

# Upper Arlington High School

## 2014-2015

### ATHLETIC CODE/EXTRACURRICULAR CODE

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#### Memorandum to Parents Regarding Board Policy on Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, and dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute or substance that could be considered a “look-a-like” controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the *Students’ Rights and Responsibilities Handbook*, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which she/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

#### Athletic Code – Rules and Penalties

##### Preamble:

Participation in athletics is a privilege extended to all students who meet the eligibility requirements. One of the requirements is compliance with the Athletic Code, which is supportive of the District’s commitment to provide a drug-free atmosphere where all students have the opportunity to achieve their academic, athletic, and social potential. To that end, athletic programs promote and reinforce a clear no-use message for students.

For the purpose of cumulating violations of the Code, there shall be two separate periods of academic life:

1. grades 7 through 8, and
2. grades 9 through 12.

The first period will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> of the students 7<sup>th</sup> grade year, and will end the last official school day for grade 8; the second period will begin at the end of the first period and will end the last official school date for grade 12. Within each of these two separate periods of academic life, violations of this Code shall be cumulative.

Using alcohol, tobacco or other drugs (non-prescribed dangerous drugs as defined by ORC 4729.01), by any middle school or high school co-curricular participant is prohibited and can have a potential negative effect on the student’s health and safety.

With respect to alleged violations of parts 3 and 4 under “Rules and Penalties,” the principal or designee shall notify the student athlete and the student athlete’s parent(s) or guardian(s) of any alleged violation. The principal or designee will investigate the alleged violation by contacting the student athlete, the student

athlete's parent(s) or guardian(s) and any other individuals the principal or designee deems necessary in his/her discretion. The principal or designee shall determine the appropriate penalty as soon as reasonably possible after investigating the alleged violation.

The standard used to determine whether a student athlete has violated the Athletics and Activity Code will be the preponderance of evidence standard: the administrator making a determination about whether a student athlete has violated the Athletics and Activity Code will consider all evidence presented to him/her. The administrator will determine whether it is more probable than not that the student athlete has violated the Athletic or Activity Code.

Notwithstanding the other provisions of the Code, the following shall be permitted:

- A parent or guardian of a student athlete may serve alcohol as permitted by law to the student athlete;
- A student athlete may observe bona fide religious practices;
- The Athletic Council may modify penalties and provide conditions in its sole discretion where medical or psychological documentation has been presented which sufficiently demonstrates that penalties imposed under this Code will have extreme consequences for a student athlete's well being.
- A student athlete may use build altering chemicals that have been medically prescribed for a purpose other than enhancement of athletic ability if:
  1. the athlete's pertinent medical records are made available for review by the Board's appointed physician,
  - and**
  2. that the physician confirms the proper purpose of such prescription.

## **Consequences**

Violations of the three sections (Citizenship, Use, Selling) are cumulative. A subsequent violation of any of the Code will progress a student to the next disciplinary level (offense).

## **Rule 1: Citizenship**

Any behavior that results in dishonor to the participant, her/his team or organization, or her/his school will not be tolerated.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Offense**

- A. 20% loss of Participation (including contests, competitions, and performances).
- B. Loss of Leadership for one (1) year.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**

- A. 50% loss of Participation (including contests, competitions, and performances)
- B. Ineligible for any Awards
- C. Permanent Loss of Leadership Positions.

### **3rd Offense**

- A. Permanent Loss of the Privilege to Participate in Co-Curricular Activities.

## **Rule 2: Use or Possession of Alcohol, Tobacco, E-cigarettes, or other Drugs (including Controlled Substances and Drug Paraphernalia)**

### **Voluntary Referral**

- A. No Participation Loss.
- B. If the option of Voluntary Referral has been used, the Second Violation will be viewed as a “Second Offense”
- C. Loss of Leadership for one (1) year
- D. Mandatory Assessment

### **1st Offense**

- A. 20% loss of Participation (including contests, competitions, and performances)
- B. All Awards held until completion of Family Assistance Program and Assessment
- C. Loss of Leadership for one (1) calendar year
- D. Required Participation in the Family Assistance Program
- E. Mandatory Assessment

### **2nd Offense**

- A. 50% loss of Participation (including contests, competitions, and performances)
- B. Ineligible for any Awards
- C. Permanent Loss of Leadership Positions
- D. Required Participation in the Student Assistance Program
- E. Mandatory Assessment

### **3rd Offense**

- A. Permanent Loss of the Privilege to Participate in Co-Curricular Activities
- B. Mandatory Assessment

## **Rule 3: Selling or Otherwise Supplying, Transmitting, or Distributing Alcohol, Tobacco, E-cigarettes, or Other Drugs**

### **1st Offense**

- A. Loss of the Privilege to Participate for one (1) calendar year
- B. Violations Reported to the Police

- C. Permanent Loss of Leadership Positions
- D. Ineligible for any Awards
- E. Required Participation in the Student Assistance Program
- F. Mandatory Assessment

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**

- A. Permanent Loss of the Privilege to Participate in Co-Curricular Activities
- B. Violations Reported to the Police
- C. Mandatory Assessment

Note: For year-long Clubs/Organizations this will be interpreted as 20% = 9 weeks and 50% = one semester.

