Interscholastic Activities – Code of Conduct

The opportunity to participate in interscholastic activities, including interscholastic athletics, is a privilege granted to all students of the District. Participants in this voluntary program are expected to conform to specific conduct standards established by the District.

This Code is adopted under RCW 28A.600.200 and implements Board Policy 2151. Participation is a privilege and not a right. The District administers this Code without discrimination on the basis of any characteristic protected by Policy 3210, provides reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities, and provides interpretation or translation to families with limited English proficiency at no cost. Rules of conduct, and the consequences for violating them, will be applied uniformly across programs, sports, and teams.

Activities Covered (see Policy 2151):

- All athletic teams, including managers, statisticians, and student trainers
- Cheer, dance, and drill teams
- All clubs, organizations, and activities that compete or perform interscholastically, including, but not limited to::
    - Band/Orchestra/Choir
    - Knowledge Bowl
    - Robotics
    - Career and technical student organizations (DECA, FBLA, Skills USA)

Relationship to Graded Coursework:

This Code governs the co-curricular and interscholastic components of an activity. Where an activity is also a graded course—including but not limited to: band, orchestra, choir, Career and Technical Education, and drama—a sanction under this Code may not be used to reduce the student's course grade or to deny course credit. The teacher will provide an equivalent alternative assignment for any graded performance the student misses as a result of a sanction.

Application to Off-Campus Conduct:

Conduct occurring off school property and outside a school-sponsored activity may be sanctioned under this Code only where the conduct (1) occurred while the student was participating in, or traveling to or from, an activity; (2) would constitute a criminal offense; or (3) has a direct and identifiable nexus to the activity, in that it materially and substantially interferes with the operation of the activity or with the safety or well-being of participants. A student's protected expression, standing alone, is not a basis for sanction under this Code.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Requirements Before the First Practice for Interscholastic Athletic Activities:

A student may not practice, compete, or perform until the District has on file, for the current school year: (1) this Code, signed by the student and by the student's parent or guardian; (2) evidence of physical fitness as required by Policy 2151, consisting of a statement from a provider authorized under WIAA Rule 18.4.2 that meets the requirements of WIAA Rule 18.4.1 and remains valid for twenty-four (24) consecutive months under WIAA Rule 18.4.6, and, following medical care for an injury or illness, the clearance required by WIAA Rule 18.4.4; (3) evidence of medical insurance meeting the minimum required by Policy 2151, or a waiver approved by the superintendent or designee; and (4) the concussion, head injury, and sudden cardiac arrest acknowledgments required by Policy 3422 and Procedure 3422P. No student will be denied participation solely because the student's family, by reason of low income, is unable to pay an insurance premium.

GPA Requirement for Participation – High School Only:

All students participating in interscholastic activities will be required to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in order to participate in District-sponsored interscholastic activities. Except as provided under "Part-Time, Home-Based Instruction, and Private School Students," below, a student must maintain enrollment in and pass at least the number of classes, or the equivalent credits, required by WIAA Rule 18.8.0 for the class schedule operated at the student's school. Running Start course equivalents are calculated as provided in WIAA Rule 18.8.0. For a student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 plan, this standard will be applied with any reasonable modifications the IEP or Section 504 team determines to be necessary. Consistent with 34 C.F.R. § 104.37 and 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.107 and 300.117, students with disabilities must be afforded an equal opportunity to participate in interscholastic activities. Eligibility standards apply to all participants; a Section 504 team or IEP team may consider individualized modifications necessary to afford the student an equal opportunity to participate but will not establish separate eligibility standards.

GPA Defined:

For the purposes of these procedures, GPA will be calculated on grades earned at the end of the first and third quarters. The final semester grades will be used to calculate the GPA at the end of the second and fourth quarters. Fourth-quarter grades for eighth-grade students will be used to determine eligibility for first-quarter ninth-grade activities. If semester grades are not given, then the quarter grade will be used.

