

Campbell ISD

Athletic Policy And Code of Conduct

Participation in athletics means more than competition between two individuals or two teams representing different schools. It teaches fair play and sportsmanship, understanding and appreciation of teamwork, and many intangible qualities such as pride, confidence, and self-esteem. Participation in athletics is a privilege, and as such, all athletes are expected to uphold high behavioral and academic standards as outlined in this Athletic Code. The Athletic Code does not replace the Student Code of Conduct, but rather is an additional set of guidelines that athletes are expected to follow. The conduct of an athlete is closely observed in many areas of life and it is important that this behavior be above reproach in all areas. Consequences for inappropriate behavior are at the discretion of the Athletic Director and may result in suspension of athletic privileges. Any parent or student athlete who has a grievance should proceed as specified in the Student Handbook

I. ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

1. Any athlete taking part in any contest sponsored by the UIL must be passing all subjects at the end of each six weeks. Any athlete that fails a class will be ineligible for three weeks. The athlete must continue to practice but will not be able to participate in a contest until the end of the three-week period and must be passing all classes.
2. No one shall take part in any contest sponsored by the UIL after the end of the eighth (8th) semester following their first enrollment in the ninth (9th) grade. (Enrollment in two or more 9th grade subjects constitutes enrollment.)
3. No one shall take part in any contest in the UIL who, on the first day of September preceding the contest, has reached or passes their nineteenth (19th) birthday. (Exceptions. UIL Waivers)
4. No one shall take part in any contest in the UIL who has ever received money, or other valuable consideration, for participation in any athletic sport or game or who has within the past twelve (12) months competed on an athletic team with a paid player.
5. All athletes must be in the off season program to be eligible for competition in a team sport unless approved by the Head Coach and the Athletic Director. Exceptions: Athletes with academic scheduling problems. (Must have prior approval)
6. Any athlete who misses a practice or game, without the permission of the head coach of their sport, to participate in a non-school event, will be ineligible for the next school contest.
7. Any athlete suspended from school will be excluded from the next contest. Athletes assigned to ISS for behavioral reasons may be excluded from the next contest. Athletes assigned to ISS for any other disciplinary reasons may be excluded from the next contest.
8. In order for an athlete to be able to participate in a contest, they must attend a minimum of one-half of their academic classes on the day of the contest. Any student absent for more than one-half of the academic day may participate if approval is received from the Principal and Athletic Director.

II. ON THE CAMPUS / IN THE CLASSROOM

Behavior and appearance on the campus is of great importance. Athletes should be leaders, since fellow students respect and follow them. There are certain marks that pertain to athletes. Any athlete guilty of violating the Student Code of Conduct will be subject to additional disciplinary action in athletics. The disciplinary action could include, but is not limited to a conference, additional duties, or possible suspension. Leaders will accept these responsibilities, realizing that they influence many others on the campus. Leaders work for the betterment of the school and what is right and good for their fellow students.

III. ON TRIPS

On trips, all athletes directly represent the community, school and coaching staff. Therefore, it is expected that all involved in athletics will dress in an acceptable manner when traveling, and conduct themselves in a manner in keeping with this code. Athletes should be aware that personal appearance shall be left to the judgment of the head coach of each sport and the Athletic Director. Violations in this area will result in disciplinary action.

IV. GENERAL RULES

- 1. CONDUCT**-----We will be noted for our clean, tough, and competitive play. We will not shoot off our mouths on or off the field / court. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability. On the field of athletic competition, a class athlete does not use illegal tactics. The athlete learns that winning and losing are part of the game, and that they should be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 2. ATTENDANCE**---Do not skip practice. If you must miss the athletic period, be sure that it cannot be helped. If you must be absent, you are expected to call and talk to one of the coaches. You will be required to make up work missed when you are absent. Absences in season will affect playing time.
- 3. INJURY** -----All injuries must be reported to your head coach. The injury will be treated or you will be referred to a doctor. Injuries that require limited or no activity for a period of longer than one-week will require a doctor's note and explanation of limitations. If you must leave school because of illness, let a member of the coaching staff know you will not be there. If you are ill or injured, we do not expect you to work out, but if you are at school we expect you to wear the uniform of the day and accompany your group to all stations unless given special permission by your head coach.
- 4. RESPECT**-----Coaches should receive respectful responses from players when talking to them. Players in turn can expect to be treated with respect by their coaches.
- 5. PROMPTNESS**---Always be on time. On trips the bus will wait for no one. During the out-of-season you will be given adequate time after the athletic period begins to be in the uniform of the day and in the designated location.
- 6. DRESS**-----You should be very professional in uniform and out. Everyone will wear their uniform in the same manner. No one will be different. We will furnish all equipment so do not bring personal equipment from home unless you have been given permission. You are responsible for taking care of your equipment. Do not wear jewelry in practice or in the game. Your appearance away from the dressing room should reflect the same class and pride that you show in our program. You are expected to wear the equipment issued to you each day in practice.
- 7. APPEARANCE**---To attain a team appearance, male athletes should keep hair neatly trimmed. Female athletes should keep hair in a manner that does not interfere with participation. Guidelines for hair, facial hair and earrings are the same as identified in the student handbook. Tattoos are to be covered for all athletic contests.
- 8. CARE OF EQUIPMENT**----- You are to hang your equipment in your locker in a neat and orderly manner. Locker inspections may be made periodically. You are to clean your equipment before going into the locker room. When the fields are muddy, clean your equipment before entering the locker room. Clean in and around your locker each day. All equipment is to remain at school.
- 9. STUDY HALL**-----Athletes may be required to attend a study hall if they are listed as failing at the midpoint Of each six weeks. This will continue until the grade has been improved to a passing level.
- 10. OFFICIALS**-----Officials in a game are there for the purpose of insuring that both teams will receive a fair deal. Officials do not lose a game for you. It is athletic tradition and rule that no one except the appointed captain talks to the officials. The captain should always speak in a tone of respect and for the purpose of clarifying a rule interpretation. Any behavior contrary to that which has been stated is a direct reflection on the school, team, and coaches and will not be tolerated.

V. MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS

- A. Working athletes must comply with the code. An athlete who works must:
 1. Maintain academic standards
 2. Maintain training rules
 3. Not let work interfere with practice or games

B. School Equipment

1. An athlete is financially responsible for all equipment checked out to him.
2. Credit will be given on items turned in only if they were the items that were checked out.
3. All equipment must be treated as if it were your own personal equipment. It should not be abused.

C. Locker Room Procedure

1. Roughhousing, throwing towels or other objects is not allowed in the dressing rooms.
2. Proper respect must be given to all adults, team managers, and trainers.

D. School Spirit

1. An athlete should think of his school rather than his personal interest.
2. Each athlete should participate in some sport where their presence will help the team even though they are not the star.
3. Each athlete should attend athletic events in which they are not a participant.

VI. FORFEIT OF RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

People who participate in extra-curricular activities often find themselves in a position to represent their fellow students, their school and their community. It is the desire of all to be well represented. The Campbell ISD and community has provided facilities, equipment, and personnel to facilitate the extra-curricular program. The school administration has given lots of time in planning, organizing, and operating the extra-curricular activities. The school administration shall have full authority to admit and dismiss students from an extra-curricular activity when it feels that the best interest of the pupil and school is being served. After the first two weeks of a sport, any athlete that quits or is removed from the sport by their parents or the coaching staff, shall not be permitted to participate in any other competitive sport of the athletic program until they have completed a required disciplinary procedure determined by the head coach of the sports and the Athletic Director. If an athlete refuses to be disciplined for due cause, by any coach, they will be excluded from competitive activity for a period of one year. The required discipline must be completed for re-instatement

ATHLETE RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

This program is designed to help students re-enter the program after quitting or being removed from a sport/team/athletics program. It operates on a "3 strikes and you're out" system. The program keeps up with the student's behavior history and is divided Jr. High from High school.

- First offense results in 15 miles in 10 days monitored and recorded by a coach.
- Second offense results in 20 miles in 10 days monitored/recorded by a coach.
- Third offense results in permanent removal from any athletics

All records of program results must/will be reported to the Athletic Director for documentation and filing for future reference. ALL coaches will follow this program or be subject to dismissal.

VII. ATHLETIC AWARD SYSTEM

Letter jackets are considered to be a major award for athletes who have made a commitment to the Campbell athletic program.

A. General requirements for receiving a jacket:

1. Must have met all lettering requirements of the athletic policies.
2. Must maintain a proper attitude as a student and athlete.
3. Must complete the season in good standing both in disciplinary and academic standards.
4. Must meet all grade level requirements.
5. All requirements may be waved by judgment of the coach and the athletic director concerning injuries, illness, marginal cases, etc....

B. Specific Requirements for a Varsity Sports Letter

<u>Football:</u>	Participation in one-half of the district games.
<u>Basketball:</u>	Participation in one-half of the district games.
<u>Track:</u>	Participation in one-half of the meets and the district meet
<u>Baseball:</u>	Participation in one-half of the district games.
<u>Softball:</u>	Participation in one-half of the district games.
<u>Golf:</u>	Participation in one-half of the meets and the district meet
<u>Cross Country:</u>	Participation in one-half of the meets and the district meet

C. Grade Level requirements for receiving Letter Jackets

1. 9th graders must letter in three varsity sports
2. 10th graders must have lettered in two varsity sports and participated in another sport.

3. 11th graders must have lettered in two varsity sports and participated in two other sports or have participated in the same sport three years and lettered once.
4. 12th graders must have lettered in a varsity sport and participated in another sport or have participated in the same sport three or more years.

VIII. CONDUCT GUIDELINES

MINOR OFFENSES:

Players will not:

- Use Abusive or Profane Language
- Demonstrate Inappropriate Behavior
- Dress Inappropriately
- Demonstrate Poor Sportsmanship
- Skip Practice
- Fail to Contact Their Coach When Absent or Tardy

The Following Responses May Be Used for Minor Offenses:

- Conference with the Coach
- Assigned Athletic Reminders [Make up Work, Extra Conditioning, Detention, Up-Downs, Bleachers, Log Rolls, Extra Weight Work-outs, Bear Crawls(Eggs)]
- Suspension from Part of a Game or Competition

MAJOR OFFENSES:

Players will not:

- Violate the Student Handbook
- Defy School Authority
- Be Insubordinate
- Be Suspended from School
- Repeatedly Commit Minor Offenses

The Following Responses May Be Used for Major Offenses:

- Parent Conference
- 10 x gassers x # of days
- Bear Crawls/Log Rolls
- Suspension from Part or All of a Game
- Suspension from the Team

SERIOUS OFFENSES:

- Stealing
- Fighting
- Hazing
- Repeated Major Offenses
- Players Will Not Use, Possess or Deliver the Following Banned Substances:
 - Tobacco
 - Alcoholic Beverages
 - Illegal Drugs

The Following Responses May Be Used for Serious Offenses:

- 10 x gassers x # of days
- Bear crawls/Log Rolls
- Suspension from a Contest
- Suspension from Part or All of the Season
- Suspension from All Activities for a Year
- Permanent Suspension from All Athletic Activities

We have read the Athletic Code and understand all of the provisions. We understand that to participate in the athletic program, the athlete must follow the guidelines that have been set forth in the code. We also understand that violations of the rules will result in the stated disciplinary action.

We agree to abide by the rules set forth in this Athletic Code.

Athlete's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____