

Belmont Community School District



Code of Conduct 2024-2025

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Belmont Community School District. This Code of Conduct reflects the standards that we believe are appropriate for the students who represent the Belmont Community School District during their participation in one or more of our extra-curricular activities. Participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege, not a right of being in junior high or high school. We know that the young people who participate in these activities serve as role models to their fellow classmates, younger students and the community. These rules and responsibilities were established to uphold the strong extra-curricular values that are held by the Board of Education, staff and community. The Code of Conduct is reviewed each year in order to continually reflect the expectations of the Board of Education, staff and community.

This Code of Conduct should assist you in learning about the various co-curricular activities that are provided by the Belmont Community School District and the rules and responsibilities that are associated with being an extra-curricular representative of our school. We invite you, as parents/guardians, to review this Code of Conduct with your child/children. If you have any questions regarding the content, please contact your child's Coach, Assistant Principal/Activities Director, Principal, & Superintendent in that order.

Best wishes for a challenging and rewarding year.

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Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunities – Policy #1422

The Belmont Community School District is committed and dedicated to the task of providing the best education possible for every child in the district for as long as the student can benefit from attendance and the student's conduct is compatible with the welfare of the entire student body.

The right of a student to be admitted to school and to participate fully in curricular, extra-curricular, student services, recreational or other programs or activities shall not be abridged or impaired because of a student's sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, handicap or homeless status.

Students who have been identified as having a handicap or disability, under section 504 or the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), shall be provided with reasonable accommodations in educational services or programs. Students may be considered handicapped or disabled under this policy even if they are not covered under the district's special education policies and procedures.

The District shall provide for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements. Requests for accommodations shall be made in writing and approved by the building principal. Accommodations may include, but not necessarily limited to, exclusion from participation in an activity, alternative assignments, released time from school to participate in religious activities and opportunities to make up work missed due to religious observances. Any accommodations granted under this policy shall be provided to students without prejudicial effect.

For the full policy, see Board Policy 1422 on the school website.

CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

I. Introduction to the Code of Conduct

Please remember that you are always representing the Belmont Community School District. The Code of Conduct is in effect twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week at all times no matter where a student is. This includes when students are on school property, participating at school sponsored co-curricular activities, sporting events, field trips, at a neighboring school, or the community. The Code of Conduct governs all seasonal and year-long activities sponsored by Belmont Community Junior High/High School including, but not limited to:

Baseball	Band
Basketball	Choir
Football	Drama Club
Cross-Country	Forensics
Gymnastics	Wrestling
Softball	Class Officers
Track	National Honor Society
Volleyball	Student Council
Courts (Homecoming, Prom)	Other School Clubs (As approved by the Administration)
FBLA	FFA

Statement of Philosophy:

The primary purpose of education is to provide each student with the values and training necessary to lead a rewarding and happy life. The Belmont Community School District believes that a program of activities outside the school curriculum is a valuable adjunct to the regular school program of studies. Therefore, the Board of Education encourages programs that expand upon experiences initiated in the classroom and which shall enhance the entire school climate.

It is the desire of Belmont Community Junior High/High School to generate a program of activities that will provide opportunities for the youth of this community to develop the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical

conduct, and fair play. Participation in activities is a privilege at Belmont Community Junior High/High School. In order to keep this privilege, students must accept certain responsibilities. Students, as representatives of our school and community, are expected to display the highest standards of social behavior, sportsmanship, and respect for those in authority, including teachers, coaches, advisors, administrators, officials and other school personnel, as well as, fellow participants and competitors. It is with this in mind that the Belmont Community Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular activities has been established.

II. Eligibility Rules

The following rules have been adopted by the Belmont Community Board of Education and are the result of input from Belmont Community School Superintendents, coaches, advisors, and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

A. Requirements to start an activity

1. A student may not participate in interscholastic athletics or an activity until the school has an examination/alternate year card on file in its office attesting to:
 - a. Parental permission
 - b. Signed form by parent and participant acknowledging receipt of the Belmont Community Code of Conduct.

