# PORT CHESTER ATHLETICS

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

To: Parent/Guardian of a student participating in an athletics program

District students who participate in athletics program are expected to conform to standards which meet or exceed the requirements of the general **District Code of Conduct**. The following guidelines must be read and acknowledged as indicated:

**Academic Standards**: Students must comply with the academic guidelines stated in the Student handbook for their appropriate corresponding building (High school or Middle school). The Athletic Department recognizes that the primary responsibility of student-athletes is educational. Therefore, the Athletic Department supports the concept that student-athletes should work to their potential in the classroom and be committed to achieving maximum academic success. While scholastic achievement is determined on an individual basis, the administration and the Athletic Department reserve the right to determine a student-athlete's eligibility to participate in athletic contests and practices.

Students who are not performing to academic expectations may receive an Academic Warning Memo filed jointly by the classroom teacher and the athletic department. The student-athlete in question will be required to meet with the head coach, high school Principal and the Coordinator of Athletics to determine an appropriate course of action. Possible outcomes include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Warning
2. Probation
3. Make-up work
4. Mandatory tutor or study sessions
5. Suspension from team*

*Students suspended from the team due to academic reasons will continue to practice and be an active member of the program. They will not, however, participate in any competitions.

**Attendance** A student/athlete shall be in attendance of their regular classes in order to practice or participate in a contest. Because of health and safety reasons, absences and tardiness because of illness will exclude student/athletes from practice or games on that day. If you are healthy, get to school on time. If you are to be excused, be sure the excuse is for a valid and acceptable reason. Communication with your coach and your school's attendance office is imperative. Students who are unprepared and do not change for Physical Education class will be ineligible for that day's practices and/or games.

**Behavior Standards** The student agrees to abide by the District-Wide Code of Conduct and understands that a violation of the Code may result in suspension for the participating sport in addition to any penalty given by the District. The student agrees to refrain from the use, possession, or sale of alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco or vaping products, on or off campus. The student agrees to abide by any further behavior or sportsmanship conditions imposed by the coach during the time that he/she participates in the chosen activity.

**Participation/Training Standards** Certain activities require a minimum level of participation, training, and fitness in order to safely participate in the sport/activity as established by NYSPHSAA and the coach. The student agrees to the conditions outlined by NYSPHSAA and the coach and realizes that failure to maintain this minimum level of participation by attending practices and/or games regularly may result in decreased or limited playing time, suspension, and/or expulsion from the activity.