

Liberty Student Athletic Code of Conduct

Participation in school athletic and extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. All students, parents, and coaches understand that the top priority is academic achievement. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to establish high expectations regarding behavior and minimum/consistent consequences when violations occur. However, coaches/sponsors may establish consequences that are more stringent than the stated code.

I. Eligibility

- 1) A student is eligible one year in the sixth grade, one year in seventh grade, and one year in the eighth grade. Eligibility applies to the first year a student enters that grade.
- 2) **Age**
 - a. A player must not reach his/her 15th birthday prior to May 1st preceding the 8th grade year.
 - b. A player must not reach his/her 14th birthday prior to May 1st preceding the 7th grade year.
 - c. A player must not reach his/her 13th birthday prior to May 1st preceding the 6th grade year.

II. Physicals

- 1) Students must have a certificate of an annual physical examination on file with the school prior to participating in any athletic try-outs, practices, or games.
- 2) Physical examinations are good for twelve months from the date of the exam.

III. Grades

- 1) To be eligible to participate, practice, and/ or try out for any sport, students are required to pass six out of seven classes from the semester immediately preceding participation. Exception: First semester sixth grade students.
- 2) Grades will be checked every progress report. If a student is failing two or more classes, they will be ruled temporarily ineligible until they are in good academic standing.
 - a. Any student that is temporarily ineligible cannot attend/compete in any team activities. This includes but not limited to practice, games, and other team activities.
 - b. Good standing will be determined by the Principal, Athletic Director, and/ or Athletic Academic Supervisor.
 - c. Temporarily ineligible students have the option to attend study hall with the Athletic Academic Supervisor (Ms. Young) on: Tuesday and Thursday afterschool until 5:45p.
 - d. The 2022-2023 progress report dates are as follows for the sports:
 - i. Fall- Football, Softball, Cheerleading
 - September 1, October 4
 - ii. *Winter- Basketball, Cheerleading, Wrestling
 - October 4, November 17, February 3
 - Temporarily ineligible students can try out for a sport but are not able to attend any team activities until they are declared in good academic standing.
 - iii. *Spring- Soccer, Track
 - February 3, March 16, April 17

***If a student has failed two or more classes for the first semester (December 21), they are considered ineligible for the remainder of the school year.**

IV. Participation Requirements

1. Attendance

- i. Any student who is absent from school cannot attend/compete in any sporting events for that day. This includes, but not limited, to tryouts, practice, games, and other team activities.

2. Out of School Suspension (OSS)/ In School Suspension (ISS)

- i. Students suspended from school (OSS) will not participate in any athletic activities (i.e. practice) during the suspension and will receive a one game suspension.
- ii. Students assigned to ISS will be suspended from any game or event scheduled during the time of ISS.
 - a) Students may be allowed to tryout or practice with their team while in ISS, but not while suspended out of school.
- iii. OSS and ISS do not end until the student physically returns to the classroom.

V. Misconduct

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary actions at the coaches' discretion.

1. Ejection from a sporting event

- i. 1st offense- minimum one game suspension and a conference including the athlete, parent, coach, and athletic director.
- ii. 2nd offense- dismissed from team but allowed to try out for subsequent athletic teams after that sport has been completed.

2. Hazing*/ Bullying

- i. 1st offense- minimum two game suspension and a conference including the athlete, parent, coach, and athletic director.
- ii. 2nd offense- dismissed from team/activity and suspended from participating in any athletic teams for the remainder of the year.

3. Drugs/ Alcohol/ Tobacco

- i. 1st offense- minimum three game suspension and a conference including the athlete, parent, coach, and athletic director
- ii. 2nd offense- dismissed from team/activity and suspended from participating in any athletic teams for the remainder of the year.

4. Any other infraction deemed inappropriate or in violation of the athlete code of conduct will result in disciplinary actions at the coach's discretion.

VI. Transportation

1. Any students who misbehave on the bus will face disciplinary action from the athletic director.
2. Students who are not picked up promptly from team activities will not be permitted to attend future activities.
 - i. Coach's discretion.

The administration may withhold a student's participation from any activity based on the student's placement on academic or behavioral probation.

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I _____ have read and understand all the rules and regulations that have been put in place for each student athlete and manager that will participate in a sport for Liberty Middle School. I agree to abide by these rules and regulations.

I _____ parent of _____ have read and understand all the rules and regulations that have been put in place for each student athlete and manager that will participate in a sport for Liberty Middle School. I agree to abide by these rules and regulations.

Student-Athlete Name: _____ (Printed)

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ (Printed)

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____