

**LAWRENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
(Athletic Teams and Related Squads)**

**2011-2012**

**PART I: COMMITMENT**

If you are a member of a team/squad, you are expected to fulfill this commitment. If you choose not to continue membership, this exit procedure should be followed:

1. Coach and athlete must meet to discuss decision to terminate team membership.
2. Provide notification to athletic director.
3. Confirmation by coach that school issued equipment has been returned and a list of financial obligations turned in to the financial office.

**PART II: KSHSAA RULES**

All activity participants will at all times comply with applicable rules of KSHSAA, including without limitation Rule 14, a copy of which is attached.

**PART III: ATTENDANCE**

To participate in athletic practice and/or competition and other school sponsored activities, a student must be in attendance at least half the school day. Exceptions would include the following:

1. School sponsored field trip
2. Family emergency
3. Court appearance
4. Verified professional appointment

**PART IV: SUSPENSION**

Students on out-of-school or in-school suspension may not participate or attend practice or competition on the date of suspension and until reinstated as a student in good standing by school administrators and coach. Individual schools will manage suspensions.

**PART V: PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUPPLEMENTS**

The athletic departments of Lawrence Public Schools hold the following beliefs regarding the use of the performance enhancing supplements (including, but not limited to, e.g. creatine, protein supplements, Ripped Fuel, testosterone) by our student athletes. According to the Kansas State High School Activities Association regulations, any student who uses anabolic steroids is ineligible until such time as medical evidence is provided that his/her system is free of that drug. The cost of the assessment for reinstatement is to be paid by parent/guardian or student.

1. We believe it is in the best interest of each student athlete to seek the advice of their own personal physician, and in collaboration with the family make an informed decision as to the use of performance enhancing supplements other than anabolic steroids.
2. We believe that in order to become a complete student athlete, the individual must understand and exercise a strong work ethic.

We expect that through this work ethic, the athlete or participant will develop true commitment, dedication and passion for their sport or activity. This includes NOT taking shortcuts to achieve their goals.

**PART VI: SANCTIONS FOR STUDENTS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS,  
NON-PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO**

Because the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco is detrimental to the health and welfare of any individual and because the use of alcohol and illegal drugs and the purchase of tobacco products is illegal for Kansas adolescents, the use of any such substances by any Lawrence School District activity participant is prohibited.

With the exception of prescription medication being used only by the student named on the prescription, the use, distribution, possession, or being under the influence of illegal drugs, including anabolic steroids, alcohol or tobacco, on or off school property, will be considered a violation of this policy once a student becomes a member of a school athletic team or related squad.

Compliance with this policy does not end with the cessation of a particular activity season. Violations accumulate from activity season to activity season and from year to year (grades 7-12 in an interscholastic career). **All violations are accumulative and do not end with a sport season or school year.** The following procedures and penalties will be followed with regard to violations of

this policy:

**\*Upon the first alleged violation** confirmed by a school staff member, law enforcement official, or other reliable source, the student participant will be referred to a school administrator and his/her parents will be notified. The school administrator will conduct a hearing with the student regarding the possible violation. If after the hearing it is determined that a violation did occur, the student will be immediately suspended from all activities of the team/squad to which he/she belongs for one week and at least one competition.

**\*Upon the second alleged violation** confirmed by a school staff member, law enforcement official or other reliable source, the student participant will be referred to a school administrator and his/her parents will be notified. The school administrator will conduct a hearing with the student and parents regarding the possible violation. If after the hearing it is determined that a second violation did occur, the student will be immediately dismissed from all team or squad participation for the remainder of that school year.

**\*Upon the third and subsequent violation** confirmed by a school staff member, law enforcement official, or other reliable source, the student participant will be referred to a school administrator and his/her parents will be notified. The school administrator will conduct a hearing with the student and parents regarding the possible violation. If after the hearing it is determined that a third violation did occur, the student will be dismissed from all team or squad participation for that student's remaining time at school.

#### **Self-Disclosure**

Self-disclosure by a participant of use, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco to a coach, sponsor, Athletic Director, or school administrator requires notification of parent/guardian and confirmation of an assessment by a licensed drug-alcohol agency with assessment to be paid by parent/guardian. A first disclosure may also involve a penalty at the coach or sponsor's discretion, depending on the severity of the violation, and approval by the Athletic Director. A second self-disclosure becomes a first violation as described above.

### **PART VII: CRIMINAL CONDUCT, CHARGES, AND CONVICTIONS**

Because the administration, Athletic Director, coaches, sponsors, and patrons of the Lawrence School District are concerned with the behavior of students involved in interscholastic and other extracurricular activities, the following procedures and penalties will be enforced when students who are members of school athletic teams, cheerleading organizations, or other school extracurricular activities are charged with and/or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime. (A) Upon a student being charged by state or federal law enforcement authorities with commission of a felony, if the administration has reason to believe there is substantial basis for the charge and that continuation in interscholastic or other extracurricular activities might adversely reflect on the school, or adversely affect the activity, school personnel and other students, the student will be suspended from all such activities pending the outcome of the case.

