on the staff. In addition to news reporting and feature writing, there are opportunities for those who are interested in the business end of the paper, such as selling advertisements and subscriptions.

SCIENCE FAIR

Advisor: Mrs. Siliezar

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Advisor: Ms. Cancel/Mr. Marshall

The purpose of this organization is to further the study of science outside the classroom, to provide students with the opportunity to compete with each other at the school level, to provide students with the opportunity to meet students from different school districts, to provide students with an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments during the competitions within their own class, and to participate in the Rhode Island Science Olympiad.

SPANISH CLUB

Advisor: Mrs. Cardin

The purpose of the Spanish Club is to facilitate greater education in Spanish/Hispanic culture and commence and consistently improve the use of the spoken Spanish language.

SQUASH CLUB

Advisor: Mr. Riley

This club practices at the Rhode Island Country Club and may have matches with other area schools. Students can learn new skills or improve their game through practice and competition.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Advisor: Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Correia

The Student Council represents the student body in matters pertaining to school government. It sponsors freshman orientation, dances, pep rallies, and homecoming, among other activities. It generally meets Monday evenings at 7:00 PM to discuss school life, student concerns and general issues facing the school and community. All students are encouraged to attend and actively participate in all activities as well as to bring issues before the council. The Student Council is in charge of the bulletin board in the foyer and donates to various charities during the year. Any student or organization interested in publicizing an activity should contact the publicity chairperson or the faculty advisor. Elections for Student Council for the following year are usually held in May. Each class elects eight representatives. The president and vice president are elected by grades 9, 10 and 11. The president must be a member of the senior class. There are several election guidelines that must be emphasized:

1. A student can only be elected to one position. If a student is elected to Student Council, that student is not eligible to run for a class office.
2. Only those students who turn in the required petition by the designated time will have their name on the ballot.
3. The election takes place in Advisory, and only students in Advisory will have the right to vote.
4. In order to be elected on the first ballot, a student must receive a majority vote. If not, a run-off election will be held. The winner will then be the student with the most votes.

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STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD)

Advisor: Mrs. Royley

SADD is a student organization that promotes healthy decision-making. The main focus is to encourage students not to drink and drive. Membership is open to all students who are interested in working to promote safe driving. Meetings are held in the evenings at 7:00 PM. Members sign a contract that is an agreement not to drink and drive or get in a car with someone who has been drinking. The group supports its members and the entire student body by promoting awareness through presentations, assemblies and other programs. Fundraisers are held to support the organization.

SUNRISE SHOW

Advisor: Mr. West

Morning News Television Show produced and directed by students who have an interest in television production. Sunrise starts every school day with high school news and updates that impact the high school community.

THEATRE ARTS (STAGEMASTERS)

Advisor: Ms. Spaziano, Mrs. Corr

To become a member in good standing, one must be interested enough in all phases of theater to be a regular active participating member. This means regular committee participation or production crew assistance if one is not involved in an acting role. Meetings and rehearsals are held after school and in the evenings and/or Saturdays. Two or three major productions are done each year. The Barrington High School Stagemasters may also participate in the annual Rhode Island High School Drama Festival.

THEATRE ARTS (TECHNICAL)

Advisor: MR. Forcello

UNIFIED THEATRE

Advisor: Ms. Keily, Ms. Tolento

Students and Students with Intellectual Disabilities come together to create, write, produce, and perform a theatre production that includes everyone involved with the show.

YEARBOOK (ARROW)

Advisor: Ms. Lindenburg

The production of the *ARROW* involves a great deal of work in advertising, circulation, photography, typing, layout, art and writing. Students from all classes are encouraged to participate as the yearbook attempts to cover all classes, activities and interests.

