

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**  
Grades 7-12

To foster growth and development consistent with St. Mary Catholic School philosophy and to promote the general welfare of our faith community, the following Code of Conduct shall be considered binding for all 7-12 students who choose attendance at St. Mary Catholic Schools. Students and parents should be familiar with this policy before signing the required Code of Conduct Agreement. A signed copy of this agreement will be placed on file for each academic year, and will serve as a prerequisite for participation/attendance.

It is understood and agreed that the use and/or being in the presence of alcohol, tobacco, or the use, possession, purchase or distribution of any illegal substance is prohibited by age as well as law. This includes any device or product that contains nicotine, or a device used for inhaling or ingestion unless used for medical purposes with a prescription, on school premises. It is the position of St. Mary Catholic Schools that any student found in violation of law is also considered in violation of system policy concerning alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, and/or other products not used for their intended purpose. In addition to criminal prosecution, St. Mary Catholic Schools reserve the right to discipline those students violating this agreement for illegal use in the following manner:

1. **First violation:** Student will be assigned two days of in-school suspension and comply with school policy which requires appropriate substance abuse counseling at family's expense.
2. **Second violation:** Student will be assigned four days of in-school suspension and comply with school policy which requires appropriate substance abuse counseling at family's expense.
3. **Third violation:** Students will be suspended with re-admission upon completion of an appropriate treatment program at family's expense.

**The student must complete the appropriate substance abuse counseling within the agreed-upon time limit in order not to jeopardize participation in extra-curricular activities.**

Any St. Mary Catholic School student participating in athletics, activities, or leadership position will also be suspended from that activity in the following manner:

1. **First violation:** Violator will be suspended from the activity for the next two contests. The student will practice during this time.
2. **Second violation:** Violator will be suspended from the activity for the next four contests and are required to attend substance abuse counseling at family's expense. The student will practice during this time.
3. **Third violation:** Violator will be terminated from all activities for a calendar year. Apply for re-admission upon completion of an appropriate treatment program at family's expense.

**Only third violation will carry over to the following school year.**

**"Evidence" of a violation may be the result of:**

1. Information received from law enforcement or court services personnel which provides reasonable cause to believe that an infraction has occurred.
2. A student found guilty, pled guilty, or enters a no contest plea in either juvenile court or adult criminal court.
3. A self-reporting by either the parent and/or student.
4. An observed violation reported by a staff member.

**Self-reporting for the purpose of intervention may reduce consequences.**

**The following steps must be taken prior to terminating a student from activities:**

- a) The coach/advisor must meet with the student to discuss the specific problem.
- b) The intended termination must be reviewed with the activity director and the principal.
- c) The coach, activity director, and/or principal will meet with the parents to discuss the specific problem.



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*It should be noted that further consequences, as outlined in the St. Mary Catholic School policy shall also be in effect. The administration at St. Mary Catholic Schools reserves the right to use their best judgment on an individual basis. Administration reserves the right to modify consequences and make changes without prior notice. Additionally, the administration will have the authority to enforce other reasonable disciplinary action found warranted by the situation*

We have read, acknowledge, and are willing to abide by the Code of Conduct policies, which govern the behavior of St. Mary Catholic School students. Furthermore, we understand that it is our obligation to adhere to these and other policies to the best of our abilities during the time of our attendance in the St. Mary Catholic School system.

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