**EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE FOR**

**RIDGEVIEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL & RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

 **Approved by Ridgeview Board of Education on April 29, 2008**

## STUDENT PARTICIPANT

A student participant is any student who participates in extra-curricular activities while attending Ridgeview Junior High School or Ridgeview High School. Each participant is subject to the following rules, effective the first day of enrollment. Rules apply year-round, until the student participant completes his or her career.

**ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. A student in grades 9-12 may fail only one academic core subject and maintain his or her eligibility. (Example: must pass 4 of 5, 5 of 6, etc.)
2. A student in grades 6-8 must pass all subjects in which an academic grade is given.
3. The cumulative eligibility-grading period for a student in grades 9-12 is a semester; the period for a student in grades 6-8 is nine weeks.

D. Any 9-12 participant may fail only one semester course of high school work the previous semester to be eligible for the current (next) semester. Any 9-12 participant must pass a minimum of twenty credit hours the previous semester to be IHSA eligible.

1. If a student is ineligible for four (4) weeks during the sport/activity, he or she will be removed from the activity roster for that activity and prohibited from continued participation in the activity.

F. Eligibility shall include: Athletics, Poms, Cheerleading, Fall Play, Spring Musical, Variety Show, Scholastic Bowl, FCCLA, Spanish Club, Student Council, Art Club, FFA, SADD, Flag Corps, Yearbook, CAPTAINS, and any other approved activity.

**ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

1. If a student is absent for more than one-half (1/2) day or leaves school early on the day of a school event, he or she will not participate in that event, except by permission of the Principal or Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. One-half day is defined as four (4) class periods, excluding lunch.

**PARTICIPANT RULES**

1. The student participant shall not use tobacco in any form.
2. The student participant shall not consume, possess, or distribute alcoholic beverages.
3. The student participant shall not consume, possess, or distribute non-medical drugs.
4. The student participant shall not be found guilty or have been confirmed through other means such as a plea bargain or a responsible arrangement in conjunction with a criminal offense as specified in Title III of IL Criminal Code.

**VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES**

1. **FIRST** OFFENSE: All students will be offered counseling. Students participating in activities that occur annually will be removed from the next scheduled activity. Students participating in activities that have a season will be suspended for 20% of scheduled consecutive events. If the remaining events for the activity do not permit the full 20% penalty to be imposed for that activity, the penalty will be carried over and applied to the participant’s next activity. Out-of-season violations will apply to the student’s next activity. A participant’s season suspension may be reduced to 10%, if he or she voluntarily completes four (4) counseling sessions with Chestnut Health Systems. In the event a student is in more than one activity at the same time, the administration will work with the student to determine which activity will be affected.
2. **SECOND** OFFENSE: Suspension from all interscholastic activities for one calendar year.
3. **THIRD** OFFENSE: Suspension from all interscholastic activities for the remainder of the student’s school career.

**AUTHORITY FOR DECISION**

 A. The Assistant Principal/Athletic Director and/or Principal shall be responsible for decisions

 relative to a violation by a participant.

1. The Assistant Principal/Athletic Director and/or Principal shall be the final authority in matters of dress, grooming, conduct, attitude and inappropriate language, as outlined in the Parent-Student Handbook.

**CURFEW**

1. The student participant shall abide by the legal curfew set by the State of Illinois. (Exceptions may be made for such special events as homecoming, prom, other school activities, etc.).

**EXCLUSION RIGHTS FOR REVIEW**

1. A student participant and parent have a right to request a hearing with the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director and Principal within seven days of exclusion.
2. If unsatisfied with the first hearing, a student participant may request a hearing with the Superintendent.
3. If unsatisfied with the second hearing, a student participant and parent have the right to request a hearing with the Board of Education of Ridgeview CUSD #19.

**PARENTS AND PARTICIPANTS ARE URGED TO KEEP A COPY OF THESE EXTRA-CURRICULAR RULES. DETACH AND RETURN THE SIGNATURE CARD TO THE COACH, SPONSOR OR ADVISOR. PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE THIS CARD ONE TIME EACH SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL A CURRENT SIGNATURE CARD IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE.**