YOUNG POLITICIANS

Advisor: Jennifer Sapolsky

The purpose of this club is to enrich the knowledge and understanding of current events and politics on a local and national scale, and to provide a bipartisan group where all sides of issues can be freely discussed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Eligibility

In order to participate in interscholastic athletics or any club/activity that is part of the extra-curricular program at Barrington High School students must (1) take a minimum of five courses in addition to physical education (2.75 credits) per semester, (2) take a minimum of 6.00 credits per year, (3) not have failed more than one course, including physical education, at the end of the previous marking period. Students who failed two courses at the end of the previous marking period will be academically eligible if they are not failing more than one course at the midterm reporting date of the current marking period. A progress report will be requested from each of the student's teachers. A student who failed more than two courses at the end of the previous marking period will be academically ineligible for the current marking period. The marking period will be considered the quarterly report card marks. Therefore, students' eligibility will be determined equally and fairly for each and every quarter. Eligibility is based on grades earned for each of the four quarterly marking periods.

A student who has two or more "incompletes", or one failure and one incomplete at the end of the quarter will have two weeks to satisfy the requirements of those courses or be considered academically ineligible for the remainder of the current marking period.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of all extra curricular activities. Further, we believe that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound student activities program. Students are expected to abide by this code of conduct which applies to all participants representing a club, activity, team, or leadership position at Barrington High School.

A. Citizenship

"Good citizenship, ethical behavior, integrity, and the respect for others" are the guiding principles that permeate all activities in our school. In perception and practice, citizenship is defined as those qualities, which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. All individuals, regardless of their role, are expected to model citizenship because of their influence on the behavior of others.

Students must:

- Appreciate and understand that their behavior is observed and emulated by many who are younger;
- accept and understand the seriousness of their responsibility and the privilege of representing their school and community; and
- live up to the standards of citizenship established by the school administration, coaches and advisors.

Within Interscholastic Competitions:

- treat opponents the way they would like to be treated, as a guest or friend;
- refrain from taunting, trash-talking, or making any kind of derogatory remarks, especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature, to their opponents during an event;
- wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner that they would like to receive following a victory or defeat;
- respect the integrity and judgment of event officials; and
- win with humility and lose with grace.

B. Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

Medical research substantiates that the use of alcohol and mood modifying substances produce harmful effects on the human body. You cannot compromise your participation in extracurricular activities by using or being involved with alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. Students who experiment with such substances jeopardize program morale, reputation, success, and they do physical harm to themselves. Students must decide if they want to hold a leadership position or want to be part of their activity or club. If they do wish to be a participant, they must make the commitment in order to do so. A big part of this decision means refraining from the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and steroids. Students are considered in violation of this policy if they are “in the presence of”, “possess”, “consume” (including being under the influence of), and/or “distribute”, other than as prescribed by a physician for personal use, any tobacco product, controlled drug and/or intoxicant or steroid at any time (see Year Round Expectations) whether during school, at any school activity, on school property, or at locations off school property.

Alcohol and Drugs

For a first offense, a student will be:

- suspended from all events, meetings, and/or practices for fifteen (15) succeeding calendar days from the activity/club in which the student participates. After the tenth (10) day, the student may return for meetings or practices only. The suspension must include at least the next major scheduled event. The student will be reinstated in the activity/club after the fifteenth day once all the requirements have been met. This suspension will be completed during the active member’s participation.
- reinstated to the activity/club, provided the Student meets with the Director of Student Activities, the Advisor, and the Student Assistance Counselor.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Student will meet with the Director of Student Activities and/or Assistant Principal before reinstatement to the activity or club.
- required to forfeit their leadership position, if they hold one.
- If there is not sufficient time remaining in the academic school year to complete the suspension, it will be carried over to the next year in which that student participates. *Students in the National Honor Society may be placed on additional probation or dismissed from that organization.*

Note: policies for athletes are outlined in the Student Athlete Handbook

For any additional violation in the same year or subsequent year(s), a student will be:

- suspended from all interscholastic competitions and extracurricular activities for 365 calendar days.

Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco

Students who use tobacco products including, but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco, etc... will be in violation of school policy.