Any student failing to meet the minimum 2.0 GPA standard at any grading period will be allowed the following quarter as a probationary period in which to improve academic performance. Participation (that is, competition and performances) in all activities will be allowed during the probationary period. A student must earn at least a 2.0 GPA at the conclusion of the probationary

quarter in order to continue participation (that is, competition and performances). Consistent with WIAA Rule 18.1.2, academic ineligibility under this section does not restrict the student's participation in practices. Only one probationary period will be granted during an academic year. Two consecutive probationary periods will not be allowed.

On the date grades are required to be turned in by teachers, the principal or designee will calculate the GPA for each student on probation. Failure to meet the 2.0 GPA on that date will result in termination of eligibility beginning the following day. Teachers will be expected to assign a letter grade for each probationary student on that date for purposes of this calculation. Later grade changes will not be accepted for the purpose of changing eligibility unless it can be demonstrated that an error was made by the teacher in determining the grade. This paragraph does not limit the makeup of an incomplete for credit during the first five weeks of the subsequent semester or trimester under WIAA Rule 18.8.5.

Pursuant to WIAA Rule 18.8.3, the District will conduct periodic grade checks within each three- to six-week period during the current semester or trimester, beyond the normal grading periods. To be eligible for the current activity season, a student must also be enrolled full-time and passing the number of classes, or the equivalent credits, required by WIAA Rule 18.8.0 for the class schedule operated at the student's school. Except as provided under "Part-Time, Home-Based Instruction, and Private School Students," below, students who are not passing the minimum number of classes required by WIAA Rule 18.8.0 at these mid-term checks will be ineligible for competition and performances. Ineligibility begins on the school day following the mid-term check and ends on the date the principal or designee verifies that the student is passing the required number of classes. Written notice will be provided to the student and to the parent or guardian as described below under "Procedure in the Event of Academic Probation." Individual schools and programs may check grades more frequently, and all participants and their families will be informed of the WIAA, District, building, and team academic eligibility rules.

Additional WIAA Scholarship Requirements:

Preceding term: To be eligible for competition in the fall and spring, a student must have passed the minimum number of classes required by WIAA Rule 18.8.0 in the immediately preceding semester or trimester. In the winter, a student must be passing the minimum number of classes in the most recent quarter or trimester. WIAA Rule 18.8.4. A student may satisfy the District's 2.0 grade point average standard and still be ineligible under this rule.

Seniors: A senior who is on track to graduate may initially enroll in one less class than the minimum required of other students but must maintain passing grades in every class in which the senior initially enrolled and may not drop or withdraw from a class in order to remain eligible. WIAA Rule 18.8.1. A class posted as a withdrawal does not count toward the minimum. WIAA Rule 18.8.0.

Tutoring Assistance:

To the extent possible under budgetary and personnel restrictions, the District will make available tutoring services to assist all students who fail to make a 2.0 GPA. Each student who is on probation may be required to utilize the tutoring services which will maximize the student's prospects for learning and achieving the required minimum grade point.

Procedure in the Event of Academic Probation:

Each student and the student's parent or guardian will be advised in writing by delivery of the written notice to the student and its mailing to the parent or guardian of the student's placement on probation and the reason(s) for the placement after the end of the grading period in which the minimum grade point or other requirement of eligibility is not achieved.

At the time a student becomes ineligible, the student and the student's parent or guardian will be advised in writing, as above, of the student's ineligibility for continued participation in extra-curricular activities.

Academic Eligibility for Participation – Middle School Only:

Middle schools will monitor academic eligibility for participation in alignment with WIAA Rules 18.8.0 and 18.8.3. Middle schools will, by the end of the 2026-2027 school year, develop a common academic eligibility standard and schedule to review grades aligned to the intent of this procedure and WIAA Rules 18.8.0 and 18.8.3. These will be submitted to the superintendent for inclusion in this procedure. All other procedures described in the sections entitled "GPA Defined" and "Tutoring Assistance," above, apply to middle-level eligibility.