## **Definitions of Terms (words and/or phrases) Used in the Athletic and Extracurricular Codes**

- A. **Assessment:** an evaluation by a certified chemical dependency counselor (CCDC) outside of but approved by, the District. The CCDC will make an estimate or judgment as to physical or psychological condition of the student.
- B. **Athletic Council:** the governing body for athletics at the middle and high school level. The Athletic Council consists of the Superintendent, the two middle school principals, the high school principal, the assistant high school principal for athletics, and other members designated by the Superintendent.
- C. **Build-altering chemicals:** include, without limitation, anabolic steroids, growth hormones, testosterone or its analogs, human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), and other hormones.
- D. **Calendar year:** the period of 12 consecutive months.
- E. **Competition or participation:** games, matches, tournaments, meets, contests, performances, meetings, projects, etc., during the regular season in which the student is academically eligible and is physically able to participate. The percentage loss of "competition or participation" will extend into the next activity/sport season in which the student participates, if he or she has not completed the penalty imposed.
- F. **Unauthorized prescribed and prescribed-controlled substance and counterfeit controlled substance:** any of the following:
  1. A drug, its container or label that bears a trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark used without authorization of the owner (manufacturer), or rights to its trademark, trade name, or identifying mark;
  2. Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is represented to be a controlled substance manufactured, processed, packaged, or distributed by a person other than the person that manufactured, processed, packaged, or distributed it;
  3. Any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance but is not a controlled substance or is a different controlled substance.
  4. Any substance other than a controlled substance that a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance because of its similarity in shape, size, and color, or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.

- G. **Drug paraphernalia:** include, without limitations, items described in 21 United States Code Section 863, ORC Section 2925.14, or Upper Arlington Codified Ordinance Section 511.07.
- H. **Intervention and Assistance Program:** help or aid secured from programs of the District, such as school-sponsored support groups or programs approved by the District.
- I. **Mind altering chemicals:** without limitation, narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, marijuana and prescription drugs, unless authorized by a medical prescription from a licensed physician. A student taking a prescription drug must do so in accordance with that prescription. The prescription must be kept in its original container, which states the student's name and directions for proper use.
- J. **Parent:** the student's parent, unless the rights of that parent have been restricted by court order or legal agreement, guardian, or legal custodian.
- K. **Possess:** either (a) physical or actual control of alcohol, mind altering chemicals, build altering chemicals, tobacco, drug paraphernalia, unauthorized prescribed or prescribed-controlled substance, counterfeit controlled substance (e.g.: on person, in a locker, in book bag, or in student's automobile); or (b) permitting other persons to possess alcohol, mind altering chemicals, build altering chemicals, drug paraphernalia, prescribed or prescribed-controlled substance, counterfeit controlled substances in locations (e.g.: automobile, home, and such) for which the student has responsibility.
- L. **Student:** for the purposes of the Extracurricular Code, any student who participates in any extracurricular activity. Once a student participates in an extracurricular activity, that student is a "student" for purposes of the extracurricular code for the remainder of the period of academic life the student is in at that time. There are two separate periods of academic life: (1) grades 7 through 8 and (2) grades 9 through 12. The code is in effect for the entire period of the student's academic life.
- M. **Student Athlete:** any student who participates on any athletic team. Once a student participates on an athletic team, that student is a "student athlete" for the remainder of the period of academic life the student is in at that time. There shall be two separate periods of academic life:
  1. grades 7 through 8, and
  2. grades 9 through 12.

The code is in effect for the entire period of the student athlete's academic life.
- N. **Student Council Officer or Representative:** any student elected to serve on Student Council in grades 6 through 12. A student becomes a Student Council Officer or Representative on the date the election results are announced and continues to be such through the last school day of the year for which he/she was elected.
- O. **Treatment:** a professional outside of the District applying remedies in order to cure or heal.
- P. **Under the influence:** manifesting signs of chemical misuse, such as staggering, reddened eyes, odor of chemicals, nervousness, restlessness, memory loss, abusive language, falling asleep in class, or any other like behavior not normal for the particular student.

## **NCAA College Athletic Eligibility Requirements**

Students planning to participate in Division I or Division II college athletics must meet N.C.A.A. eligibility requirements. The N.C.A.A. Clearinghouse determines athletic eligibility. Applications and regulations are available in the College Center. It is important that students and parents familiarize themselves with these requirements as early as possible in their high school careers.

**Students are encouraged to apply to the Clearinghouse online at the NCAA Clearing- house <http://www.eligibilitycenter.org> during the summer preceding their senior year.**

## **2.0 Policy**

It is important that students meet the following academic requirements in order to participate in athletics, extracurricular or co-curricular activities in grades 7-12.

- A student must earn at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in order to be eligible for participation. The GPA will be applied separately for grades 7-8 and for grades 9-12 and calculated each grading period.
- A student's eligibility will be determined according to his or her GPA for each nine-week grading period. Because of the comprehensive nature of exams, semester and final exams are not calculated into the nine-week GPA. A student's eligibility will be determined by examining each nine-week GPA independent of prior grading periods. The individual nine-week GPA's value will be used by itself to determine a student's eligibility. Eligibility can be maintained, gained, or lost each grading period.

Provisions may be made for individual students with special needs and/or extenuating circumstances. An eligibility board will review such situations on an individual basis and may waive certain requirements as appropriate. This provision is intended to meet unique situations of students with special or adjusted educational needs. The eligibility board will hear requests of students and/or parents in regard to special needs, extenuating circumstances such as long-term illness, and/or appeals regarding eligibility.