Required for Just Interscholastic Athletics

- a. Acknowledgement of receiving the WIAA Rules of Eligibility.
- b. Signed concussion form and
- c. Physical fitness as determined by a qualified medical professional as per current WIAA guidelines (high school only). We recommend student athletes get a physical from a medical professional their freshman and junior years and fill out the alternate year card their sophomore and senior years. 6th through 8th grade athletes are encouraged to get a physical form from a medical professional their 6th grade year if they are involved in school sponsored sports. They can use the alternate year card for their 7th and 8th grade years. If a student starts sports as a 7th grader, a physical is required for that year and an alternate year card the following year.

Students will not be allowed to participate in any contest until the proper forms are completed and turned in to the school office.

B. Academic Requirements

A student must maintain a minimum standard of work in order to participate in co-curricular activities. The student must do passing work in all courses. Incompletes will be considered as failing ("F") if the work is not made up after ten (10) days. This pertains to all co-curricular activities, sports, intramural, forensics and class plays, etc.

Eligibility is determined on a weekly basis, beginning on the 3rd Wednesday of each quarter. If a student becomes ineligible, he or she will have grades reviewed after one week to determine possible reinstatement of eligibility.

All students earning an "F" are placed on the Academic Probation list. Those students with an "F" have one week ("One Week Notice") to earn a passing grade in that class and all others or he/she becomes ineligible. Grades are due to the Principal by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Activities Director will send out the Parent/Guardian email regarding eligibility on Thursday. The following Wednesday, another eligibility list will be published and if a student who was on the "one week notice" list the previous week is still earning an F in that class or any other, he/she immediately becomes ineligible for all school activities, including sports. This ineligibility lasts until the following Wednesday when another list is published. When a student becomes academically ineligible, coaches have agreed that a student will miss practices to raise their failing grade.

The Belmont Community School District will follow the WIAA minimum eligibility requirement. The 2023-2024 4th Quarter grades will determine eligibility for students entering 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grade in the Fall of 2024.

1. A student must meet school, DPI, and WIAA requirements defining a full-time student and have received no failing grade in the most recent grade-reporting period. A senior who has acquired all necessary credits toward graduation is not exempt from this rule.
2. Quarterly and/or Semester eligibility or ineligibility periods begin the day report cards are run.
3. A student will lose co-curricular eligibility if he or she is not doing passing work in the latest grade-reporting period and shall remain ineligible until he or she is again doing passing work in all his/her classes, but not for less than three weeks **(15 consecutive school attendance days and nights).** A co-curricular participant who is ineligible for academic reasons for a minimum of fifteen (15) school days may not return to competition/performance until the next school day following the fifteen (15) day ineligibility period (the 16th school day).
4. The ineligibility period at the beginning of the school year for students who lose eligibility based upon their second semester or fourth quarter grades will be **twenty-one (21) consecutive calendar days** beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition or one third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed (as set by the WIAA) or activity. These dates will vary from sport to sport, and from activity to activity.
5. The most recent quarter grade is used to determine eligibility. However, the semester grade is used for the grade evaluation period if the semester grade is a failure. Any second semester failure will result in the athlete being ineligible in the following school year (except for any senior who will be ineligible immediately).
6. An ineligible student (for academic reasons) may practice his/her co-curricular activity or practice with a team, but may not participate in competitions or performances.
7. **Regaining academic eligibility:** Upon completion of the ineligibility period, the student will regain eligibility if he/she **is doing passing work in all classes.** At the end of the 15th day of ineligibility (or 21st day at the beginning of the school year) if the student **is not doing passing work in any class** at the end of the 15th day of ineligibility (or 21st day at the beginning of the school year), he/she will be ineligible until he/she is passing all classes at the next grade check date. **NOTE: Please be aware that this also applies to students who have a failing grade at the end of the first semester or second quarter and who are planning on participating in spring sports or activities that begin prior to the beginning of the next grading period.**
8. A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school, provided:
 - The student's school gives credit toward graduation requirements for such courses and counts them in rank-in-class standings, and
 - The student successfully completes not less than the same number of courses that caused the ineligibility.
 - Summer School classes will be graded on a Pass/Fail Basis

Junior High Eligibility:

If a student is failing at the end of the quarter they will be ineligible for a period of three (3) weeks. If the student is still failing they would remain ineligible.

Fall eligibility will be determined by 4th quarter grades, if a student has received an F in 4th Quarter they will be ineligible for three (3) weeks from the first practice of their respective fall season.

