

ALLEN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

It is a privilege to participate in athletics. When representing an Allen Park Public School team in athletic competition, the general appearance, dress, and conduct must be such as to bring credit to the athlete, the team, the school, and the community. The privilege of being on an athletic team carries the responsibilities of setting a good example in ALL school activities.

All students who wish to participate on an Allen Park Public School athletic team should acquaint themselves very thoroughly with the following regulations:

- All students must pass five (5) of six (6) classes on a weekly basis in order to participate in the athletic program. Students who are academically ineligible must participate in homework station program in order to attend practice, during the week of ineligibility.
- Students academically ineligible for two (2) consecutive weeks in a season will be dismissed from the team.
- Any questions regarding athletic eligibility will be referred to the Michigan High School Athletic Association Handbook. The Handbook will serve as a guide in determining all eligibility questions.

Any student smoking, drinking, or involved in drug abuse/use including over the counter substances that are mood altering, chemical or ability enhancing, or illegal or the sale of minors, will receive the following consequences:

• **First Offense:** Any student smoking, drinking, or involved in drug use/abuse, or in possession of, will be suspended from athletic contests for seventy-five (75) school days and MUST attend an administrative approved drug education class/counseling at no expense to the school district. Should the student discontinue the counseling prior to completion, the ineligibility will remain in force. The suspended student may continue to participate in practice, accompany the team and sit on the bench in street clothes during athletic contests.

• **Second Offense:** Any student smoking, drinking, or involved in drug use / abuse, or in possession of, will be suspended from athletic contests for one hundred-eighty (180) school days and MUST attend an approved substance education counseling class at no expense to the school district. Should the student discontinue the counseling prior to completion, the ineligibility will remain in force. The suspended student may continue to participate in practice, accompany the team and sit on the bench in street clothes during athletic contests.

Suspensions will carry over into the next school year for a sixth or seventh grader, depending on the time of year the violation occurs.

Violations occurring during a student's eighth grade year will require completion of an approved drug education class/counseling, at no expense to the school district, to be eligible for high school athletics.

- Any student missing practice or a game without first being excused by the coach may be suspended from the team (applies when the student has been in attendance during the school day).
- Any student not in attendance for three hours (one-half day) during a school day cannot practice or participate in or at a game on that day.
- No student shall be a candidate for an athletic team without a physical examination, signed Athletic Code, and a waiver of the Athletic Accident Benefit Plan of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) or evidence of other adequate coverage.
- School authorized transportation only shall be used to and from contests. Athletes may return home from a contest with their parent/guardian (only provided they have made prior arrangements in writing with an administrator).
- Any student who is suspended from one (1) to three (3) days due to a violation of the Code of Conduct may not practice or participate in games throughout the duration of that suspension.
- A student's second suspension, due to a violation of the Code of Conduct during an athletic season, or a suspension of five (5) days or more, will result in removal from that team for the remainder of the season. Any student who receives a second suspension during an athletic season which results in an accumulation of four (4) days or more of suspension for that season will be removed from that team.

As a member of an Allen Park Middle School Athletic team, I will abide by the Athletic Code:

Signed: _____ (student) _____ (date)

As a parent, I support the school in endorsing the Athletic Code:

Signed: _____ (parent) _____ (date)