



# HACKETT CATHOLIC CENTRAL



## Co-Curricular Information for All HCC Students

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### Student and Parent Requirements And Responsibilities

This document applies to the following teams and organizations:

- All Interscholastic Athletic Teams
- Varsity Club
- Student Athletic Advisory Board
- Drama Productions
- The administration reserves the right to amend this list at any time

### HCC Code of Conduct

All HCC students have the opportunity to participate in the co-curricular programs offered at Hackett Catholic Central High School.

Students are required to abide by the policies and rules of any outside governing agencies such as the *Michigan High School Athletic Association*, the *Michigan Association of Student Councils*, and the *National Honor Society*, as well as all local, state and federal laws.

The privilege of representing Hackett in co-curricular activities also brings with it added expectations. None of these rules is aimed at eliminating a student from any particular team or group, but rather is designed to establish a basic set of standards which the school feels are important to the overall development of the student and the integrity of its programs.

1. All students must maintain academic standards as determined by the MHSAA and the school. These are listed in the student handbook.
2. In order to participate in or attend, a practice, contest or event, a student must report to school by 11:00 A.M. Exceptions to this rule are made for pre-approved absences, such as funerals, college visits, or doctor appointments.

3. Substance abuse, in season or out, on campus or off, is strictly forbidden. Regardless of the quantity, a HCC student shall not use, consume, possess, buy, or give away any controlled substance (tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, etc.) This includes look-alikes or anything which is represented as a controlled substance. It also includes any related paraphernalia (empty beer containers, pot pipes, etc.) and performance enhancing supplements.
4. All athletes are subject to MHSAA rules concerning expulsion for unacceptable behavior. If an HCC student is ejected from a contest for negative behavior, he/she will sit out the next contest, as prescribed by the state, plus the next scheduled contest imposed by the school.
5. If a student is faced with a conflict between attending more than one activity at a specific time and date, the following guidelines are to be followed. A conflict between an outside commitment such as a job or AAU team and a scheduled HCC event will always result in the student having to attend the entire HCC event. A conflict between a scheduled academic event and a scheduled co-curricular event, unless mutually agreed upon between the adults in charge, will result in the student being expected to fully participate in the academic event. The student who elects not to attend the academic event will not be allowed to participate in the co-curricular event without prior approval of a school administrator.
6. Hackett students are subject to individual written team or group rules and regulations instituted by specific coaches/advisors in the particular program.
7. All students are required to use school-provided transportation to and from events unless written arrangements are made between the parent/guardian and the HCC professional in charge.
8. All Hackett students who wish to compete in interscholastic athletics must have a current physical form on file with school before the first day of practice.
9. Students are expected to care for all school issued equipment. Any school item not returned in good order and in a timely fashion will be billed to the student's family. Report cards and transcripts will be held until the debt is cleared, and additional eligibility requirements may be applied.
10. Parents of students involved in co-curricular undertakings will be, when necessary, assigned support tasks such as ticket selling. If a conflict arises, it is the responsibility of the parents to secure their own replacements from the pool of parents who have similar assignments.

## Competition/Performance Restrictions for Rule Violations

**First Violation:** The student will lose eligibility for participation in 20% of that area's original scheduled contests, activities, presentations or meetings. The offending student will not be allowed to represent Hackett during the time of co-curricular suspension, but may be expected to be in attendance for practices.

**Second Violation:** That student will lose eligibility for the remainder of the sport season (or semester in non-athletic groups). In cases of substance abuse, a professional assessment will be necessary, at a possible cost to the parents, before eligibility is regained.

**Subsequent Violations:** A third violation will result in a suspension of up to one full calendar year. Any additional problems would render the student totally ineligible for the remainder of his or her high school career.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The violations referred to above do not have to be repeats of the same offense, but may be second or third offenses of differing types. The school discipline system may also rule a student ineligible for participation while he/she serves his/her school punishment.

The Kalamazoo Valley Association and The Michigan High School Athletic Association remind students and adults that **Good Sports Are Winners!**

## Representation/Honors Restrictions for Rules Violations

If a student is a school representative\*\*, athlete or a co-curricular participant\*\*\*and is suspended from school (out-of-school suspension) or ineligible for part or all of the athletic season due to disciplinary issues, then he or she is subject to the following:

- If the occurrence takes place prior to the next eligibility check date posted on the school calendar, then the student is not eligible for team honors or to act as a school representative through the beginning of the next marking period.
- If the occurrence takes place on or after the eligibility check date posted on the school calendar, then the student is not eligible for team honors or to act as a school representative through the remainder of the current marking period and for the entire following marking period.

\*Team honors and school representatives are defined as, but not limited to, team captains, in-season honors, post-season honors, class officers, school-wide officers, courts or support personnel such as theatre support personnel or other similar groups. Team honors and schools representative restrictions may or may not take place concurrently.

\*\*School representative: This includes, but is not limited to, class officers, school wide officers, and school representatives including Homecoming and Winterfest courts or support personnel for school activities such as theatre personnel or other similar groups.

\*\*\*Co-curricular participant: This includes one who belongs to a group which requires students to meet more than five hours per week outside the normal school day for more than three consecutive weeks.

Once enrolled as a Hackett Catholic Central High School student and until a formal withdrawal from the school, students are considered to be HCC students and representatives and are expected to adhere to all policies and procedures.

## Code of Conduct Pledge

The signatures below affirm that we (student and parent/guardian) have read and are aware of the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct in effect at Hackett Catholic Central High School.

We (student and parent/guardian) also affirm that we are aware of the consequences of rule violations and therefore agree to support in principle and in spirit this code of conduct.

As parents of a student-athlete at Hackett Catholic Central, we understand that the primary reason our youngster participates in athletics is to have an enjoyable experience. The athletic program is about process not product. HCC athletics is part of the total educational picture, and strives to involve as many of the student body as possible. As supporters of Irish athletics, we agree to always display positive sportsmanship in dealing with our players, coaches, staff, officials, and opponents. We agree to the concept that we need CHAMPION FANS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS. We will do everything in our power to the serve as positive role models for the teams, and make our visitors feel welcome in our home. We agree to follow athletic department guidelines in how we interact with students or staff, and realize attendance at Hackett athletic events is a privilege not a right, which if abused can be withdrawn.

Print student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Only one form per student is necessary for a student during his/her high school career.

Failure to sign and return this portion of the athletic department expectations and guidelines in no way removes the obligation of the students and parents to conduct themselves in a proper fashion or face possible sanctions. All parties are responsible for the most current version of these rules.