Part-Time, Home-Based Instruction, and Private School Students:

A student receiving home-based instruction under Chapter 28A.200 RCW, a student enrolled in a private school, and any other part-time student as defined in RCW 28A.150.350(1)(d) may participate in the District's interscholastic activities on the same basis as a full-time student. Sports activities are an ancillary service under WAC 392-134-005, and the District will not deny participation, or condition participation on enrollment in a minimum number of District courses, on the rationale that the student is not enrolled full time. A student participating under this section must participate at the public school in whose service area the student resides with the student's family unit, must meet both WIAA and District eligibility standards, including the WIAA transfer requirements, and must adhere to the same team responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance as other members of the team or squad. WIAA Rules 18.6.7.1, 18.6.7.5, and 18.6.7.6. Academic eligibility for these students is determined as follows.

Students enrolled part-time in District courses: The student must be passing every District course in which the student is enrolled. Where the student is enrolled in enough District courses to calculate a grade point average, the 2.0 standard in this section is calculated on those courses alone.

Private-school students: A student who attends a private school and participates at the student's public school of residence is held to the grade standard of the school the student academically attends. WIAA Rule 18.8.3. The private school will provide verification of the student's standing at each grade check.

Alternative education students: A full-time middle-level or high school student enrolled in a public alternative school that does not offer athletics may participate at the student's resident public school or public school of record, provided a WIAA Alternative Education Contract is on file annually at that school. WIAA Rule 18.6.8.

At each grade check for students enrolled part-time described above, the parent or guardian will provide a written statement confirming that the student remains in satisfactory academic standing in the identified program. Consistent with WIAA Rule 18.6.7.2, the student must provide to school authorities acceptable documentation of the interscholastic eligibility standards required of all other participants. The building principal or designee will not require documentation beyond what is reasonably necessary for that purpose.

Students not enrolled in enough District courses to calculate a grade point average (including students receiving home-based instruction): Before the first practice of each school year, the student must have on file with the District the WIAA Home School Contract required by WIAA Rule 18.6.7, and must file with the building athletic director a written statement from the parent or guardian identifying the student's academic program for the school year and affirming that the student is making satisfactory progress in it.

A student who materially alters the academic program identified without first notifying the athletic director may be declared ineligible until the program is confirmed.

All other provisions apply: This section modifies only the method of determining academic eligibility. Every other requirement of this Code, including the conduct standards, the requirements before the first practice, and the appeal process, applies to part-time, home-based, and private school students on the same terms as to full-time students.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

What I Am Agreeing To:

I understand that the opportunity to participate in the interscholastic activity program is a privilege granted to all students of the District. As a participant, I agree to follow this contract, the rules and regulations of my school, the Longview School District, and, where applicable, the Conference and the WIAA, and to conduct myself in a safe and sporting manner. I understand that if I violate the rules, I could be disciplined, suspended, or expelled from school, in addition to being suspended or removed from the team or activity.

By signing this Code, I agree to the following:

- I will follow the rules in this Code, my team's rules, and the directions of my coaches and advisors.
- I will not use, possess, sell, or give away alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, nicotine or vapor products, steroids or other performance-enhancing substances, or any illegal drug, and I will not misuse prescription or over-the-counter medication.
- I will not haze, harass, bully, intimidate, or threaten another person—and I will not encourage it, help with it, stand by and watch it, or record it.
- I will not touch another person in a way that is unwanted, and I will respect other people's privacy in locker rooms, changing areas, and restrooms.
- I will not use a phone, camera, watch, or any other device to take or send photos, video, or audio in a locker room, changing area, or restroom.
- If I see or hear about any hazing, harassing, bullying, intimidating, or threatening behavior—or anything else that breaks these rules—I will tell my coach, activity advisor, or school administrator right away.
- I will not retaliate against anyone who makes a report, and I understand that no one is allowed to retaliate against me.
- I will not gamble on any contest I take part in or that involves my school.
- I will come to practices, contests, and performances, and I will tell my coach ahead of time if I cannot be there.
- I will treat opponents, officials, teammates, coaches, and spectators with respect.

I understand that if I break these rules, I may lose the privilege of participating, that the school will tell me what I am accused of and give me a chance to explain before deciding, and that I and my parent or guardian may appeal the decision.

