

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC CODE

Oak Harbor School District recognizes the value of an athletic program as an integral part of the total middle school experience for all students in the district. The opportunity to participate in the athletic program is granted to all 7th and 8th grade students. Participants in these athletic programs are expected to adhere to specific conduct standards. In addition to the school rules stated in the Student Handbook, the participant will be governed by the policies and rules stated in this Athletic Code and any specific rules developed and distributed by the coach/advisor of the sport. These guidelines and consequences are applicable to students during their season(s) of participation.

#### **Expectations of Participating Students**

- 1.0 Hold a valid ASB card.
- 2.0 Provide verification of a recent physical (within the past 24 months) and adequate medical insurance or waiver for athletic participation.
- 3.0 Payment of an athletic fee.
- 4.0 Attendance: Athletes must be in attendance for one-half of the day on game days. On half days, the athlete must be in school for the entire time to participate in a game. If any portion of the absence is unexcused, the student will not be allowed to participate and/or practice.
- 5.0 Required turnouts: A student must have a minimum of ten turnouts before participating in a game, meet, or match.
- 6.0 Participants are expected to always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, especially in dealing with opponents and officials.
- 7.0 School equipment/gear checked out by the student-athlete is the student/athlete's responsibility. Athletes are expected to keep the equipment/gear clean and in good condition. Loss of any school equipment/ gear assigned to the athlete is the athlete's financial obligation; athletes should guard against loss by remembering to lock up equipment/gear when not in use.
- 8.0 All participants must travel to and from athletic events in transportation provided by the school district. Any other arrangements must be made and approved by the administration or coach. **Parents must sign their students out at the contest site.** During off-campus/away athletic games, participants are expected to follow all school rules as well as bus regulations, including leaving the district vehicle in clean condition. Participants will remain in their squad and under the supervision of their coach/advisor when attending an away contest.
- 9.0 All injuries must be reported to the coach immediately. If any injury requires a doctor's care, the coach must be given a doctor's release in order for the athlete to turn out or participate in an athletic contest.
- 10.0 Show respect to all fellow participants and visitors using the locker room. "Rough-housing" or "horseplay" of any sort in the locker room can lead to serious injury and will not be permitted at any time. Keep locker rooms clean and your valuables locked up at all times. When using another school's locker room, conduct yourself in the same manner expected at your home locker room.
- 11.0 Meet Academic Standards:
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In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current quarter, the student shall maintain passing grades in all classes.
  - 11.2 Academic Probation and Reinstatement:  
Any student who does not meet the minimum academic standard will be placed on a one (1) week probation, during which time she/he may participate in all practices and competitions during this week. Teachers have the authority to require students to stay after school in their rooms for make-up work, tutoring, or remedial instruction from 2:35 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., after which the student may attend practice. At the end of the probation week, an additional grade check will take place for that student only. If the student is passing all classes at the end of one week, they will no longer be on probation. If the student is not passing at the end of one week, the student will become ineligible for one (1) week, during which time she/he may practice but cannot participate in any competitions. After one (1) week of ineligibility, another grade check

will take place for that student. If the student is passing all classes at the end of one (1) week, the student will become eligible to compete. If the student is not passing at the end of one (1) week, the student will remain ineligible until they are passing all classes.

**All eighth grade students must meet Oak Harbor High School academic standards the final semester of their eighth grade year in order to participate in high school athletics their freshmen year.**

12.0 Athletic Code Violations

In addition to normal school sanctions for the violation of rules and regulations, athletic suspensions will be administered to students under the Athletic Code for:

- 12.1 **Use of tobacco in any form;**
- 12.2 **Illegal use, sale, distribution and/or possession of alcohol, drugs, or drug paraphernalia; and**
- 12.3 **Students found guilty of illegal and/or criminal acts are disciplined in accordance with the Middle School Student Handbook.**

**Definitions**

**Probation** - The student may participate in any scheduled practice or competition and must be passing all classes after a one (1) week period.

**Ineligible** - The student may practice but he/she cannot participate in any competition and cannot miss any class time to attend an event while ineligible.

**Activity Suspension** - The student cannot turnout or participate in any scheduled event during the period of suspension. A student having been suspended from one sport cannot turn out for another in the same season. The coach and/or the building administrator will administer the athletic suspension.

**School Suspension** - Students suspended from school cannot practice, participate, or travel with the team during the suspension period.

**Appeal** - Students/parents have the right to appeal any disciplinary decision imposed by the administration of the Middle School Athletic Code. The appeal procedure is defined in Procedure 4373.1 of the OHSD Board Policies.

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