

Grants Pass School District 7

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Grants Pass High School Extracurricular Activities Code of Conduct**

Purpose of the Code of Conduct

Our extracurricular programs provide important opportunities for students to pursue interests and develop worthwhile skills beyond the classroom. Extracurricular participation promotes the development of a wide range of intellectual, physical and social skills within a team or group context. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege granted to students who have demonstrated a commitment to meeting the academic and behavioral standards of the district. This privilege is afforded to students willing to comply with school rules and the rules set forth in this code of conduct. Students participating in extracurricular activities are expected to exemplify high standards of moral conduct and to serve as role models as representatives of our school district and community.

Activities

The extracurricular activities governed by this code of conduct are for students who represent GPHS in competitions or performances in grades 9-12. Some of these activities could be considered cocurricular as well as extracurricular, but all activities are defined as extracurricular for the purpose of this code of conduct. The activities covered in this code of conduct will include, but are not limited to:

Fall Sports: Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Volleyball

Winter Sports: Basketball, Swimming, Wrestling, Skiing

Spring Sports: Baseball, Golf, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field

Club Sports: Bowling, Equestrian, Snowboard

Activities: Cheerleading, Dance and Drill, Basketball Band, Winter Guard, Speech, Drama

Curriculum Related: Orchestra, Choir, Math Team, VICA, FBLA, DECA, HOSA, Catering, Leadership, Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Mock Trial, Brain Bowl

Enforcement of the Code of Conduct

The rules contained within the code of conduct apply to students in grades 9-12. The rules contained in this code of conduct are in effect for the entire time a student is participating in an activity within the current school year. During the time a student is participating in an extracurricular activity, the code of conduct is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The rules within the code of conduct are enforceable in all school and nonschool activities and events. The first meeting or practice in the current school year

defines the beginning of the enforcement period for each activity. The last meeting, practice, formal activity or competition defines the end of the enforcement period for each activity. A competition is generally defined as any formally scheduled game, match, meet or performance between other teams or schools. Events include all formal performances or exhibitions by an extracurricular or cocurricular group that occur outside the regular school day.

In case of year-long activities, the enforcement period is divided into two semester activity periods. Disciplinary consequences will carry over to the next activity the students participates in when the consequence(s) cannot be served within the current season of the activity (disciplinary consequences may include suspension of the student from a competition or event).

Violations of the code of conduct that take place out-of-season may negatively impact the student's eligibility for the following school year. Factors to be considered in determining such impact may include, but are not limited to:

- Severity of infraction;
- Whether or not this is a first time offense;
- Date of infraction;
- Other factors that are deemed relevant to the situation.

Guidelines for Administration of the Code of Conduct

- **Due Process**

A student will be given the opportunity to respond to allegations he/she has violated a rule contained in the code of conduct. When a school administrator has reasonable belief a student may have violated a rule the administrator or designee is responsible for investigating the allegations.

- **Documentation**

School administrators are required to provide written notification to the student and parents when it has been determined that the student has violated a rule within this code of conduct. The notification will identify the violated rule and the consequence given as a result of the violation. Copies of the notification will be provided to the student's director or coach.

Eligibility Requirements

The code of conduct comprehensively defines student eligibility requirements for students in grades 9-12. The guidelines listed within this code of conduct are general eligibility guidelines. More specific information can be obtained by consulting a Grants Pass High School administrator or athletic director.

- **Academic Requirements**

FOR THE 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR, THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY ONLY TO STUDENTS ON THE ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR.

High School Students

High school students must have passed five classes during the semester immediately preceding the activity in order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. A passing grade is defined as any grade above a letter grade of “F”.

To hold students accountable for consistency and qualify in the classroom, students are to meet the following standards to be eligible for athletic/activity participation:

1. Students will meet the current standard as determined by the district; pass a minimum of five classes in the previous semester and be enrolled in at least five classes for the current semester.
2. Maintain a GPA of 2.0 in the previous semester.

In addition, coaches/directors will monitor their athletes’ grades during their season. Grade checks will take place at 4.5 weeks (progress report time), quarter, 13.5 weeks (progress reports) and semester. It is the responsibility of the head coach or director to identify students currently earning a “D” or an “F” in any class. Identified students must make progress toward raising those grades and ultimately maintaining or raising his/her GPA to remain eligible. Students who do not make satisfactory progress toward raising the grade(s) are subject to the consequences designated which may include suspension from competition or suspension from the team.