The student conduct rules in this Procedure 2151P apply to all students participating in interscholastic athletics or other activities.

Alcohol, Drugs, Illegal Substances, Paraphernalia, and Tobacco:

The possession, use, consumption, sale, distribution, or being under the influence of any of the following is prohibited: alcohol; cannabis and cannabis products (Chapter 69.50 RCW); controlled substances, legend drugs, opiates, and other illegal substances; anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances; inhalants; any tobacco product, nicotine product, vapor product, or delivery device as defined in Chapter 70.345 RCW, including any chemical or device that produces the flavor or physical effect of nicotine; and any related paraphernalia. Misuse of a prescription or over-the-counter medication is likewise prohibited. This section does not apply to medication lawfully prescribed to the student and possessed and administered in accordance with Policy 3416 and Procedure 3416P.

Anabolic Steroids and Performance-Enhancing Substances:

Eligibility to participate may be denied if anabolic steroids or any performance-enhancing substance is used for the purpose of enhancing athletic ability. A sign to this effect will be posted in each school that operates interscholastic athletic activities.

Alcohol, Tobacco, Nicotine, or Vapor Products:

The violation schedule below applies to violations involving alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products , which WIAA Rule 18.26.1 leaves to each member school to address by reasonable rule, for all participants involved in interscholastic activities, including but not limited to athletics. It also applies to violations involving legend drugs and controlled substances for participants in interscholastic activities not governed by the WIAA rules. For participants in interscholastic activities governed by WIAA rules, a violation involving a legend drug or a controlled substance, the minimum penalties required by WIAA Rule 18.26.2 apply instead, as set out under "Legend Drugs and Controlled Substances," below.

First Violation: The student will be removed from competition in any interscholastic activity for half of the current sport season or twenty (20) school days, whichever is longer, if the student is participating in the current sport season. The twenty (20) school days will carry into the next season in which the student desires to participate. If the student at the time of the violation is not participating in a sport or activity, the twenty (20) school day sanction will be applied to the first sports season in which that student will participate. The sanction must be served within one (1) calendar year of the date of the violation. The student will also be referred to a state-certified substance use disorder professional for an assessment and is expected to follow the recommendations of the assessment. For a violation involving only tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products, the student will instead be referred to a cessation program in place of an assessment.

If the student does not complete the initial assessment, the student remains ineligible until the assessment is completed.

Second Violation: The student will be removed from participation (practice and competition) for the remainder of that sports season, plus two additional sports seasons, if the student is currently participating at the time of the violation. If the student is not participating in an activity at the time of the violation, the student will be ineligible for the two successive activity seasons for which the student intends to participate. The sanction must be served within one (1) calendar year of the date of the violation. The student will also be referred to a state-certified substance use disorder professional for an assessment and is expected to follow the recommendations of the assessment. For a violation involving only tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products, the student will instead be referred to a cessation program in place of an assessment.

If the student does not complete the initial assessment, the student remains ineligible until the assessment is completed.

Third Violation: Except as provided under "Legend Drugs and Controlled Substances," below, the student will be ineligible for participation (practice and competition) in all District interscholastic activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation. After that period, the student may petition the building principal for reinstatement. Reinstatement is not automatic and requires evidence that the student has completed the recommendations of the assessment and has taken corrective action.

Counting of Violations. Violations under this section are counted cumulatively during the student's enrollment in grades nine through twelve.

Self-Referrals. Prior to being found in violation of Policy 2151 by the school, police, or any third party other than parents, students will be allowed to continue in an interscholastic activity only if referral to a certified drug/alcohol professional is made. Referrals by students referring themselves or parents referring the student will be handled confidentially and consistent with FERPA. A self-referral is available once per school year and only before the District receives a report of the violation. The student must follow through with the recommendation of the assessment prescribed by the certified professional. (No assessment for tobacco use is required.) For a violation involving a legend drug or a controlled substance, a student may also seek assistance under WIAA Rule 18.26.2.2, which is available without regard to the once-per-year limit in this paragraph.

