

ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT

NOTE TO PARENTS:

It is the responsibility of parents and students to read and familiarize themselves with the terms and requirements of the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Athletic and Activity Code. A student or his/her parent/guardian may obtain an explanation of any part of the code from the Athletic Director, Activities Director or Principal.

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

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

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- A. The development of character and proper conduct that is promoted by athletics and activities is central to the educational mission of the school.
- B. Students who are involved in athletics/activities are held to a higher standard of conduct as they are representative of their school and school district, and serve as role models for others.
- C. Participation in all athletics and activities is a privilege offered to students, and may be withdrawn on the basis of failure to adhere to the high standards of personal conduct and ethical behavior.
- D. In addition to the specific standards set forth in this code, the student's membership and participation in extra-curricular activities, including any disciplinary action, will be determined on the basis of the student's attitude, punctuality, and attendance, and on the basis of the welfare and best interest of the team/group and its participants, the school, and the school district.
- E. It is the responsibility of parents and students to familiarize themselves with the terms and requirements of the APS Athletic and Activity Code. A student or his/her parent/guardian may obtain an explanation of any part of this code from the Athletic Director, Activities Director or Principal.
- F. All standards, rules, and requirements in the APS Athletic and Activity Code are in addition to the applicable standards, rules, and requirements of the school sport program/activity group, the school the student attends and participates, the Albuquerque Public Schools and the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA).
- G. Professional judgment will be used by coaches, sponsors, and administrators in situations not covered by a specific written rule or guideline.

II. GENERAL CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The APS Athletic and Activity Code guidelines designate expectations for students participating in extra-curricular activities such as athletics, music ensembles, debate, speech, cheerleading, drill team, drama, mock trial, and other school sponsored performances and/or competitions. Student performances and/or competitions in co-curricular activities, which contribute to a grade in academic classes, are not included in the APS Athletic and Activity Code.

In addition to the behavioral expectations detailed in APS Board policies, extra-curricular activity participants are expected to follow specific behavioral and eligibility guidelines included within the APS Athletic and Activity Code. The conduct expectations set out in the code are applicable to and binding upon each student during the season a student is a member of an extra-curricular activity or an athletic team.

Disciplinary actions under this code shall be imposed on the basis of the best interests of the team, group and school, and the best educational interests of the student to be disciplined.

A. Prohibited Conduct

1. A student shall be removed or suspended from any sport or activity for conduct deemed inappropriate and may be removed or suspended for violations of team/group, school or school district rules as specified in the APS Student Behavior Handbook, 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. This conduct may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco in any form, 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 Behavior Handbook.
 - b. The use or possession of illegal supplements and/or performance enhancing drugs such as steroids.

Students charged with or suspected of any of the above conduct may be suspended from their sport or activity pending an investigation.

Hazing is not permitted as any part of any team or activity as an initiation or right of passage. Programs participating in hazing activities may be placed on probation, suspension, or other consequences administered by school or school district administrators.

2. Except as otherwise provided herein, a student who quits or is dismissed from a team or activity will not be allowed to participate in any sport or activity until the end of the season of that sport or the term of the activity in which he or she was participating prior to resignation or dismissal without the mutual agreement of coaches/sponsors, the athletic director/activities director and school administration.

B. School Attendance

1. A student is expected to attend a minimum of one-half school day (three periods or two blocks) to be minimally eligible to participate in a practice, competition, activity or performance scheduled on the same date.
2. 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.
3. Students placed on a school suspension (e.g. in-school or out-of-school) will not be allowed to practice, participate or compete in contests/events during the suspension period.

C. Conduct on Trips

Participants in athletics and activities are regarded as representatives of the Albuquerque Public Schools and are expected to conduct themselves as the best examples of APS students at all competitions and events. Students on trips for activities or athletics remain, at all times, subject to all rules and standards applicable under school and school district codes and policies.

III. OTHER GUIDELINES

- A. Coaches/sponsors may establish team/group rules that exceed the APS Athletic and Activity Code conditions and guidelines upon prior approval by the athletic/activities director.
- B. Coaches/sponsors may establish curfews for participants in athletics and activities in order to enhance preparation for competitions and/or performances.
- C. Coaches/sponsors may impose, and enforce by appropriate means, standards regarding attendance, punctuality, and attitude.
- D. Coaches/sponsors may require study hall for any or all of their team/group participants.
- E. Students who violate team/group rules, curfews, or standards shall be subject to curtailment of playing time/participation, suspension from games or events, and suspension or dismissal from teams or groups.
- F. Students whose conduct is detrimental to team/group cohesiveness or success shall be subject to curtailment of playing time/participation, suspension from games or events, and suspension or dismissal from teams or groups.
- G. Parents/guardians of athletes will review the Albuquerque Public Schools 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, the 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.

- H. Coaches, participants, parents, and fans are required to be familiar with and adhere to all policies outlined in school and school district handbooks and NMAA publications regarding high school and middle school athletics and activities.

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ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY CODE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned parent/guardian and student state that:

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

Sports participating (check all that apply):

- Baseball
- Basketball-B
- Basketball-G
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Drill
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer-B
- Soccer-G
- Softball
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis-B
- Tennis-G
- Track-B
- Track-G
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Activities participating (check all that apply):

- Athletic Training
- Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- Chess
- Concert Band
- Drama
- FFA – Agriculture Education
- HOSA
- Marching Band
- Orchestra
- Science Fair
- Science Olympiad
- Speech & Debate
- Technology Student Association (TSA)
- OTHER _____
- OTHER _____
- OTHER _____

Student Printed Name

Student ID

School Year

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date