- **Attendance Requirements**

Students are expected to comply with all attendance policies of the district.

Students must attend all classes in which they are enrolled on the day of an activity/event to be eligible to participate in that day’s event. Exceptions (e.g., doctor or dentist appointment, funeral, etc.) must be cleared by administration and should be prearranged. Any pattern of irregular attendance may be reviewed by the administration at any time and may result in short-term or long-term ineligibility as determined by the review.

Students must attend first period the day following a competition/event. Failure to do so results in one competition/event suspension. Exceptions must be cleared by administration and should be prearranged.

- **Transportation to and from Games/Activities**

Student participants will be transported to and from all competitions with district-approved transportation.

Exception: Students may be allowed to ride home from a contest with their parents providing the parents have given the coach a written note or have talked to the coach prior to or after the contest.

Exception: Students may be allowed to ride home with another student's parents only if the request is made in writing by the parent of that student.

Exception: Students not traveling with the team to a contest must have advance approval of the parents, the coach and administration.

School and Team Behavior Expectations

Any participant suspended from school will not be eligible for practice or competition for the length of the suspension. (This includes in-school and out-of-school suspensions.) In addition, code of conduct consequences may apply.

Students are expected to obey all activity and team rules that are established by each director or coach. Within the guidelines of this code of conduct and district policies governing student behavior, directors and coaches have the right and responsibility to discipline students for misconduct, up to and including exclusion from participation.

General Conduct

The commission of/or participation in any activity prohibited under Oregon law and/or district regulations regarding student rights and responsibilities shall be considered a breach of the code of conduct.

Violation of the code of conduct may result in suspension from the sport or activity for the remainder of the season. Students who violate district policy may be suspended or expelled from school in addition to suspension/removal from the team or activity.

Illegal Substances, Alcohol and Tobacco

The district strictly prohibits any possession, use, delivery and/or sale of alcohol and illegal substances by students. Students jeopardize their mental and physical health by engaging in substance abuse behaviors and are encouraged to seek professional counseling and assistance to address these behaviors.

Definitions

- “Illegal Substances” include, but are not limited to, all drugs that cannot be legally purchased, unauthorized prescription and over-the-counter medications, performance-enhancing drugs and illegal inhalants. Illegal drugs include, but are not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, heroin and all drug paraphernalia.
- “Alcohol” includes, but is not limited to, beer, wine, wine coolers and liquor.
- “Tobacco” includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes and chewing tobacco.

Consequences for Possession, Use, Delivery and/or Sale of Illegal Substances, Alcohol and Tobacco

Students found guilty of possessing, using, delivering and/or selling any illegal substances, alcohol or tobacco will be dismissed from each extracurricular activity the student is currently participating in for the remainder of that season or activity period.

Communication Guidelines

The requirements set forth in this code of conduct must be shared with students and parents in order for compliance to be expected. The following guidelines establish expectations of essential communication practices regarding the code of conduct.

School Responsibilities

- The code of conduct will be provided to each student and family at the time this code becomes effective.
- The code of conduct will be included in the Grants Pass High School Student/Parent Handbook (beginning with the 2004-05 school year) and posted on the Grants Pass High School website.

Director/Coach Responsibilities

At the beginning of each season or activity, the code of conduct will be reviewed, provided to each student and discussed by the director or coach with parents and the students participating in the activity. The coach or director is responsible for scheduling a parent meeting to discuss this code of conduct each season.

Student Responsibilities

- Students must read the code of conduct prior to participating in the activity. Students are responsible for asking the director, coach or a school administrator if they have questions about the content of the code of conduct.

Parent Responsibilities

- Parents are responsible for reading the code of conduct prior to allowing their son/daughter to participate. Parents are responsible for asking the director, coach or a school administrator if they have questions about the content of the code of conduct.

Due Process and Appeal

Students who are given disciplinary consequences under this code of conduct have the right to due process and appeal to the superintendent as described in Board policies JF/JFA, JG and KL.