C. Appearance

Students representing Belmont Community Junior High/High School voluntarily represent the entire school and community. For this reason, all students are expected to be well groomed and present a neat appearance when they are involved as a member of a co-curricular group/team from our school. It is also expected that each participant will appear for a competition or performance dressed in the uniform or required dress and in compliance with those standards established by the coach or advisor. Each advisor or coach may have special rules concerning dress and appearance. Students are expected to follow such rules as well.

D. Attendance Requirements

All co-curricular participants are expected to be in school for a full day on the day of a game or an activity. To be in attendance for a full- day, the student must attend nine (9) consecutive academic periods. Students are not permitted to attend or participate in after-school activities if they are absent due to illness or their absence is

unexcused. Students that are suspended in or from school are also not allowed to attend school functions on the day of the suspension.

If a student is gone with an excused absence other than an illness, the student may be allowed to participate in co-curricular events or activities on that day. The following are exceptions:

1. Absence due to a school function
2. Permission granted by the building principal or an exemption (i.e. doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, etc.). The student will need documentation of arrival and departure time for appointment. Students are expected to return to school after an appointment in a reasonable amount of time unless excused by a doctor. Abuse of time off for appointment may lead to an administrative decision to record the absence as unexcused.
3. Parent Request Day – Limited to ten (10) full or partial days per year.

Students cannot participate in a game or an activity if they are absent from school on the day of the contest unless excused in advance by the Principal or Asst. Principal or they are using one of their ten (10) parent request days. Violations of this rule by a co-curricular participant may be brought to the Principal and Asst. Principal/Athletic Director for disciplinary action.

If a student is suspended in school or from school, they are not eligible to participate in a game or activity. Contests or activities missed during the period of suspension do not count as contests missed due to co-curricular ineligibility.

Head coaches or their designee must check with the attendance secretary each day before practice or event to find out if any athletes were absent that day.

Each head coach will develop guidelines for attendance at practice. It is highly recommended that each athlete be in attendance at every practice in order to play.

Attendance at Practices, Meetings, and Rehearsals: All co-curricular participants are expected to attend all practices, meetings and rehearsals unless sick or excused by his/her coach or advisor before said practice, meeting or rehearsal. Because practices, meetings and rehearsals are held for the benefit of participants, it is imperative that all participants ARE ON TIME. Skipping or coming late to practice, meetings and rehearsals are reasons for suspension from any athletic team or co-curricular activity.

E. Code of Conduct Requirements and Penalties

Training rules are a matter of self-discipline. The best performance an individual is capable of producing comes only after the body and mind have been conditioned through a regular training routine. The following training rules are the major rules that are endorsed by the WIAA and enforced by the school. These rules are in effect for the student's entire career, including summers. The coaches and advisors may also wish to add additional rules that participants must follow in order to stay eligible.

1. Use or consumption of tobacco/nicotine, electronic vaping devices, alcohol, or controlled substances in any form is prohibited.
2. Possession (whether on one's person or in one's clothing, locker, car, equipment, or personal affects), purchase, sale, procurement, or handling of any tobacco/nicotine products, electronic vaping devices, alcohol, controlled substances or paraphernalia in any form is prohibited.
3. Theft, serious misdemeanors, disorderly conduct, felonies, or willful damage to person or property is prohibited.
4. Any conduct on or off the field of play (in or out of school) that is contrary to generally recognized standards for junior high and/or high school interscholastic participants is prohibited.
5. All alleged Code of Conduct violations must be turned in to the Athletic Director or Principal. If a violation occurs and the student must appear in court, we **may** have to wait for the results of the action of the court before we can have the person appear before the Appeals Board.
6. Students are expected to attend school the day after participating in an event.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Violations will be separated into two categories: Major violations and Minor violations. Each will have specific discipline procedures. A major violation is considered more severe than a minor violation. Two minor violations will equal one major violation and will be disciplined as a major violation. The accumulation of six minor violations will result in suspension from all co-curricular activities. (refer to third major violation) All violations should be reported to the Athletic Director and/or Principal as soon as possible. Any incidents that are reported one year or more after the event has been determined to have occurred by the Principal will not be considered as punishable Code of Conduct violations.