Legend Drugs and Controlled Substances:

For a violation involving a legend drug (RCW 69.41.020-.rcw 69.41.050) or a controlled substance (Chapter 69.50 RCW), WIAA Rule 18.26.2 imposes the following minimum penalties. Where these penalties are more restrictive than the schedule above, they apply in place of it.

First Violation: The student is immediately ineligible for interscholastic competition for the remainder of the current interscholastic sports season, and ineligibility continues until the next sports season in which the student wishes to participate unless the student seeks and receives help through a school or community assistance program under WIAA Rule 18.26.2.2. Where the student successfully uses such a program, the school may recommend reinstatement of eligibility within that season. The building principal has final authority regarding the student's participation in further interscholastic sports programs. WIAA Rule 18.26.2.1.

Second Violation*:* The student is ineligible for interscholastic competition for one (1) calendar year from the date of the second violation.

Third Violation: The student is permanently ineligible for interscholastic competition.

Reinstatement after a second or third violation is by application to the WIAA Executive Director under WIAA Rule 18.26.2.3. The petition and reinstatement provisions elsewhere in this Code do not apply to violations under this subsection.

Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Hazing:

Participation in interscholastic activities is a privilege. Students who engage in harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, hazing, sexual harassment, retaliation, or related misconduct are subject to both school discipline and athletic/activity consequences.

Reports are routed to the process that governs them. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) are addressed under Policy 3207 and Procedure 3207P. Sexual harassment is addressed under Policy 3205 and Procedure 3205P. Discriminatory harassment based on a protected class is addressed under Policy 3210 and Procedure 3210P. Nothing in this Code displaces those procedures, and a report that implicates them will be referred to each appropriate compliance officer for investigation.

Observing, Encouraging, or Recording Prohibited Conduct*:*

A participant who encourages, assists, or joins in conduct prohibited by this section, or who is present and fails to report it, is subject to sanction under this section. A participant who photographs, records, live-streams, or distributes a recording of prohibited conduct is subject to sanction under this section, whether or not the participant took part in the underlying conduct.

Unwanted Physical Contact*:*

Physical contact with another person that is unwelcome—including horseplay, grabbing, striking, restraining, removing or displacing another person's clothing, and contact with another person's body over or under clothing—is prohibited. A participant's belief that the contact was a joke, a team tradition, or consented to is not a defense.

Athletic consequences are independent of any school disciplinary action and may be imposed even when the conduct occurs outside of school, provided that the conduct materially and substantially interferes with the operation of the school or activity program or with the safety or well-being of students. Except where an emergency removal is necessary to protect student safety, consequences under this section will be imposed for sexual harassment only after the investigation required by Policy 3205 or Procedure 3205P is complete.

Severe Violations*:*

Notwithstanding the progressive discipline structure below, the District reserves the right to impose more significant consequences for serious incidents of harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, hazing, retaliation, threats, assault, coercion, sexual misconduct, discriminatory harassment, or conduct that creates a substantial risk of physical or emotional harm to another student.

Depending on the severity of the incident, and following an individualized determination that considers the student's age, the nature and circumstances of the conduct, the harm caused, and

the student's record, consequences may include removal from the team or activity for the remainder of the season or school year for a first violation.

First Violation*:* The student will be removed from competition and performances for twenty (20) school days or one-half of the current season, whichever is longer. The student may continue to attend practices and team meetings at the discretion of the building administrator and head coach/advisor.

Second Violation*:* The student will be removed from participation (practice, competition, performances, team travel, and team activities) for the remainder of the current season and one additional activity season.

Third Violation: The student will lose eligibility for participation in all District interscholastic activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.

The student may petition for reinstatement after the one-year period. Reinstatement is not automatic and will require approval by the building principal or designee following a review of the student's conduct, school record, and evidence of corrective action. A denial of reinstatement may be appealed under the appeal process described below and in Procedure 3241P.

Definitions:

"Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)" have the meanings given in RCW 28A.600.477, Policy 3207, and Procedure 3207P. This Code does not adopt a separate definition, so that the same facts are not evaluated under two different standards.

