

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

**Series 5200
Rights and Responsibilities**

Policy 5250

**MISCONDUCT RELATED TO VOLUNTARY SCHOOL
ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Student membership on athletic teams, membership in extracurricular organizations, and participation in school activities is a privilege that carries with it the obligation for students to act responsibly. Therefore, all student participants in voluntary extracurricular and athletic opportunities shall abide by a code of conduct that will earn them the learning, the honor, and the respect that participation in school-sponsored programs affords. Specifically, the Board of Education, acting through the Superintendent, reserves the right to limit or revoke this privilege of participation, including the opportunity for leadership positions, if the student engages in misconduct as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Misconduct shall mean any violation of publicized rules for the activity, school rules, Board of Education Policies or local, state, and federal laws. These requirements apply to conduct on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity, and also extend to participation in any affiliated local, regional, or national organizations or the honors related to the school activity. Students who choose to participate on teams, in organizations, or in activities voluntarily accept these requirements, and shall signify such acceptance by acknowledging, through an electronic signature, that they have read the Darien High School Handbook, which includes the Illegal Substances and Tobacco Policy for Student Athletes and Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities, 5230, and additional rules and regulations concerning participation in athletics and extracurricular activities. In appropriate cases, any such misconduct may also result in separate disciplinary action taken by the principal in consultation with those having supervisory responsibility for activities, including suspension or expulsion from school, in accordance with applicable state and federal law and the Board's Student Discipline Policy.

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