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Subject: Athletic Code of Conduct

The Board of Education and coaching staff recognize the value of strict conduct and training regulations for our athletes. The rules and regulations found here will be strictly enforced and student athletes will be subject to the listed penalties and consequences.

Code of Ethics and Rules for Athletes

A. Controlled Substances

Student athletes shall not use, sell, possess or be in the presence of controlled substances or the illegal consumption of alcohol during the sports season. A sports season is defined as the first day of practice through the final game, including tournament play.

First Offense: Suspension from the team, loss of eligibility for 15 school weeks for participation in interscholastic athletics, loss of athletic award from that sport season. If there are not 15 school weeks left in the season, the suspension will carry over into the athlete’s next sports season.

A student may be reinstated prior to 15 school weeks by accepting the following optional program:

Submitting to an assessment procedure at a recognized (as determined by the administration and athletic director) substance abuse treatment center at the student’s expense. If the center recommends, the student will enroll into the prescribed treatment program and all follow-up treatment (at the student’s expense). Failing to complete the program and/or dropping out of the prescribed follow-up treatment will void early reinstatement. The student athlete may return to participation at the discretion of the Athletic Director and Superintendent.

Second Offense (any second violation committed while the student athlete is a member of an athletic team during a sports season throughout the athlete’s Junior High/Senior High career): Suspension from the team, loss of eligibility for one calendar year, loss of athletic award from that sports season.

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A student may be reinstated after a 15 school-week period by accepting the following optional program:

Submitting to an assessment procedure at a recognized (as determined by the administration and athletic director) substance abuse treatment center at the student's expense. If the center recommends, the student will enroll in the prescribed treatment program and all follow-up treatment (at the student's expense). Failing to complete the program and/or dropping out of the prescribed follow-up treatment will void early reinstatement. The student athlete may return to participation after 15 school weeks if and/or when the agency indicates that he/she is making significant progress.

Third Offense (third violation committed while the student athlete is a member of an athletic team during a sports season throughout the athlete's Junior High/Senior High career): Suspension from the team, loss of athletic award from that sport season, and review of the student's eligibility.

A committee comprised of an administrator, athletic director, a coaching staff member, a school counselor, a building safety committee member, and a parent will review each case. This committee can terminate eligibility or set conditions for readmission to interscholastic athletic participation. Any readmission to the interscholastic program must include mandatory counseling and/or treatment (at the student's expense) as prescribed by the committee.

B. Smoking

There will be no smoking or use of tobacco substances during the sports season. A sports season is defined as the first day of practice through the final game, including tournament play.

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Violation of this rule will result in the following:

1. First Offense: suspension from the team for four athletic contests. If the season does not have four athletic contests remaining, the suspension will carry over into the athlete's next sports season.
2. Second Offense: suspension from the team, loss of eligibility for 15 school weeks (10 weeks for Junior High) for participation in the next athletic season, loss of letter. If there are not 15 school weeks left in the season, the suspension will carry over into the athlete's next sports season.

Note: Carry Over Rule: If the suspension is a carry over, from one season to the next, the athlete is allowed a 3-day try-out period for the next seasons sport and then the suspension continues until its completion, Also, a suspension will be carried over from one school year to another (spring season to fall season).

C. Conduct

An action unbecoming to an athlete or team during a sports season, such as initiating a fight; unsportsmanlike conduct, gestures to officials, crowds, coaches; harassment; malicious mischief, etc., is subject to the following penalties:

1. First Offense
 - a. Minimum: one game suspension and practices included therein
 - b. Maximum: four game suspension and practices included therein
2. Second Offense
 - a. Minimum: four game suspension and practices included therein
 - b. Maximum: suspension from the team, loss of eligibility for 15 school weeks (10 for Jr. High) for participation in the next athletic season, loss of letter.

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Note: Carry over rule applies. Individual cases should be judged by the coach and athletic director as to determine the course of action (minimum or maximum penalty).

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