"Cyberbullying" means HIB accomplished through an electronic act. "Electronic" means any communication involving the transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable, electromagnetic, or other similar means, including but not limited to text messages, email, social media posts or messages, gaming and messaging platforms, websites, and the creation, alteration, or distribution of images, video, or audio recordings. Cyberbullying is evaluated under the same standard as any other HIB and without regard to the device or account used, who owns it, or whether the act occurred on or off school property. An electronic act occurring off school property and outside a school-sponsored activity is subject to this Code only as provided under "Application to Off-Campus Conduct."

"Hazing" means any act committed as part of a student's recruitment, initiation, pledging, admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in a team, club, or activity, or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such a group, that causes or is likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, or serious psychological or emotional harm, regardless of the student's willingness to participate. Hazing includes causing, directing, coercing, or forcing a person to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance that subjects the person to risk of such harm. Hazing does not include customary athletic events, contests, or competitions. Hazing is distinct from HIB: bullying is directed at excluding a student from a group, while

hazing is directed at a student's initiation into, or continued inclusion in, a group. Hazing may occur notwithstanding the apparent willingness of the affected student to participate.

Retaliation: Retaliation against any individual who reports, participates in, or cooperates with an investigation of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying is prohibited and will be treated as a separate violation subject to disciplinary action.

False Reports: Knowingly making false accusations or intentionally providing false information during an investigation may result in disciplinary consequences under this Code. A report made in good faith that is not substantiated is not a false report and is not a basis for discipline.

Criminal Activity:

This section applies when a student engages in conduct that would constitute a criminal misdemeanor or greater offense and the conduct has a nexus to the interscholastic activity, as described above. An arrest, citation, or the filing of a charge is not, by itself, a violation of this Code.

Where a student has been arrested or charged, the building principal may impose an interim removal from practice and/or competition pending an individualized determination if the principal determines that the student's participation presents a risk to the safety or well-being of others. An interim removal will be reviewed at least every ten (10) school days. If the charge is dismissed, resolved through diversion or deferred disposition, or results in an acquittal, the principal will review any sanction imposed under this section and will vacate or reduce it as appropriate.

Escalation for Serious Conduct*:*

The consequences below are minimums and are ordinarily imposed in sequence. The superintendent or designee may impose a consequence at a higher step, or a period of ineligibility longer than the third-offense consequence, without first imposing the lower steps, where the conduct would constitute a violent offense, serious violent offense, or sex offense as those terms are defined in RCW 9.94A.030, involves a firearm or dangerous weapon, or otherwise creates a substantial risk of serious physical or emotional harm to another person. Any escalation will be based on the District's own findings as to the student's conduct and its nexus to the activity, and not on the level of any charge filed or the fact of an arrest. The student and the student's parent or guardian will receive written notice of the escalated consequence and the reasons for it, and the consequence is subject to the appeal process described below. Nothing in this paragraph authorizes a consequence to be imposed before completion of a sexual-harassment investigation required by Policy 3205 or Procedure 3205P; interim removal remains available as described above.

First Violation: The student will be removed from competition in any interscholastic activity for half of the current sport season or twenty (20) school days, whichever is longer. The twenty (20) school days will carry into the next season in which the student desires to participate.

Second Violation: The student will be removed from participation (practice and competition) for the remainder of that sports season, plus two additional sports seasons.

Third Violation: The student will be ineligible for participation (practice and competition) in all District interscholastic activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation, after which the student may petition the building principal for reinstatement on the same terms described above.

Locker Rooms, Changing Areas, and Personal Electronic Devices:

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in locker rooms, team rooms, changing areas, and restrooms as they would anywhere else on District property. The following are prohibited in those spaces: (1) using a telephone, camera, smart watch, or any other device to take or transmit a photograph, video, or audio recording, whether or not any person is visible or identifiable and whether or not the person consented; (2) removing, concealing, displacing, or damaging another person's clothing or property; (3) unwanted physical contact; and (4) remaining in the space at times or in locations not authorized by the coach, advisor, or building rules.