For a first offense, a student will be:

- suspended from all events, meetings, and/or practices for seven (7) succeeding calendar days from the activity/club in which the student participates. After the fifth (5) day, the student may return for meetings or practices only. The suspension must include at least the next major scheduled event. The student will be reinstated in the activity/club after the seventh day once all the requirements have been met. This suspension will be completed during the active member's participation.
- reinstated to the activity/club, provided the student meets with the Director of Student Activities, the Advisor, and the Student Assistance Counselor.
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Student will meet with the Director of Student Activities and/or Assistant Principal before reinstatement to the activity or club.
- required to forfeit their leadership position, if they hold one.
- If there is not sufficient time remaining in that academic school year to complete the suspension, it will be carried over to the next year in which that student participates.

For a second offense, a student will be:

- suspended from all interscholastic competitions and extracurricular activities for 45 calendar days.

For any additional violation in the same year or subsequent year(s), a student will be:

- suspended from all interscholastic competitions and extracurricular activities for 365 calendar days.

Year Round Expectations

The substance use policy at Barrington High School is in effect year round, throughout the academic year and summer for all students involved in our extra curricular programs. There is a reason for this ... ***We care about the welfare of our students.*** We expect a year round commitment from you if you want to be involved in the student activities program at Barrington High School. Violation of this policy will be enforced at the beginning of the next activity the student participates in.

Presence at Parties with Alcohol and Drugs

If a student attends a party where alcohol or drugs are being illegally dispensed, the student must leave the party immediately.

C. Cyber Images

Any identifiable image, text, photo, or video which implicates a student athlete to have been in possession or in the presence of alcohol and/or drugs, or portrays actual use, or out of character behavior or crime, shall be confirmation of a violation of the code of conduct.

Since there is no way to establish a time frame for when or the location of where the image was taken, it shall be a responsibility that the student must assume. It must also be noted that there may be persons, who would attempt to implicate a student, by taking such images, to place them in a situation where they might be in violation of this code standard. Students must take every precaution to not place themselves in such an environment.

D. Hazing

Under no circumstances will any type of hazing and/or initiation be tolerated. The term “hazing”, as defined by Rhode Island State Law, means any conduct or method of initiation by any student organization, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person (abbreviated from State of Rhode Island Hazing Law, section 11-21-1(b)). Violation of this policy will result in strong disciplinary action, including suspension from the club or activity and loss of leadership positions.

The following activities include but are not limited to some examples of violation of this standard:

- Requiring the consumption of any food, alcohol, drug, or other substance;
- Requiring participation in physical activities, such as calisthenics, exercise, or other games or activities requiring physical exertion;
- Exposing another to weather elements or other physically or emotionally uncomfortable situation;
- Forcing excessive fatigue from sleep deprivation, physical activities or exercise;
- Requiring anything that would be illegal under any applicable law, including laws of the State of Rhode Island;
- Requiring anything that can be reasonably expected to be morally offensive to another;
- Committing or requiring any act that demeans another based on race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, religion, or age;
- Committing any act of physical brutality against another, including, but not limited to, paddling, striking with fists, open hands, or objects, and branding;
- Kidnapping or transporting another with the intent of stranding him or her;
- Committing verbal abuse;
- Forcing or requiring conduct that can be reasonably expected to embarrass or adversely affect the dignity of another, including the performance of public stunts and activities such as scavenger hunts;
- Intentionally creating labor or work for another;
- Denying sufficient time for study or other academic activities; or
- Committing or requiring another to commit any sexual act or engage in lewd behavior.

E. Attendance

In order to participate, students must be present in school during the whole day. This means students must be in attendance at the beginning of the 1st Period Block by **8:30am** (9:04am on late start days). Students missing school for reasons other than illness must be

excused in advance of the absence in order to participate. Students absent from school on Friday or a day preceding a holiday and/or a weekend event are ineligible to participate unless the absence is excused in advance by an Administrator.

If a student must be dismissed from school for a medical appointment, etc..., they will be required to return to school with a note from the medical office or other official entity in where the student was during the time released from school. A note dismissing a student for a complete school day does not permit that student to participate in their activity that day, unless excused in advance by an Administrator.

