

**Herricks School District
Code of Conduct for Athletes**

Student-athletes who participate in interscholastic sports should recognize that they have an obligation to themselves, their teammates, and the school community to strive for excellence on and off the field. Participation in athletics will enable the athlete to develop appropriate sportsmanship skills, civil behavior, and respect for others and mature judgment. The following are expectations for all athletes.

Athletes Must:

1. Understand that participation in athletics is a privilege and should be valued.
2. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game. Respect for others is paramount. This includes respect for the integrity and judgment of all officials.
3. Set an example in word and deed, both on and off the playing area.
4. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the Herricks School District, as set forth in the District's Code of Conduct. This includes the prohibition of the use of drugs/alcohol.
5. Use appropriate language and refrain from crude or abusive language or gestures when dealing with opponents, officials, spectators, or classmates.
6. Accept victory with grace, and defeat with dignity.
7. Refrain from disorderly, disruptive or insubordinate behaviors including bullying or harassment.
8. Never engage in any form of hazing or rite of initiation in school activities, including interscholastic athletics. Students who have knowledge of a hazing incident must report it to a coach, athletic administrator, or any other responsible school official (teacher, administrator, etc.).
9. Refrain from any activity that violates the Dignity Act and Board of Education policies addressing hazing, bullying, harassment and sexual harassment. Policies are available on our website.
10. Be responsible for their behaviors. Therefore, students who are found to have violated district policy and/or the Code of Conduct will face disciplinary actions, including possible suspension from school or athletic participation.
11. Place athletic competition in its perspective. It represents only one part of the learning process and should not be pursued to the exclusion of everything else.

We ask that you keep the Code of Conduct for Athletics visible in your home as a continual reminder that participation in athletics is a privilege and that the experience should be valued. The Code of Conduct for Athletes will be reviewed with your child by his or her coach; we ask you to discuss its importance with your child and help reinforce these positive behaviors with him/her.

Thank you for your support.

I have read the above and agree to the terms.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Student Signature

Date

Print Parent's or Guardian's Name

Print Student Name