Conduct prohibited by subsections (1)-(3) in the paragraph above may also constitute a criminal offense and will be reported as required by law, Policy 3421, and Procedure 3421P. A violation of this section is subject to sanction under this Code, imposed following the notice and opportunity to respond described above, proportional to the offense, and subject to the appeal process described below.

Reporting Misconduct:

Participants are expected to promptly report conduct prohibited by this Code to a coach, advisor, athletic director, or building administrator. A report may also be made under policy/procedure 3205, 3207, or 3210. A participant will not be sanctioned under this Code for making a report in good faith.

Suspension from School:

Students who are suspended from school for violation of school policy or legal infractions are prohibited from participating in and/or attending interscholastic events or activities for the duration of the out-of-school suspension. Students who are assigned to in-school suspension will be handled on a case-by-case basis with regard to interscholastic activity participation.

Emergency removal and expulsion under Chapter 392-400 WAC likewise disqualify a student from participating in or attending interscholastic activities for the duration of the exclusion.

Exclusion from activities under this Code is separate from, and may run consecutively to, any discipline imposed under policy/procedure 3240.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Participants are expected to treat opponents, officials, teammates, coaches, advisors, and spectators with respect. Fighting, taunting, profanity, or gestures directed at another person, ejection from a contest, and conduct resulting in a WIAA or league penalty are subject to sanction under this Code. The WIAA ejection rules apply in addition to, and as a minimum floor beneath, any sanction imposed by the District.

For students participating in interscholastic activities governed by WIAA rules, a student ejected from a contest is ineligible for the remainder of that contest and must remain with the team. WIAA Rule 20.1.1.1. The first ejection of the season results, at a minimum, in suspension until after the next school contest in that sport at the same level of competition has been completed. WIAA Rule 20.1.3. During the suspension the student may be on the team bench but not in school uniform, and the student must complete the National Federation of State High School Associations "Sportsmanship" online course before returning to play. WIAA Rule 20.1.3.4. The WIAA may increase a suspension based on the conduct or circumstances of the ejection. WIAA Rule 20.1.3.2. The building principal or designee will submit an ejection report to the WIAA online within one school business day following the contest. WIAA Rule 20.1.2.

Attendance at Practices, Contests, and Performances:

Participants are expected to attend all practices, contests, and performances and to notify the coach or advisor in advance of any absence. Consequences for unexcused absence are set by team rules approved under "Additional Rules and Regulations," below and may not exceed removal from the team or activity for the remainder of the season.

Gambling:

A participant may not wager, or accept anything of value in connection with a wager, on any interscholastic contest or activity, and may not furnish information to any person for gambling purposes.

Additional Rules and Regulations:

Head coaches/advisors may establish additional rules and regulations that apply only to their teams. The additional rules may not violate or supersede any rules or regulations in this Code. Additional rules and regulations must be consistent with law and District policy, must be approved by the building principal or designee before distribution, must be distributed in writing to all participants prior to the beginning of the season, and may not impose a sanction more severe than those authorized in this Code. For students participating in interscholastic activities governed by WIAA rules, team rules may not make participation in open gym or in fundraising

activities a requirement, an incentive for, or a condition of participation on a team. WIAA Rules 17.8.5 and 17.5.8.4.

Distribution, Pre-Season Review, and Acknowledgment:

The building principal or athletic director will make this Code available to participants and to parents and guardians before the beginning of each activity season and will post it on the school's website. At a pre-season meeting, the coach or advisor will review this Code verbally with participants and give them an opportunity to ask questions. The participant and the participant's parent or guardian must sign this Code before the participant's first practice, contest, or performance. A student's failure to sign does not exempt the student from this Code.

Appeal Process for Disciplinary Action:

A student who is found to be in violation of any rule is subject to removal from the team, program, or activity. Provision is made for a student who has allegedly violated one or more of the conduct rules to contest a disciplinary action as specified in this Code.

