

## 7:240 HIGH SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

**STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY** The Board of Education recognizes that participation in school activities is a privilege. Students participating in sports or extracurricular activities are expected to be an honorable representative of District 303 at all times in appearance, language, conduct and attitude. District 303 strongly discourages students from attending parties and other functions where behavior may jeopardize their individual, team, or organization's reputation. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in permanent removal from team/group membership.

The *privilege* of team membership brings with it many commitments with regards to participation, loyalty, attendance and adherence to a set of rules as established in the Code of Conduct.

In addition to the conditions set forth in the Code of Conduct, it is assumed that student signatures also imply that they will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects outstanding character and citizenship. Behavior that violates the principles of either trait could be cause for review by the Head Coach/Advisor and could result in a recommendation to the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal for Student Activities for immediate termination of team/group membership.

Signatures of the Code of Conduct are required for participation in extra-curricular activities and athletics. The signing of the Code of Conduct will remain in effect for one full calendar year.

Decisions regarding penalties for code violations rest with the Athletic Director and/or the Assistant Principal for Student Activities.

Based on the above the following expectations are that:

- 1 Participants shall not possess, actively seek, solicit, supply or be under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, steroids, illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, or possess drug-related paraphernalia. (Category A)
- 2 Participants shall practice good citizenship in all environments respecting the property and the rights of others. (Category B)

Participants are held accountable for rules outlined in the Code of Conduct as well as by the coach/advisor.

### **VIOLATION PENALTIES**

Once verified through a police report/arrest, dean's referral or a voluntary admission, a conference including the student and parent(s) will be conducted to discuss the infraction and its impact on all team/group participation with the Athletic Director and/or Assistant Principal. Non-compliance with the terms specified below shall result in the loss of all extracurricular activities until compliance is completed.

### **VOLUNTARY ADMISSION CLAUSE**

Within 72 hours, in the absence of verifiable evidence or before just cause suspicion of any violation, the student may voluntarily admit the infraction to the Athletic Director and /or the Assistant Principal. Participation will be uninterrupted when it can be verified that he/she has enrolled and is actively participating in a school recognized program. The student must complete the program. A voluntarily admitted code violation may be applied only once.

## **Interscholastic Activities and Athletics**

<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>CONSEQUENCES</b>
<b>CATEGORY "A" VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>1ST OFFENSE</b>
A category A violation has occurred when a participant possesses, actively seeks, solicits, supplies, uses or is under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, steroids, other illegal drugs, look-alike drugs, prescription drugs with out a prescription or possesses drug-related paraphernalia.	<p><b>Interscholastic Athletics and Activities:</b> The participant will be suspended from 50 percent of contests/events (this also includes post-season tournaments). During this period, the participant may practice or attend meetings. If the 50 percent suspension continues past the conclusion of the season, the penalty will be enforced at the beginning of the next season of participation.</p> <p><b>Non-Interscholastic Activities:</b> The student will be suspended from 50 percent of all activities. During this time period, the student may not attend meetings or competitions. If the suspension continues past the conclusion of school year, the penalty will be enforced at the beginning of the next school year.</p>

	<p>The penalty of 50 percent may be reduced to 25 percent if all of the following two (2) conditions are fulfilled*:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student and parents request, within 5 school days of the violation ruling, that they wish to avail themselves of the "service learning" option.</li> <li>2. The student successfully completes both the "service learning" component and the school approved substance abuse program (at the participants own expense) as monitored by the Student Assistance Coordinator.</li> </ol> <p>*Failure to complete all of these conditions will result in the reinstatement of the original consequence.</p>
	<p><b>2ND OFFENSE</b></p> <p><b>Interscholastic Athletics and Activities/Non-Interscholastic Activities:</b> The participant is suspended from participation for one calendar year from the date of the violation. The participant must complete a substance abuse program recognized by the school at the participant's own expense in order to regain eligibility one year from the date of the violation.</p>
	<p><b>3RD OFFENSE</b></p> <p><b>Interscholastic Athletics and Activities/Non-Interscholastic Activities:</b> Eligibility is terminated immediately for the remainder of the student's high school career.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CATEGORY "B" VIOLATIONS</b></p> <p>When a participant violates the rights or property of others, or demonstrates inappropriate conduct which results in any of the following: a disciplinary action by the dean's office, a police report, or an arrest.</p>	<p><b>1ST OFFENSE</b></p> <p><b>Interscholastic Athletics and Activities:</b> A violation will result in a suspension of up to 50 percent of the contests/events (this also includes post season tournaments). During this period, the participant may practice or attend meetings. If the suspension continues past the conclusion of the season, the penalty will be enforced at the beginning of the next season of participation.</p> <p><b>Non-Interscholastic Activities:</b> A violation will result in a suspension from participation for up to 50 percent of a calendar year. During this period the student may not attend meetings or competitions. If the suspension continues past the conclusion of school year, the penalty will be enforced at the beginning of the next school year.</p> <p>Reduction of the suspension <i>may</i> be reduced by participating in a school sponsored program. This option is offered at the discretion of the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal for Student Activities</p>
	<p><b>2ND OFFENSE</b></p> <p><b>Interscholastic Athletics and Activities and Non-Interscholastic Activities:</b> The participant is suspended for all practices, meetings, contests and events for one calendar year. If the suspension continues past the conclusion of school year, the penalty will be enforced at the beginning of the next school year.</p>

	<p>The penalty of one calendar year may be reduced to 6 months if the following two (2) conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student and parents request, within 5 school days of the violation ruling, that they wish to avail themselves of the school approved program option.</li> <li>2. The student successfully completes the school approved program.</li> </ol>
	<p><b>3RD OFFENSE</b></p> <p><b>Interscholastic Athletics and Activities and Non-Interscholastic Activities:</b> The student is suspended from participating in athletics and activities for one year from the date of the violation. In order to reinstate eligibility for participation in athletics and activities the student must successfully complete a school approved program. Failure to complete the school approved program will result in the termination of eligibility for athletics and activities for the remainder of their high school career.</p>
<p><b>Other Misconduct</b> All other offenses will be referred to the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal for Activities.</p>	<p><b>Guidelines for Disciplinary Action</b> Decisions of the Athletic Director/Assistant Principal for Activities.</p>

**Appeal Process**

Students disciplined for Code of Conduct violations may appeal their penalty to the Athletic Director or Assistant Principal for Student Activities within 2 school days.

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