

ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF EXPECTATIONS FOR ATHLETICS

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship as referenced in “*Pursuing Victory With Honor*” and in the six core principles of character education: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these principles.

Please be advised the Albuquerque Public Schools has a code of expectations for all parents/guardians participating in the athletic experience. Your cooperation in adhering to the following obligations as a parent/guardian at athletic events is appreciated and necessary to provide the most quality experience for every person participating.

- I will do my part to make athletics and activities a **positive experience** for everyone involved (i.e. participants, coaches, officials and spectators)
- I will **learn and adhere to the policies** of school district, school and program and do my best to **understand and appreciate the rules** of the contest
- I will **encourage good sportsmanship** by showing respect and courtesy and by being a positive role model at every event and practice
- I will **not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct** with any official, coach, player, parent or staff member, such as taunting or using profane language or gestures
- I will **demand a safe and healthy environment** that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will **refrain from any use** at all athletic events
- I will **not engage in disparaging dialogue or taunting behavior** with officials, players, coaches, parents and other spectators before, during and after all events
- I will **respect the decisions and authority of officials** during competitions
- I will **respect the property and equipment** used at any sports or school facility
- I will **show appreciation for an outstanding play** by either team
- I will **applaud a good effort** in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes

In addition, parents of participants in the Albuquerque Public Schools athletic program are expected to adhere to the following obligations to fully ensure the best possible environment for their child.

- I will **insist my child treat other players, coaches, officials and fans with respect and courtesy** regardless of race, sex, creed or ability
- I will **help my child learn** that success is measured by the development of skills, not by winning or losing
- I will **communicate with the coach** at the appropriate time and place when I have a concern regarding my child
- I will **inform the coach of any physical disability** or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others
- I will **refrain from coaching my child** or other players during games and practices unless I am an official coach
- I will place the emotional and physical **well-being of my child** ahead of my personal desire to win
- I will **never ridicule or yell at my child** or other participant for making a mistake or blame my player’s teammates or coaches for success or failure in the athletic setting
- I will **teach my child to respect the decisions** of administrators, coaches and officials and will positively model this same behavior
- I will **reinforce the school district’s substance abuse policies** with my child and refrain from any use of alcohol and other drugs before of during contests

In the event an adult fails to adhere to and uphold these obligations, the school administration and the school district reserves the right to impose sanctions 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.