If the student is found innocent in state or federal court of the charge, or upon dismissal of the charge (other than pursuant to a diversion agreement), the student will be immediately reinstated to participate in such activities. If the student is found guilty or pleads guilty to a felony offense or enters into a diversion agreement pertaining to the felony charge, but is otherwise in good standing in a Lawrence Public School and has met eligibility requirements as set by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, the student will be reinstated to participation in such activities, subject to the following conditions:

1. The student is not thereafter charged with and/or found guilty of another felony crime, and has not entered into a diversion agreement with regard to another felony crime.
2. The student continues to demonstrate proper behavior, both in and out of classes in Lawrence Public Schools, including school activities, extracurricular activities, athletic events, dances, assemblies, etc.
3. The student is not removed from any class as a result of disruptive behavior or does not receive either an out-of-school or in-school suspension for the remainder of the time that the student attends Lawrence Public Schools.
4. The administration determines that the student's participation will not pose a threat to the safety or well being of other students and school personnel, or will not otherwise adversely affect the school or the activity.

(B) Upon determination by an appropriate school administrator that a student participant has engaged in conduct which would constitute a crime, on or off of school property, related to or not related to school activities, but has not been formally charged with a crime by law enforcement authorities, the student may be suspended from participation in school sponsored activities by the Activities Review Committee.

**KSHSAA Rule 14**  
**BONA FIDE STUDENT**

**Section I: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)**

**Art. 1:** In order to be eligible for participation, the student must be a bona fide undergraduate member of that school and in good standing. (See Rule 22 1-3, Outside competition and Rule 30-2-2, Seasons of Activities.) In order to participate in practice, the student must be a bona fide undergraduate of that school and one who is eligible or has the possibility of eligibility.

**Art. 2:** A student who is under penalty of suspension or whose character or conduct brings discredit to the school or to the student, as determined by the principal, is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as specified by the principal.

**Art. 3:** A student who uses any form of tobacco, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages etc., at school events is not in good standing.

**Art. 4:** A student who uses anabolic steroids would be ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that his/her system is free of that drug.

**Art. 5:** A student shall not be permitted to make up work after the close of the semester for the purpose of becoming eligible. A "condition" or an "incomplete" shall count as a failure. However, should a student have an excused absence for day(s) missed, completing such work per school policy (Illustration: two days for every day missed) would not be considered as "make up" per se. Summer school is not to be used for making up credit deficiencies for the purpose of becoming eligible.

**Art. 6:** If the student competes under an assumed name, he or she shall be ineligible in all sports.

**Section 2: Senior High Regulations**

**Art. 1:** A student who is enrolled in five or more subjects in the ninth grade or above, even though carrying subjects of a lower grade, is classified as a high school student. (See Rule 13, Scholarship Requirements.)

**Art. 2:** An undergraduate student is one who has completed less than the minimum number of units of high school credit, as specified by the Kansas State Board of Education, or has not completed some course to which no exception is made, or has not been granted a diploma of graduation from his or her high school.

**Art. 3:** In determining subjects of unit weight, an extracurricular activity shall not count. The Kansas State Board of Education states, "Athletic practice or competition between organized groups in interscholastic leagues shall not be counted for credit purposes."

**Art. 4:** Students attending vocational or trade schools offering special courses approved by the Kansas State Board of Education may transfer such credits to their home school for the purpose of establishing eligibility. Such students may be eligible for interschool activities at their home school, provided they meet all eligibility requirements. (See Rule 15, Enrollment.)

**Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations**

**Art. 1:** Middle/junior high (seventh and eighth grade) schools may permit sixth grade students of the same school system or of an elementary school which lies wholly within an organized middle/junior high school district to participate in middle/junior high activities other than tackle football, boxing, and wrestling. Such participation will not adversely affect the eligibility of such students when they become middle/junior high school students. NOTE: Sixth-grade students shall be subject to the Kansas State Board of Education regulations.

**Art. 2:** Elementary students of the same school system or of an elementary school that lies wholly within an organized high school district may participate in bands, orchestras, choruses, or glee clubs representing member high schools without affecting their eligibility after they become high school students. Grade school students (5<sup>th</sup> grade and below) are not eligible to represent a middle/junior or senior high school in any other type of activity.

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**Student:** I have read, understand, and agree to obey the rules and obligations of the Lawrence School District policy concerning the Code of Conduct that pertains to me as a participant in the athletic/activities programs in the Lawrence School District, and as such Code of Conduct may from time to time be amended.

**Print Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MI** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender (circle one):** M F

**Year of High School Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Student**

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**Date of Signature**

**Parent/Guardian:** I acknowledge receiving the Lawrence School District policy concerning the Code of Conduct and accept my responsibility to help my son/daughter obey the requirements and obligations of athlete/activities participation as outlined in the Policy, as it may from time to time be amended. I agree to cooperate with the sponsor, coaches, and administration should my child be subject to any of the possible sanctions set forth in the Policy.

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Date of Signature**