

Athletic Code of Conduct & Academic Performance

The Board of Education believes athletic participation is an important part of a student's educational experience and encourages all students to participate in athletics. Students who are members of an athletic team are expected to maintain a high standard of academic performance because they represent the School District, community and serve as role models for all students.

Participation in competitive sports should help increase a student's discipline, organization and therefore, success in academics as well as teamwork, physical fitness and other positive life skills.

In an effort to maintain a high standard of academic performance, the Wyandotte Board of Education has adopted the rules and requirements of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). In addition, the Superintendent shall implement Athletic Academic Performance Guidelines and Procedures that exceed the MHSAA rules and requirements for all students who choose to participate in athletics. These guidelines and procedures shall be reviewed for their effectiveness in maintaining a high standard of academic performance and adjusted as necessary to maintain this goal. The Superintendent shall keep the Board of Education apprised of these adjustments.

Guidelines & Procedures

Any student attending Roosevelt High School or Wilson Middle School who meets MHSAA rules and requirements, Wyandotte's Athletic Academic Performance Guidelines and Procedures, District Athletic Code of Conduct rules and specific athletic team requirements is eligible to participate in District sponsored athletic competition.

Wyandotte's Athletic Academic Performance Guidelines and Procedures are as follows:

Students who participate on District athletic teams are expected to maintain a high standard of academic performance. If an athlete is at risk for low academic performance, he/she will be placed on academic probation. This will occur if his/her most recent progress report or quarterly grade report indicates a GPA lower than 1.67 (C-) or he/she has an E in any subject area.

Coaches have the prerogative to establish a higher required Academic Guide Line for their teams. These rules must be clearly communicated to the student/athlete and signed by the student/athlete and the parent.

When an athlete is placed on Academic Probation:

- The student's teacher will be required to turn in weekly (Friday) academic progress reports to the Athletic Director.
- It is the student's responsibility to confer with their teacher(s)/counselor to develop a plan for academic improvement.
- If the student has one or more E's in any courses at the time of Progress Report or Quarterly grades he/she will be given one week to bring those grades up. The student will be expected to participate in

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practices; he/she may not dress, but must attend scheduled competitions. If grades are not improved at that time he/she will be suspended from all Athletic Events until the grades improve.

- In order to be eligible for participation in the next athletic season based on the student's most recent quarterly grade report, the student must meet MHSAA rules and regulations, as well as Wyandotte's academic and team requirements.
- If the next athletic season tryouts begin before a quarterly grade report and the student is ineligible to participate and teachers verify that the student is performing at the required academic level he/she may tryout for the sport pending the quarterly grade report.

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Philosophy

Roosevelt High School administrators and coaches believe that those students who are selected for the privilege of membership on teams should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of their schools. In order to insure this conduct, the Athletic Director and Coaches will enforce this Athletic Code. As recognized representatives of their schools, members of Roosevelt High School teams must demonstrate the character and behavior outlined in the Code. Behavior of team members is to be monitored by coaches and school administrators in or out of season, in or out of uniform and whether on campus or off.

All members of athletic teams have specific responsibilities. Participation in athletics is a privilege. Therefore athletes must follow some general rules and regulations. If any athlete is in violation of these specific rules and regulations, action will be taken.

Section I.

An athlete at Roosevelt High School will be subject to disciplinary action if he or she commits any of the following violations:

- Falsification of a signature on the athletic permit card or physical form. (If falsification is by a parent or another student, the athlete will be held responsible).
- Theft or vandalism of any school property or teammate’s property.
- Use of or possession of tobacco (all forms), alcohol, marijuana or any illegal drugs or related paraphernalia or look alike or abuse of prescription/non-prescription drugs.
- If any police report is filed that violates the aforementioned violations.
- Reported inappropriate/negative use of Social Media.

Each coach has the prerogative to establish additional training rules pertaining to the activity supervised as well as rules which may include attendance at practice, detentions, curfew, dress and general conduct of participants during practices, contests and trips and will be handled by the coach. These rules are also to be clearly communicated to the student/athlete and must be approved by the Athletic Director.

Section II.

Any violation of the stated policy while the athlete is enrolled at Roosevelt High School will result in the following action:

1st Offense:

1. Suspension from all athletic contests for one (1) week of the season with the student expected to participate in all practice sessions during that time. Parents will also be notified by the Athletic Director ASAP. Scrimmages are not considered contests. If less than one (1) week remains, the punishment will carry over to the next season.
2. If drugs or alcohol are involved the athlete must enlist in a counseling program through the school or community. In order to be eligible the athlete must have proof that he/she is enlisted in said program.

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- 3. The athlete may not practice until his/her coach has received notification from the Athletic Director that a preliminary contact has occurred. Voluntary admission of an infraction of a training rule regarding substance abuse will not result in a one (1) week suspension, but will count as a first offense. In such cases, a mandatory conference with the Counselor and/or the Athletic Director is still required. (The purpose of this provision is to allow an athlete to seek help)
 - 4. The voluntary admission may not be used by a student if the school is already aware of the rule infraction. This provision may be used only one time by any athlete.

2nd Offense:

- 1. After confirmation of the second violation the athlete shall be dismissed for the remainder of that season.
- 2. The athlete may not try out or practice until his/her coach has received notification from the Athletic Director.

3rd Offense:

- 1. After confirmation of a third violation the athlete shall lose interscholastic eligibility for one calendar year from infraction.

*More severe penalties than those set forth in the above guidelines may be imposed in extenuating circumstances.

These sanctions apply to all athletes whether or not they are actively engaged in their sport(s) at the time of violation. The penalties shall be cumulative beginning with the student athlete’s signing this code and continuing throughout the school year and does not supersede Roosevelt High School disciplinary policies which also apply where applicable. An athlete’s eligibility can be renewed for the following school year for the first day of season practice through the appeal process.

Appeal Process:

The Athletic Director is the first level of any appeal involving interscholastic sports. When necessary an appeal committee consisting of the Athletic Director and 2 representatives from the coaching staff (who do not coach the athlete in question) will convene for further review. The decisions of the coaches will stand until the appeal is reviewed.

Tear Off and Return This Section Only and Return to Athletic Office

Athlete’s Name (Please Print): _____ Year of Graduation: _____

I understand and agree to abide by all the provisions of the Athlete’s Behavior Code of Conduct.

Athlete’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand and agree to support all the provisions of the Athlete’s Behavior Code of Conduct.

Parent’s Signature: _____ Date: _____