Notice and Opportunity to Respond:

Before imposing a sanction, the building principal or designee will notify the student of the alleged violation and the evidence supporting it and give the student an opportunity to respond. The principal or designee will then provide written notice of the sanction to the student and to the parent or guardian, stating the rule violated, the facts relied upon, the sanction imposed and its beginning and ending dates, and the deadline and method for requesting review under the appeal process described below. That process is the District's grievance procedure for other forms of discipline, corresponding to the "Grievance Procedure for Classroom Exclusion and Other Forms of Discipline" in Procedure 3241P. Written notice will be provided in a language the student and the parent or guardian understand, at no cost to the family.

When violations of this Code occur within the interscholastic activity, the following process will be followed:

1. Upon the imposition of penalty for infraction(s) of said rules or regulations, any aggrieved student and the parents or guardians of said student will have the right to an informal conference with the building principal and/or designee. If the students and parents do not request this informal conference within two (2) school business days of the action grieved, in person at the office of the principal or by email to the principal's District email address, they will have waived their right to the conference and appeal procedure. A waiver under this paragraph applies only to review of the activity sanction under this Code. It does not waive any right relating to a classroom exclusion, suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal under Chapter 392-400 WAC and Procedure 3241P, or any right under Policy 3205, 3207, or 3210. At the conference the principal or designee may ask questions of the student, the parent or guardian, and staff involved, and the student will have an opportunity to share the student's perspective and explanation

regarding the alleged violation. The conference will be held in a language the student and the parent or guardian understand. The two (2) school business day period runs from the date written notice of the sanction is delivered to the student or emailed or mailed to the parent or guardian.

2. The building principal will hear the case in detail and will render a decision in writing, delivered in person, by mail, or by email, no later than five (5) school business days after hearing the case, consistent with the grievance procedure in Procedure 3241P.

3. The aggrieved party may appeal to the superintendent or designee within three (3) school business days of the building principal's decision. The superintendent or designee, after hearing the case in detail, will render a written decision within ten (10) school business days of the hearing.

4. The aggrieved party may appeal the decision of the superintendent or designee to the Board of Directors within three (3) school business days. The Board of Directors, after hearing the case in detail, will render a written decision on the case within ten (10) school business days of the hearing. This decision will be final as to the District and may be appealed to the superior court as provided in RCW 28A.645.010.

This process governs only the activity sanction imposed under this Code. If the same conduct also results in a classroom exclusion, suspension, expulsion, or emergency removal, that action is governed by Policy 3241, Procedure 3241P, and Chapter 392-400 WAC, and the notice, appeal, review, and reengagement rights provided there apply to it. Completing the process in this section does not satisfy those requirements.

Unless the superintendent/designee or the Board of Directors orders otherwise, a sanction imposed under this Code remains in effect while an appeal is pending. Appeals concerning WIAA rules, eligibility, and WIAA-imposed penalties are governed by RCW 28A.600.205 and the WIAA appeal procedures and are separate from this process.

Where the superintendent or designee has reasonable cause to believe a student is ineligible under the WIAA rules, notice of ineligibility will be given to the student by certified mail or personal delivery, specify the reason and the rule involved, advise the student of the opportunity to request a hearing, and include the petition form and the address for service. A petition must be served on the WIAA District Eligibility Committee on or before the third school business day after receipt of the notice. WIAA Rules 19.3.0 through 19.3.5.

The notice and other appeal rights described in this section will apply to an adult student (i.e., one who is age 18 or older), rather than the student's parents or guardians.

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Interscholastic Activities Code of Conduct Acknowledgement

By signing below, I attest that I have read and understand the Interscholastic Activities Code of Conduct. I agree to represent my school and the Longview School District with honor and respect. It is an expectation that my sportsmanship both as a participant and a spectator will be positive and appropriate. This includes my language; my treatment of officials; and respect for my coaches, school, team, opponent, and contest. My behavior and appearance in class, online, and at school functions will be appropriate at all times.

I further acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the concussion and head injury information sheet required by RCW 28A.600.190 (Zackery Lystedt Law) and the sudden cardiac arrest information required by RCW 28A.600.195, as provided in Policy 3422 and Procedure 3422P. These acknowledgments must be signed each year before the student's first practice, contest, or performance.

Student Name (print): _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

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Student's Signature Date

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature Date