



Athletic Code

2016-2017

New Auburn Athletic Code Grades 6-12

Philosophy:

We believe that the athletic department's philosophy must support the philosophy of the school. The number one priority of our school is to provide an educational opportunity for all students in a safe environment. Being involved in athletics is a privilege, which must be earned through practice and hard work. It is not a right. Students who choose to participate in athletics are representatives of the New Auburn School and are expected to display good citizenship and sportsmanship. Athletes are to be students who are able to follow the rules of Attendance, Conduct and Academic Standards.

Introduction:

Students planning to participate in athletics or be in a support position such as a manager, trainer, statistician, etc. are to sign the Athletic Code Pledge form each year before they will be allowed to practice with the team. A parent or guardian signature is also required. An individual will be considered an athlete from the time he or she signs the Athletic Code. As long as an athlete remains enrolled in school, all policies, rules and regulations pertaining to athletics will apply; the Athletic Code is in effect year round.

All athletes are required to take a physical examination in accordance with the W.I.A.A. rules. A physical or alternate year card must be on file at school on or prior to the first day of practice.

Parents or guardians are expected to have the primary health and accident insurance policy for the athlete. The district insurance is excess only. It will not duplicate benefits paid or payable by any other insurance plan.

Any penalties will be effective immediately, but the athlete or parents or guardians may appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Schools followed by an appeal to the School Board.

Attendance:

Athletes are to attend school as required by State Statutes. To participate in a game or practice, an athlete must be in school for the full day (8:15-3:26 school time) on the day of a game or practice unless the absence is prearranged and excused. Extenuating circumstances will be dealt with by the principal/athletic director.

Conduct:

Athletes are to follow the rules set down in the Student Handbook. This includes substance abuse in any form, such as but not limited to the use and/or possession of tobacco, electronic cigarettes (nicotine & vaporizers), alcohol, drugs of any form, drug paraphernalia and volatile chemicals and performance enhancing drugs.

Any violation of these expectations will be dealt with as follows:

Honesty Clause

Any student athlete forth coming with admittance of an athletic code violation will be provided a one time only exemption from the first offense penalty of 20% of the season. The student must admit the offense to the athletic director in writing or in person themselves. Athletes must do so immediately upon learning of the violation. The Honesty clause can only be in affect if the violation has not already been reported by another individual. He or she will then be allowed to serve a suspension of 10% of the season's competitive contests. (Not including scrimmages) Fractions of the games will be rounded up. Each subsequent violation will be treated as a repeat offense.

1st Violation

Suspension from athletic competition for 20% of the season's competitive contests (not including scrimmages). Fractions of games will be rounded up.

2nd Violation

Suspension from athletic competition for ½ of the season's competitive contests (not including scrimmages). Fractions of games will be rounded up.

Additional Violations

Suspension from athletic competition for one calendar year from the time of the infraction.

Ineligibility not completed will be carried over and pro-rated to the next sport season the athlete competes. To receive credit for serving the suspension period, the athlete must complete the sport season in good standing.

Violations on any other legal matters will involve a review by the Athletic Board. The athlete and his or her parent/guardian will appear before the Athletic Board made up of the principal, athletic director, coach, faculty member, and an athlete chosen by the athletic director. After the review process, a decision will be made by the Athletic Board on subsequent school consequences.

Athletes are to attend all practices while serving suspensions for 1st and 2nd violations unless excused by the coach.

During the suspension period, athletes are expected to travel with the team, dress in street clothes and sit with the team.

The maximum penalty will be suspension from all athletics for one calendar year from the date of the infraction.

An athlete having a period of two years without a code violation will have his/her athletic discipline record expunged.

Academic Standards:

An athlete's grades will be monitored at mid-quarter (the date set by the office for mid-Quarter grades to be turned in) and Quarter (the day that report cards are printed) and dealt with as follows:

Mid-Quarter Report

Students will be notified of their progress in each course.

Quarter Report

If an athlete is found to have one failing grade, the athlete will be immediately ineligible for one contest and will remain ineligible until passing all classes.

An athlete having more than one failing grade will be ineligible for a period to last 15 scheduled days and nights. The athlete may not return to competition until the suspension period has been served and he or she is passing all classes. Academic ineligibility from the 4th quarter during the 2nd semester will be carried over to the subsequent fall sport.

(For fall sports the Fifteen days will be counted from the 1st Sunday in the week of the 1st scheduled game or match. Scrimmages do not count as a game)

The athletic director will review the grade reports and inform coaches of athletes not meeting the academic standards.

Athletes are to attend all practices during an academic suspension unless excused by their coach. If an athlete is failing at the mid-quarter progress report, he/she will be required to work/study in that specific subject area until 4:00 p.m. The athlete will not be allowed to practice until after 4:00 p.m. This will continue until evidence of a passing grade, with the signature of the teacher. The same will be replicated for a failing quarter grade.

During the suspension period, athletes are expected to travel with the team, dress in street clothes and sit with the team.

The Athletic Code is established to provide an opportunity for athletes to compete in a program where we as a school and community can be proud of our students' behavior and actions.

Students enrolled in Youth Options or an Online Learning course will be expected to conform to the same expectations as any other student in traditional academic courses. Students will be held accountable to the academic standards for their grades in all courses, regardless of their level.

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Athlete Signature _____ Date _____