F. Appearance

Students assume the responsibility of representing their school; consequently, they are expected to dress presentably on trips and at all school-related events.

G. Travel

Transportation must be coordinated through school and district transportation systems, to and from extracurricular activities provided by the Barrington Public Schools unless previous arrangements are made by the student's parents for exceptional situations, or notification must be made to parents, students, and the Director of Student Activities when District transportation is not available.

The Director of Student Activities and the advisor must approve permission for exceptions. In addition:

1. Students will remain with their club/team under the supervision of the advisor when attending away events.
2. Students may return from an away event only with their parents. In that event, the parent must request permission from the Director of Student Activities and the advisor prior to the contest. The student will be released to the parent only upon the personal recognition of the parent by the advisor.
3. Students are not permitted to drive their own vehicles to away events.
4. Students who miss the bus will not be allowed to participate in the event unless there are extenuating circumstances.
5. All regular school bus rules will be followed.

Additionally, advisors or volunteers should only provide students with transportation in instances where all other school options are not possible.

1. In the event of students requiring personal transportation, two adults or multiple students must be present at all times.
2. All transportation will start and end at the school, never to/from a student's home.
3. In the event that a parent fails to pick-up their child within the allotted time, the activity leader will call the parent and/or emergency contact to determine next steps.

H. Conflicts in Extracurricular Activities

Students who attempt to participate in several extracurricular activities will, undoubtedly, be in a position of a conflict of obligations. We recognize that students should have the

opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular activities, and to this end, attempt to schedule events in a manner to minimize conflicts. Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid continuous conflicts. This includes being cautious about belonging to too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means notifying the advisors/coaches involved immediately when a conflict does arise.

When a conflict arises, the advisors/coaches will work out a solution so those students do not feel caught in the middle. If a solution cannot be found, the principal or his designee will make the decision based on the following:

- the relative importance of each event;
- the importance of each event to the student;
- the relative contribution the student can make;
- how long each event has been scheduled; and
- conversation with the student and/or parents.

Once the decision has been made and the student has followed that decision, he/she will not be penalized in any way by either advisor/coach. If it becomes obvious that students cannot fulfill the obligation of a school activity, they should withdraw from that activity.

I. Selection of the Club

In some cases selection becomes necessary to participate in an extra curricular activity. Selection of a program is the sole responsibility of the advisors of those programs. Their actions, however, must be consistent with the philosophy and policies of the student activity program. The selection process must not be arbitrary or capricious.

J. Officers

Officers are elected or appointed according to the club's constitution. Prior to the selection procedures, students are informed by the advisor of the criteria for selection and obligations of the position. The position of officer is one of honor, leadership and responsibility. As a result, students serving in that capacity are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner both in and outside of school.

Any student involved in a violation of the code of conduct that results in a suspension from school, or any student who is associated with, in possession of, or found to be involved with drugs, steroids, alcohol, tobacco use, weapons, or crimes outside of school, will lose the ability to serve as a leader of a student club or activity and a captain of any school-sponsored athletic team for a period of one calendar year.

K. Individual Advisor's Rules

Advisors may establish (with advanced approval of the Director of Athletics and Student Activities and the Principal) additional rules and regulations for their respective programs. These rules must be given in writing by the advisor to all members and explained fully at the start of the program. Penalties for violation of club rules will also be in writing and will be administered by the advisor. Additional club rules must be consistent with all other school rules and regulations. Copies will be kept on file in the Director of Student Activities' office. Advisors may take reasonable disciplinary action pertaining to any problem that may

arise that has not already been reviewed in this statement.

L. Leaving a Program

Students who leave a club will have 48 hours to ask the advisor for reinstatement. These students are expected to discuss their decision with the Director of Student Activities and the Advisor. This is an important step so that they realize their responsibility to the program and themselves.