Examples of a MAJOR violation include: (NOTE This list is only a sample and not all inclusive)

- Consumption, possession or sale of alcohol, electronic vaping devices, tobacco/nicotine products, any controlled substance or paraphernalia.
- Being in the presence of anyone who has illegal possession or illegal use of alcohol, tobacco/nicotine products, electronic vaping devices, any controlled substance or paraphernalia.
- Theft, felony acts, serious misdemeanors, disorderly conduct, damage to personal property
- Student use of any electronic device including cell phones in school bathrooms, locker rooms or other dressing areas.

Examples of MINOR violations include: (NOTE This list is only a sample and not all inclusive)

- Conduct unbecoming of a student (including student handbook violations)
- Disrespect for a teacher, coach, administrator, a staff member, another student
- Cheating on tests or major projects
- Multiple school disciplinary referrals
- Cutting class, habitual truancy or tardiness

Obviously, not every possible situation can be listed here. If something occurs that is not listed and the Coach, Advisor, Athletic Director and/or Principal feels action needs to be taken, the occurrence will be classified as either major or minor and disciplinary action will be enforced.

First Violation of any provision of this Code:

- **MAJOR VIOLATION** – When a major violation is committed the student will be suspended from participation for 30% of the activity or activities she or he is currently in. When the total suspension time is calculated, the result will be rounded up to reflect only complete event suspensions. Suspension time will carry over into the next activity the student joins even if that next activity is next school year. A mathematical calculation will be performed to determine the proper number of events to be carried over from one season to the next. This is necessary because different seasons have different numbers of events.
- **MINOR VIOLATION** – When a minor violation is committed the student will be suspended from participation for 10% of the activity or activities she or he is currently in. When the total suspension time is calculated, the result will be rounded up to reflect only complete event suspensions. Suspension time will carry over into the next activity the student joins even if that next activity is next school year. (Two similar minor violations will be considered a major violation.)
- A suspended student is required to participate in practices/rehearsals and attend events from which he or she is suspended to regain eligibility after time is served.
- Scrimmages are considered practices and will not count as part of the suspension of games.

Second Violation of any provision of this Code:

- **MAJOR VIOLATION** – The disciplinary action resulting from a second major violation occurring during a high school career will be a 60% suspension time from all co-curricular activities. If the participant is caught consuming alcohol, the Athletic Director and/or Principal may recommend professional AOD assessment and treatment be sought by the student.
- **MINOR VIOLATION** – A second minor violation similar in nature to the first will be treated as a first major violation. If a person accumulates four (4) unrelated minor violations, the fourth violation will be treated as a second major violation.

- All suspension time is carried over into the next activity and/or next school year. A mathematical calculation will be performed to determine the proper number of events to be carried over from one season to the next. This is necessary because different seasons have different numbers of events.
- A suspended student is required to participate in practices/rehearsals and attend events from which he or she is suspended to regain eligibility after time is served.

Third Violation of any provision of this Code:

- MAJOR VIOLATION – The participant will be suspended for the remainder of his/her high school career.
- MINOR VIOLATION – A third minor violation similar in nature to the first will be treated as a second major violation. If a person accumulates six (6) unrelated minor violations, the sixth violation will be treated as a third major violation.

In addition, a student cannot hold a leadership position/office or receive awards of distinction for the season of infraction or serve on homecoming or prom court, during the year of the suspension.

Post-season games will be served as part of any suspension. Coach's discretion may be used when school detentions and partial day in-school suspensions are issued to a student athlete.

Due Process Procedures

The Co-curricular Appeals Board shall be composed of: three (3) coach(s) and/or advisor(s) not currently involved with the student(s) seeking the appeal, the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, and the Principal. The Coaches/Advisors for the Co-curricular Appeals Board will be selected by the District's Athletic Director. This Co-Curricular Appeals Board will be newly assembled for each case to be heard. The Superintendent may be asked to be a member of the Co-Curricular Appeals Board, if the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director and Principal feel that the Superintendent's membership is needed on the Co-Curricular Appeals Board. When the Superintendent is a member of the Co-Curricular Appeals Board, his/her vote will carry the same weight as any other member of the Co-Curricular Appeals Board. The Co-Curricular Appeals Board has the authority to either uphold or reject the co-curricular consequence assigned by the Principal for those actions that occurred on school or District owned property or the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director for those actions that occurred outside of the normal school day and off of school/District property. The Co-Curricular Appeals Board does not have the authority to change or modify the co-curricular consequence.

