CUSD ATHLETIC ETHICAL CONDUCT

OVERVIEW

The following Code of Ethics applies to all students who represent Central Unified in any co-curricular program. The student will be asked to make this commitment prior to the start of the season/activity, and abide by its conditions for **one calendar year from the signing date. During the summer vacation this code is still in force.** The Code is a statement of responsibility and understanding for a student who freely chooses to represent the school. No statement can express the excellence of performance for which we hope all students will strive. There is no substitute for school pride and good judgment.

STUDENT/PARENT COMMITMENT

We, the student and parent or guardian of the student, understand that the student will abide by the C.U.S.D. Code of Ethics. We also understand that when the student signs the Code of Ethics he/she is to follow the stated rules twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, during the one calendar year following the signing. The student is also subject to the school rules while at school or at a school related activity.

APPEARANCE

The co-curricular program holds a very prominent place on campus and in the community. Appearance, expressions and actions always influence people and their opinion of our students, the program and the school. Each participating student of C.U.S.D. has the responsibility to uphold the C.U.S.D. dress code when at school and representing C.U.S.D. at a co-curricular event. An individual coach/advisor may set a stricter dress code policy, but may not be more lenient than the district dress code as stated in Board Policy. If the coach/advisor chooses to set a more strict policy, he/she will furnish that policy in writing to students/parents, with prior approval of the school site athletic/activities director.

ATTENDANCE

We understand regular attendance is expected of all our students and habitual absenteeism will result in disciplinary action. A participating student must be in attendance the day of the performance (half of the day unless he/she has a doctors appointment or is excused by the school principal) or in school the day prior to performance on a non-school day, to be eligible for participation. Students are also expected to attend all classes the day following a school contest

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

We understand the academic eligibility requirements set forth by C.U.S.D.:

- Passing a minimum of four subjects
- Grade Point Average Requirements - A student must earn at least a 2.0 grade point average in all enrolled classes for the prior grading period in order to participate in the current grading period. (Grade 7 - 12). A student who fails to achieve a 2.0 grade point average will be placed on probation for the current grading period. A student who does not achieve at least a 2.0 grade point average during the probationary period shall be excluded from participation in extracurricular activities during the subsequent grading period. The grading period in C.U.S.D. is six weeks. Ineligible athletes may practice but may not travel to away games or tournaments.
- Progress Towards Graduation Requirements – Central Unified number of accumulated units towards high school graduation will be standard for minimum achievement:

A student who does not accumulate the required number of units towards graduation will be placed on probation for the current semester. A student who does not achieve the necessary number of units by the end of the probationary semester shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities the following semester.

CLEARANCE

We agree to provide the correct information on the following forms as requested:

- Date of birth of the student (sports)
- Provide the results of an annual physical examination
- Provide verification of insurance
- Provide a signed residence questionnaire (sports)
- Provide signed informed consent for all (sports)
- Provide a signed C.U.S.D. Code of Ethics
- Provide a signed C.I.F. Code of Ethics (sports)
- Provide a signed dress code, if coach uses a stricter dress code than C.U.S.D.

BEHAVIOR

The conduct of a C.U.S.D. student is closely observed by many people. The student, in representing themselves, their parents, school and community, is expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner.

A. CONDUCT THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE:

1. Possession/Use of illegal drugs
2. Possession/Use of alcoholic beverages
3. Possession of weapons
4. Fighting (Battery) Repeated mutual combat
5. Possession/Use of tobacco
6. Violation of a law in the community
7. Defiance of adult authority or the breaking of rules established by the coach/advisor or school
8. Use of profanity or vulgar language
9. Taunting/abusing of another student
10. Misuse of equipment/uniform
11. Unsportsmanlike conduct
12. Wearing uniform incorrectly
13. Negative behavior toward an official (either spoken or a physical reaction)

VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN A CO-CURRICULAR BOARD HEARING AND APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE WILL BE DETERMINED

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES BOARD

1. The board will be composed of a minimum of three people per case.
   a. Vice Principal
   b. Athletic Director or Student Activities Director
   c. Counselor/Learning Director

The coach/advisor of the student may not be a board member for that case, but may attend. The board will hear a case within three (3) school days of a request (unless extended by mutual consent or circumstances beyond our control), and inform the student of its decision as soon as possible. Any board meeting will be restricted to the board members, school officials, the student, and parents (any exception must be cleared through the Deputy Principal's office). **The athlete needs to be aware that if they are allowed to return to their team, their standing on the team, and any individual end of the season/year honors, will be affected.**

CODE OF ETHICS

I have read and understood the Central Unified School District Code of Ethical Conduct. We agree to abide by the policies and related consequences while participating in interscholastic and co-curricular athletics/activities. I understand complete copies of the code of ethics are available in the Athletic Office.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____