M. Student Behavior and School Policies/Rules

Students will abide by all rules and regulations outlined in the “Code of Behavior” published in the Handbook for Students and Parents which is available at www.barringtonhigh.org.

Students who do not abide by the “Code of Behavior” in the student handbook may be subject to suspension from Student Activities. Consequences, if any, will be determined by school administration and the director of student activities. Out of character behavior and/or criminal offenses could result in suspension or elimination of the privilege to participate in the program.

- *Students in the National Honor Society may be placed on additional probation or dismissed from that organization.*

N. Suspension/Detention

Students cannot participate in student activities while serving a suspension or detention.

A student who is issued a detention must attend the session(s) assigned regardless of student activity conflicts. If appropriate, students with away events must meet with an Assistant Principal to be reassigned to the next open day to serve the detention.

Suspended students are not permitted to participate during any school suspension. Reinstatement will be determined by the School Administrators, Director of Student Activities, and the Advisor. A student who is suspended more than once during the program will jeopardize their involvement, and may not be permitted to continue participation for the remainder of that program.

N. COMMUNICATION/MEETINGS/OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Communication

1. All advisors will communicate with students through approved Barrington Public Schools systems only. These include emails ending in @barringtonschools.org, the Remind System, and Google Voice and Text. Individual cell phone numbers will no longer be considered acceptable portals of communication.
2. In the case of volunteers, all communications will include a Carbon Copy (CC) to the advisor or school authority under which they operate.
3. All parents will receive the option to receive a CC on these communications as well.

Meetings, Training, and Coaching

1. One-on-one sessions will not take place between a student and an advisor, volunteer or activity leader behind closed doors.
2. One-on-one coaching, training, or activities must occur in areas that are visible to other adults or students or in a public area. Sessions must occur with multiple students present or in the presence of an additional adult.

Activities not sponsored by BPS

1. All advisors using BPS schools and grounds for unsponsored events, must inform parents in writing that their activity is unaffiliated with the District.
2. Any unsponsored event or activity on school grounds requires a buildings use/facilities form approved by the District.
3. To receive approval, the activity or event must provide the District with the associated pamphlet and sign-up forms.
4. Activity leaders must submit background checks to the District to run events and activities that involve BPS students and require a buildings use/facilities form.

In the event that a student, parent, advisor or volunteer has any concerns related to any policies, they should contact the Director of Athletics and Student Activities or the Principal of their child's school. All matters of student safety is the primary concern of Barrington Public Schools. All matters brought forward are to be held confidential by all parties.

CRITERIA FOR ADDING CLUBS

1. Barrington High School offers a variety of clubs and other extracurricular activities where there are a significant number of students expressing interest in those clubs and activities.
2. The School Committee will provide funds for advisors of approved clubs and activities in so far as these funds are available. The School Committee will allow approved clubs and activities to raise funds so that their programs will be self-supporting.
3. The clubs and activities must be consistent with the educational goals of the school district.
4. Appropriate and sufficient facilities must exist, and it must be possible to coordinate the use of facilities so as not to conflict with existing programs.
5. All clubs and activities must have an advisor who is appointed by the Superintendent of Schools
6. All clubs and activities must be formed, operated, and supervised in accordance with the School Committee policy on Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities and the Barrington High School Activities Handbook.
7. All clubs must have a constitution which is 1) discussed with the Principal and Director of Athletics and Student Activities, 2) presented to and approved by the Student Council, and 3) approved by the Barrington School Committee.
8. The constitution must be approved by November 1 of the year prior to which the club is to become an active part of the extra-curricular program so that the club can be included within the school's annual budget.
9. Clubs may not be formed as part of a student's Senior Project.

CRITERIA FOR DELETING CLUBS

1. If for any reason a club or activity may need to be deleted, the Principal and the Director of Athletics and Student Activities will evaluate which clubs will be removed based on criteria such as the following:
 - Insufficient student participation
 - Lack of an appointed advisor
 - Lack of appropriate facilities
 - Lack of appropriate funding
 - Safety concerns

