

Franklin County Community School Corporation
Code of Conduct Grades 7-12
Board Approved May 11, 2020

Every student is expected to adhere to all policies as stated in the Franklin County High School and the Franklin County Middle School Handbooks. Coaches, sponsors, teachers and school administrators are responsible for enforcing these policies. All students are expected to behave in a manner, inside and outside of school that will not reflect discredit upon the school or create a disruptive influence. Students who also drive to school or participate in athletics, extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities (collectively, "Activities") are subject to the following Code of Conduct:

Section 1-Possession, distribution, or use of any illegal substance on or off school property:

If a Student who participates in Activities is found to be in possession of, distributes, or uses any illegal substances, on or off school property, shall be subject to the following:

First Offense - The student shall be excluded from all Activities for 365 days (one calendar year) beginning the day that the offense is verified. The student may resume activities 4 weeks from the date the offense is verified, if the following conditions are met:

1. Counseling. The student must complete counseling sessions as prescribed by Whitewater Counseling located at 440 Main Street, Brookville, Indiana. The cost of the sessions are the responsibility of the student and/or parents or guardians. If a student does not complete the prescribed number of counseling sessions, he/she will be excluded from Activities for 365 days.
2. Drug Test. Before the student is allowed to resume Activities, he/she must submit to a drug test administered by school officials and test negative for all illegal substances. The cost of the drug test is the responsibility of the student and/or his/her parents or guardians.
3. Drug Free. Once the student is reinstated, he/she may be drug tested at any time during the next 365 days. Any test will take place at the discretion of school officials. If the student tests positive, that positive test is a second offense.

*If the student does not complete the prescribed number of sessions with Whitewater Counseling within 4 weeks, the student may, at the school's discretion, be allowed to resume Activities so long as the Student can provide written documentation from Whitewater Counseling that the student is completing all prescribed counseling sessions. If the student is allowed to return to all Activities, but then fails to complete the prescribed number of counseling sessions, the student will be excluded from all activities for 365 days from the date that failure to attend counseling sessions is verified.

Second Offense - The student shall be excluded from all activities for 365 days (one calendar year) beginning the day the second violation is verified. The student may resume activities after 365 days if the following conditions are met:

1. Counseling. The student must agree to complete counseling sessions as prescribed by Whitewater Counseling located at 440 Main Street, Brookville, Indiana. The cost of the sessions are the responsibility of the student and/or parents or guardians. If a student does not complete the prescribed number of counseling sessions, he/she will be excluded from all Activities for 365 days.
2. Drug Test. Before the student is reinstated, he/she must submit to a drug test administered by school officials and test negative for all illegal substances. The cost of the drug test is the responsibility of the student and/or his/her parents or guardians.
3. Drug Free. Once the student is reinstated, he/she may be drug tested at any time during the next 365 days. Any test will take place at the discretion of school officials. If the student tests positive, that positive test is a third offense and the student will be excluded from Activities for the remainder of his/her school career.

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During a suspension, as long as the student is working to complete the conditions set forth to re-establish eligibility, the student may continue to be a part of practices and/or meetings, but will not be allowed to participate in any games, contests, performances or be allowed to drive to school or school activities.

Third Offense - The student shall be suspended from all Activities for the remainder of his/her school career.

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Section 2-Irresponsible Acts on or off school property:

Any student who participates in Activities and is:

1. Convicted or a felony or misdemeanor or enters into a pre-trial diversion
2. Commits theft or vandalism
3. Involved in conduct, in or outside school, at any time, that reflects discredit upon the school or creates a disruptive influence

May have his/her case considered, and any corrective action will be based on the judgement of the athletic director, coach, principal, teacher and/or sponsor of the student. Corrective action may include the Student's loss of participation, exclusion from Activities and loss of awards or recognition.

Section 3-Driving Privileges

The first verified positive offense will result in any student driver losing driving privileges for 60 school days. The second verified positive offense will result in any student driver losing driving privileges 120 school days. A third verified positive offense will result in the student driver losing driving privileges for the remainder of his/her high school career.

Important Note

Sections 1-3 of this Code of Conduct are a baseline. Coaches, sponsors, and teachers of each Activity may set additional rules and requirements for eligibility. Coaches, sponsors and teachers have the authority to enforce their additional rules. Any student who violates a rule or requirement will be subject to the consequences as defined by the Coach, Sponsors, or Teachers. All such rules shall be presented to students prior to the Activity. Students unable to abide by these rules and requirements shall not be allowed to participate in the Activity.

NOTES

1. Nathan Striegler, LMHC, at Whitewater Counseling met with the administrative team to discuss options. He has agreed to serve as the point of contact for our 7-12 students. He is currently working on an MOU pending board approval.
2. Nathan plans to use the research based Teen Intervene Curriculum.
3. Nathan does accept most insurances that will cover substance abuse, but most will not cover treatment for tobacco use. He does **not** accept Medicaid.
4. Nathan estimates 4 sessions for substance abuse and 2 sessions for tobacco. This will be dependent on the intake assessment. Cost is \$100 per session for those families that have no insurance and \$115 for those families that have insurance.
5. Nathan will issue a certificate of completion at the conclusion of the required number of counseling sessions and send to school administrators.
6. Nathan will work with students during the weekday evenings and Saturday mornings, not during school time.
7. Nathan will require that the school complete a referral prior to the first session.
8. If for some reason the counseling sessions cannot be completed in 4 weeks, he will provide written documentation to the school administrators and the student may return to all activities while completing the counseling program.
9. The parent/guardian is required to attend the first counseling session.