

ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians and students participating in athletics and/or activities sanctioned by the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) to read and familiarize themselves with the terms and requirements of the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct. A student or his/her parent/guardian may obtain an explanation of any part of this code from the school athletic director, activities director or principal.

The parent/guardian and student are required to sign the attached form to acknowledge this code has been read, is understood by the student and the parent/guardian and they each agree to abide by it.

Coaches/sponsors will not allow a student to practice, play or otherwise participate in the sport/activity until the student's signed acknowledgment form has been returned to the coach/sponsor.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The development of character and proper conduct promoted by athletics and activities is central to the educational mission of the school. Students involved in athletics/activities are held to a higher standard of conduct as they are representatives of their school and school district and serve as role models for others.

Participation in all athletics and activities is a privilege offered to students and may be withdrawn based on the failure to adhere to the highest standards of personal conduct and ethical behavior. Continued membership and participation in extra-curricular activities may also be determined by a student's attitude, punctuality and attendance.

All standards, rules, and requirements in the APS Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct are in addition to the standards, rules and requirements set forth by the sport/activity, the school, the Albuquerque Public Schools and the New Mexico Activities Association.

GENERAL CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The APS Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct guidelines designate expectations for students participating in extra-curricular activities such as athletics, concert band, speech & debate, mock trial and other school sponsored performances and/or competitions. Student performances and/or competitions in co-curricular activities that contribute to a grade in academic classes are not included in the APS Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct.

Participants in athletics and activities are regarded as representatives of the Albuquerque Public Schools and are expected to conduct themselves as exemplary examples of APS students at all competitions and events. Disciplinary actions under this code shall be imposed based on the best interests of the team/group and school and the best educational interests of the student being disciplined. The conduct expectations set out in this code apply to each student and are in effect throughout the school year a student is a member of an athletic team or an extra-curricular activity.

GENERAL CONDUCT GUIDELINES (continued)

A student shall be removed and/or suspended from a sport or activity for violations of team/group rules, school rules and/or school district rules as specified in the APS Student Handbook. Disciplinary action may be taken for conduct deemed inappropriate regardless of whether such conduct takes place on or off campus and regardless of whether such conduct takes place during school hours or at any other time. A student charged with or suspected of inappropriate conduct may be suspended from their sport or activity pending an investigation. Inappropriate conduct includes but is not limited to:

- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or supplements, tobacco in any form and/or performance enhancing drugs or attendance at a party or other gathering at which any of the foregoing substances are present and/or being used as referenced in the APS Student Handbook.
- Participation in bullying and/or hazing activities as a part of a team/group initiation or rite of passage. Programs or individuals engaging in bullying and/or hazing activities may be placed on probation, suspension or other consequences administered by school administration.
- Use of social media deemed unacceptable, inappropriate or causes a disruption to the educational process.

ATTENDANCE STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to attend a minimum of one-half school day (or as otherwise determined by school administration) to be minimally eligible to participate in a practice, competition, activity or performance scheduled on the same date.

Participation in evening activities or competitions shall not affect school attendance on the following day. When performing or competing during the school day, students are expected to return to classes immediately after the event.

Students are not allowed to participate while serving a school suspension, in or out of school. A suspended student shall be removed from all team/group related activities for the length of the suspension and may resume team/group participation the day the student is permitted to return to class.

OTHER GUIDELINES

Coaches/sponsors may establish team/group rules that exceed the APS Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct conditions and guidelines upon prior approval by the athletic/activities director. Students who violate team/group rules and standards or whose conduct is detrimental to the team/group cohesiveness or success shall be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, curtailment of playing time/participation, suspension from games or events and suspension or dismissal from teams/groups.

Parents/guardians of students participating in athletics will review the APS Parent/Guardian Code of Expectations for Athletics and will adhere to and uphold all obligations. In the event a parent/guardian fails to adhere to and uphold these obligations, school administration and the school district reserves the right to impose sanctions against the parent/guardian including disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, temporary and/or permanent removal from the activity and expulsion from all future events.

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The undersigned parent/guardian and student state that:

- We have read the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct and understand its terms, conditions and standards.
- We agree to abide by the terms, conditions and standards of the APS Athletic and Activity Code of Conduct.
- We understand it is our responsibility to be aware of and adhere to the additional standards, rules and requirements set forth by each sport/activity the student participates in, the school(s) the student attends, the Albuquerque Public Schools and the New Mexico Activities Association.
- We understand it is our responsibility to keep this document and refer to it throughout the school year as specific issues or questions arise.

Sports participating in (check all that apply):

- Baseball
- Basketball – Boys
- Basketball – Girls
- Cheer
- Cross Country – Boys
- Cross Country – Girls
- Dance
- Football
- Golf – Boys
- Golf – Girls
- Soccer – Boys
- Soccer – Girls
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving – Boys
- Swimming & Diving – Girls
- Tennis – Boys
- Tennis – Girls
- Track & Field – Boys
- Track & Field – Girls
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Activities participating in (check all that apply):

- Athletic Training Challenge
- Bowling
- Business Professionals of America
- Chess
- Choir
- Concert Band
- DECA
- eSports
- Educators Rising
- English Expo
- FCCLA
- FFA Agriculture Education
- HOSA
- JROTC
- Mock Trial
- One Act Production
- Rodeo
- Scholastic Publications
- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad
- Skills USA
- Speech & Debate
- Student Council
- Technology Student Association

Student Printed Name

Student ID

School Year

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date