Prior to the convening of the Co-Curricular Appeals Board, the Principal and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director have the joint authority to informally resolve the issue with the co-curricular participant and his/her parent, if in their collective opinion there are extenuating circumstances that warrant a consequence that is different from the one stated in the Code of Conduct Handbook.

Policies (Athletics only)

In order to represent Belmont Community Junior High/High School in any interscholastic athletic competition, a student must meet all eligibility requirements of the WIAA as well as those of Belmont Community Junior High/High School.

A. Residency

A student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for interscholastic competition only at a school in which they are legally enrolled. Specific concerns regarding eligibility must be cleared through the Athletic Director or referred to the WIAA rules.

B. WIAA Age Requirement

A student/athlete must be under nineteen (19) years of age on the date August 1, which precedes the start of the school year.

C. Amateur Status

An athlete must be an amateur in order to be eligible to compete in high school athletics. To be an amateur the following criteria must be met:

- a. Any award presented or permitted by the school must be symbolic (no intrinsic/utilitarian value) in nature.

- b. An athlete may receive awards which are symbolic in nature - trophies, medals, plaques, etc. - but their value cannot exceed \$10 (retail cost) and they may not be given by business, industrial, commercial, etc. firms which are profit-making in nature.
- c. An athlete may not allow the use of their name, picture, personal appearance, etc., as an athlete to promote a commercial or other profit-making endeavor.
- d. An athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than their own.

D. Student Activities Outside of School

An athlete in a given sport cannot participate in the same sport in activities outside of school either as team members or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one (1) year from the date of the last offense for participating in an all-star game or similar activity. See WIAA Handbook – Article Six for details.

E. Transfer Eligibility

Any student who transfers from any school with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary or academic reasons retains such status at Belmont Community Junior High/High School for the same period as decreed by his/her former school. If a student transfers to Belmont Community Junior High/High School and is ineligible according to the Belmont Community Junior High/High School Code of Conduct, then the student will be deemed ineligible until the student meets the requirements of this code.

Penalties for WIAA violations can result in individual suspensions. Violations resulting in contest forfeitures will result in a one calendar year suspension of the student involved.

Equipment Issues

One of the values of co-curricular activities is to teach responsibility. This should apply to the equipment assigned to and the facilities used by the student.

- A. The school attempts to provide the best and safest equipment money can buy. Each year this equipment is thoroughly cleaned and repaired to ensure maximum protection and longevity.
- B. In most activities, the school will loan the participant most of the equipment necessary to compete.
- C. The original equipment or uniforms issued to the student must be returned at the end of the season. The coach or advisor should be informed if the equipment needs to be repaired or the size changed.
- D. The student will be held financially responsible for any lost, stolen or misplaced equipment. Deliberate mutilation of school property will be charged to the participant.
- E. Parents are asked to see that the student returns to school any equipment or uniforms not purchased by the individual.
- F. The student must have all equipment and uniforms turned in from his/her last activity and cleared by the coach or advisor before being allowed to participate in the next activity. The Athletic Director will publish the names of the students who have not returned their equipment. NOTE: Students will be ineligible to participate in all other activities until equipment is returned.

Injury Issues

A. Statement of Risk

Potential dangers are present in many activities, especially athletics. Parents and students should fully understand that there are serious personal injury risks associated with participation in some co-curricular activities. For example, participation in school athletics involves high velocity flying objects, swift movement of bodies that may be airborne, and may result in unavoidable collisions. Although the Belmont Community School District endeavors to operate activities in a safe manner, it is impossible to eliminate risks associated with physical activity and/or sports. Activities involve taking a calculated risk on the part of the student and the parent/guardian.

For all events, and especially away events, parents should inform their son or daughter as to where they can be reached in case of an injury which may require medical treatment. In case of an injury, which may require medical treatment, the coach or advisor will communicate with the parents of the injured participant.

B. Injury Reduction and Care

Our coaching, advising and administrative staff strive to reduce injuries to a minimum, ensure proper care of any injuries and provide participants with a positive experience. Therefore, the following policies concerning injuries will be in effect.

