

# PROVO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT



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I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the Provo City School District "Student Activity Code of Conduct". I agree to abide by all requirements of this code.

Participation in competitive athletics, student government, and other extracurricular activities confer important educational and lifetime benefits upon students. However, there is no constitutional or legally protected right to participate in these types of extracurricular activities. Students who participate in extracurricular activities become role models for others in the school and community. These students often play major roles in establishing standards of acceptable behavior in the school and community, and establishing and maintaining the reputation of the school and the level of community confidence and support afforded to the school. Accordingly, students involved in extracurricular activities must comply with school and District policies, team and organization rules and applicable local, state, and federal laws in regards to their conduct and behavior.

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate a student:

1. Student must be a full-time student. The minimum requirements of a full-time student requires enrollment in at least six credit bearing classes. A senior may be enrolled in fewer than six credit bearing classes as long as he/she is on track to graduate.
2. Cannot fail more than one subject in the preceding grading period.
3. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 based on a 4.0 scale in the preceding grading period.
4. Incompletes (I), no grades (NG), and no credits (NC) are considered failures and must be factored into the GPA until made up. Once made up the GPA must be recalculated with the new grade replacing the deficiency.
5. A recalculation of the GPA would also be done if deficiencies were replaced during the summer grading period.
6. To replace the deficiency obtained during the final grading period, the new grade must be earned in the same subject area and must come from a summer program that has been approved by the Provo City School District.
7. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students or transferring students are accountable to the requirements of #1 and #2 listed above.
8. Students who are scholastically ineligible for a grading period cannot represent their school.

## STUDENT DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

### **1. Drugs and Alcohol:**

First Offense – Suspension from two weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions or performances. Practice may be continued following a personal assessment of the student by a licensed substance abuse intervention or treatment program and/or participation in a district level approved intervention program.

Second Offense – Suspension from six weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions or performances. Student participation in an assessment by a licensed substance intervention or treatment program with prescribed follow-up is required. Practice may continue only after the assessment has been completed and positive participation in the prescribed follow-up is occurring.

Third Offense – Suspension from eighteen weeks of games, meets, matches, competitions, performances and practices. Reinstatement of eligibility at the end of the eighteen-week suspension is predicated upon successful completion of a formal assessment intervention and treatment program.

**2. Additional Drug and Alcohol Guidelines:**

- a. Violations carry over year-to-year and sport/activity to sport/activity in a participant's career (there is no "fresh start" each school year).
- b. Violations must occur and be discovered during a sport/activity season.
- c. Any penalties for violation follow the student to any school to which he/she transfers.
- d. Any violation beyond the third offense carries the same penalty as the third offense.
- e. The school district discipline screening committee can impose a greater sanction than those described in each of the offenses if there are extenuating circumstances.

**3. Tobacco Use/Possession/Sale/Distribution**

First Offense – Use, possession, sale or distribution of tobacco or tobacco products, in any form, is prohibited. The consequence for the first violation will be suspension from all extra-curricular programs/athletic competitions for one week.

Second Offense – The consequence for a second violation will be suspension for two weeks.

Third Offense – The consequence for a third offense and beyond will be determined by the school administration. The penalty will be determined based on the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the remorse of the student and any other relevant factors.

**4. Additional Tobacco Guidelines:**

- a. Violations carry over year-to-year and sport/activity to sport/activity in a participant's career (there is no "fresh start" each school year). Violations must occur and be discovered during a sport/activity season.
- b. Any penalties for violation follow the student to any school to which he/she transfers.
- c. The school district discipline screening committee can impose a greater sanction than those described in each of the offenses if there are extenuating circumstances.

**5. Violation of Team Rules and Regulations:**

Coaches may establish reasonable rules and regulations, subject to the approval of school administration, for behavior not otherwise specified in the code of conduct. Coaches may determine reasonable penalties for violations of team rules and regulations subject to review of school administration.

**6. Attendance – Truancy:** Student attendance is critical to a student's success in the classroom; much the same attendance at practice is essential. Students involved in extracurricular programs are expected to attend all of their classes on time and avoid truancy.

- a. Students who receive a truancy citation letter shall be suspended from participation in extracurricular programs for one week for a first offense.
- b. A second truancy citation letter during a student's high school enrollment shall result in a two-week suspension.
- c. Subsequent truancy citations will result in additional suspensions; the consequences will be determined by the school administration in consultation with coaches and the athletic director.

**7. School Suspension:** Students who are suspended from school under either school or school district policy are prohibited from participation in practices and games, meets, matches, competitions or performances during the length of the suspension.

**8. Academic Fraud:** Students who admit to and/or who are caught cheating in their classes will be subject to disciplinary action. The impact on participation in extracurricular programs will be determined by school administration in consultation with the classroom teacher in whose class the cheating occurred and the

coach/advisor over the program the student is participating in, but shall in no case be less than a one-week removal from participation.

**9. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Unsportsmanlike conduct and other unacceptable behaviors not specifically covered in this code of conduct, but which are contrary to the spirit of being a role model to others, are subject to an appropriate penalty at the discretion of the school administration, taking into consideration the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the remorse of the athlete, and any other relevant factors.

**10. Unlawful Behavior:** If a student has committed an unlawful or delinquent act as defined by Utah State Code, regardless of where or when the unlawful or delinquent act occurred, an appropriate penalty will be determined based on the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, and any other relevant factors, such as previous acts of misconduct. In all such cases school administration reserves the right to suspend a student's extracurricular privileges until all charges have been resolved with the courts. The school administration also reserves the right to suspend extracurricular privileges once the court has rendered a guilty verdict, the student has plead guilty or no contest, or dispositions through a settlement. *(Please note that specific consequences for Drug/Alcohol and Tobacco infractions are detailed in an earlier portion of this document.)*

**11. New Enrollees/Transfer Students**

New enrollees, including transfer students, with prior violations at schools will be considered to have violated the Provo Student Code of Conduct, and therefore, will be subject to applicable consequences for any additional violations as provided in this Code of Conduct.

**Grievance Procedure Guidelines**

If a student or parent has a grievance based on an outcome of the Provo City School District Code of Conduct, the following procedures are to be followed:

1. Request a meeting with the person who gave a consequence.
2. If not resolved, request a meeting with the school assistant principal over athletics and activities.
3. If not resolved, request a hearing with the Extra-Curricular Participation Review Board. This Board will consist of the following individuals: School Athletic Director, School Principal and Executive Director of Student Services for Provo City Schools. The decision of this board is final and exhausts all grievance processes.
4. Note: The Grievance Procedure Guidelines do not apply for outcomes that are given by the Provo City School District Discipline Screening Committee. A separate appeal process is available for this level of student discipline.

**UTAH HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK**

For matters that are not defined above, the Utah High School Activities Handbook will be used to help determine appropriate outcomes.



I have read and consent to the Provo City School District Code of Conduct.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Provo City School District Code of Conduct and understand and agree to abide by all guidelines and rules. I understand that I will not be allowed to start a season without the completion and submission of this document.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_