1. All participants in any activity program will be covered by their family insurance carrier and have on file a signed insurance waiver before being permitted to practice. The Belmont Community School District does not carry hospitalization or medical insurance on students. This is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
2. An effort will be made to have an EMT/Trainer at home football and basketball contests to render first aid and to give advice. Emergency Medical Service is readily accessible by telephone by dialing 911 for all other events and practices. *ONCE EMTS/TRAINERS ARE CALLED TO THE SCENE OF AN INJURY, ALL DECISIONS ARE IN THEIR HANDS.*
3. Any school related injury shall be reported to the office of the Principal and an accident report is to be filed in the Main Office.
4. The Athletic Director or Principal is to be informed if an individual has a special medical problem.
5. Should an injury be discovered after the student has returned home, go to a physician and report the injury to the coach/advisor or Athletic Director on the next school day.

Travel

A co-curricular team is like a family. It should go as a team and return as a team. Any student leaving school on a co-curricular trip bus will return to school on the bus, unless parents have made special arrangements in advance with the principal. The principal will be responsible for informing the head coach that an athlete is allowed to depart from an athletic event by using a method other than school-provided transportation. Students transported on co-curricular trips are to be loaded at the school and following the trip discharged at the school. The only other exception will be when parents/guardians specifically request that the student be released to the parents/guardians at the event, with the advisor's/coaches' permission.

Practice Sessions

Weekend or vacation practices may be held at the advisor's or coaches' discretion and will be kept to a minimum number. Attendance at these practices shall not be made compulsory unless the practices count toward the minimum number of practices necessary for team participation before contests. A participant's non-attendance must have been arranged with the advisor or coach before the practice session. The Athletic Director, Principal or Superintendent must approve the weekend or vacation practice schedule.

Practice schedules should be developed with consideration given to the age of the participants. Participants missing the regular practice session must be excused by the advisor or coach before the practice sessions whenever possible. Detention and other administratively imposed discipline take precedence over practice sessions. The participant will report to practice after fulfilling these obligations. Although the absence is not unexcused, the advisor or coach may impose reasonable discipline because of the tardiness or absence.

The advisor or coach will be present for supervision each time a participant is under his/her direction. The advisor or coach will be at the activity directly supervising and not merely on the grounds or in the building.

An ineligible participant may be required to attend practice sessions and contests. Whether or not the participant engages in practices is at the advisor's or coaches' discretion. The ineligible participant will not be allowed to miss any class time to travel with the team to away contests. The ineligible participant will not be allowed to suit up with the team for home contests.

Award Policies

- A. Only one (1) block letter will be awarded to a student during their four (4) years of high school. Varsity letters can be worn only on a school letter jacket. Once the student has earned a letter, the student shall receive a metal service bar for each additional letter. To earn a Varsity letter, a student athlete must participate in a Varsity sport for no less than half of the sports season.
- B. This policy is in effect for all sports, music and forensic activities.
- C. Letter, insignia and numeral awards shall be determined at the conclusion of each season.
- D. Activity awards are given based on participation, loyalty, cooperation, and performance. At the close of each season, the coach or advisor will make his/her recommendation for awards to the Athletic Director for approval.
 - 1. **Numerals** – (Graduation Year) This award is given to a student upon successful completion of their first season.
 - 2. **Letter** – First year letter winners will receive a letter. For each additional letter, the athlete will receive a service bar.
- E. Athletic Awards
 - 1. **WIAA Scholar Athlete** - These awards are given to the senior man and woman who have participated in athletics for four (4) years and competed in two (2) or more sports yearly (WIAA-recognized sports), and have achieved a high cumulative grade point average in their classes.
- F. All other non-athletic awards, advisors will inform participants of the criteria needed to earn awards. Awards will be distributed by the advisor at the conclusion of their activity season after the athlete has completed all responsibilities.
- G. Awards related to any activity during which a student was subject to suspension may be made or withheld at the discretion of the coach or advisor who shall notify the student at the earliest reasonable opportunity before the day on which such award would be made as to whether or not the student will receive the award.
- H. Any student having a code violation will forfeit the privilege of having their name submitted for any special awards (state or conference) or honors during the season in which the code violation was committed.

Fan Expectations

We welcome our guests in friendly competition. Let us all demonstrate pride in our school and our conference through good sportsmanship. We will show responsible behavior and a genuine appreciation of our team and our opponent. A real fan is someone who:

- Supports the team – win or lose
- Shows respect for the officials
- Attempts to know and appreciate the rules of the game
- Maintains self-control at all times
- Recognizes and appreciates the performance and efforts of the coaches and players of all participating teams.

Disruptive Behavior at Activities:

In the event a student or group of students demonstrate unsportsmanlike conduct, direct derogatory cheers toward an opponent or official; throw objects at an official, athlete or on to the court or mat area; it will result in the individual(s) being removed from the premises. When the unacceptable behavior can be attributed to specific individuals, it will be dealt with in accordance with violations set forth in either the Belmont Community Student Handbook and/or Code of Conduct. It can also result in the barring of the student from attending home and/or away contests as well as suspension from school.

If a fan is removed from any school activity, the first offense will result in removal from the school sponsored event for the remainder of the calendar day. Second offense will result in a 30 day suspension from school functions (ex: game, concert, etc.). Third offense will result in removal of school events for the remainder of the school year. An appeal can be made after the third offense only and must be formally submitted to the Superintendent to be provided to the School Board.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility

Parents/guardians are the greatest role models for students. The Belmont Community School District seeks parental/guardian assistance to help develop outstanding young people who possess self-discipline and motivation to make a difference in the world. The administration, faculty, staff, and coaches ask that parents/guardians be supportive of the programs and personnel at the Belmont Community School District and demonstrate that support by respecting the decisions and efforts of the coaches/advisors who work with the young people of the Belmont Community School District. Parental/guardian assistance is also requested in enforcing the provisions of the Code of Conduct so that a fair and healthy environment will exist for all students. It is expected that the parents/guardians will enforce the regulations of the Code of Conduct and encourage a positive attitude toward the school officials involved in the student's activity.

While spectators, at any co-curricular event at Belmont or any other site, parents/guardians are expected to display sportsmanlike behavior. An individual or group who willfully interferes with or interrupts the proper order of management of a school sponsored event by an act of violence, boisterous conduct, threatening language, unsportsmanlike conduct toward coaches, players or officials, or disobeys School Board policies or administrative rules may be removed from the event and may be prohibited from further attendance. Individuals prohibited from attendance may follow the established appeal procedure as defined in the Code of Conduct.

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Code of Conduct
Parent/Student Acknowledgement Form
2024-2025 Academic Year

1. I agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and realize that any violation on my part will result in the restrictions set forth in the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is a twelve-month commitment. I will have the integrity to inform my coach, advisor, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director or Principal if I ever violate the Code of Conduct rules.
2. As a parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student participating in the Belmont Community School District Co-Curricular Program, I/We support our child's agreement to abide by all of the rules as stated in the Code of Conduct.

TO DEMONSTRATE MY/OUR SUPPORT, I/WE PLEDGE TO:

1. Be aware of our child's academic status, behavior and social habits.
2. Not cover up or provide alibis if rules are broken. I/We will hold our child responsible and accountable for his/her actions and will inform the Assistant Principal/Activities Director or Principal if he/she violates the Code of Conduct. I/We will communicate our intentions to our son/daughter at the beginning of the season so he/she will be aware of what the consequences will be should a violation occur.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK STATEMENT

I understand that playing sports or participating in some activities can cause genuine risks to anyone who engages in them. Because of the dangers of participating in sports and co-curriculars, I/We recognize the importance of following the advisor's or coaches' instructions regarding playing techniques, training and other team rules, and to agree to obey such instructions.

In consideration of the Belmont Community School District permitting me to try out for Belmont's Co-Curricular Activities and Athletic Team(s), I hereby assume all the risks associated with the participation and agree to hold the Belmont Community School District harmless from any liability which may arise in connection with my participation in co-curricular activities or athletics. I voluntarily choose to participate in Belmont's Co-Curricular Program in spite of inherent risks.

I agree to pay for any and all equipment that I may lose, misplace or damage, misuse or have stolen through carelessness or intent. I further agree to assume full responsibility for all equipment issued to me and to confine the use of that equipment to practice, games, meets, or activities.

In addition, I/We agree to provide insurance coverage and accept responsibility for any and all medical costs.

My signature below indicates that I have read this statement, understood it completely, and agree to be bound by its terms.

Date

Grade

Co-Curricular Organization(s)

Participant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature