

CANTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

2013-2014

The Canton Local Board of Education acknowledges that student participation in the interscholastic athletic programs offered by the school district is a privilege and not a right.

Student-athletes are subject to specific rules and regulations that are required of all members of our athletic teams. The athletic program is a highly visible part of the Canton Local Schools. As a student-athlete, your attitudes, actions, and statements are constantly in the public eye and reflect directly upon yourself and the school district. Canton Local student-athletes are expected to demonstrate high standards of ethics, integrity, sportsmanship, and behavior at all times.

- A. Canton Local student-athlete's shall not possess, sell, consume, purchase, or be under the influence of any drugs of abuse, alcohol, steroids/performance enhancing drugs, look-a-like drugs, or prescription drugs **not** prescribed to the student-athlete.
- B. Canton Local student-athlete's shall not use or possess any form of tobacco, tobacco-related products, or tobacco paraphernalia including electronic cigarettes.
- C. Canton Local student-athlete's shall be expected to demonstrate the highest standards of ethics, integrity, sportsmanship and behavior at all times both during school/school events and in the community.

Student-athlete's who violate the Athletic Code of Conduct either on or off school property may be suspended or expelled from school, denied the privilege to participate in athletics, referred for counseling, and/or reported to the proper law enforcement agency.

All student-athletes, cheerleaders, and student-trainers/managers that are involved in an athletic program in grades 7-12 are subject to the code of conduct. The Athletic Code of Conduct shall be in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Student-athlete's should not attend or remain at activities where illegal consumption of alcohol or drugs is taking place. To remain there puts the student-athlete at risk of being identified as one who is in violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct.

Violations of the Athletic Code of Conduct will be cumulative throughout the student-athlete's high school career. Violations that occur in grades 7/8 will not carry over to high school. Any assessment or counseling recommendations that are put in place during grades 7/8 must be completed before participating in a high school sport.

In order to help promote a healthy, safe and drug-free experience for our student-athletes and cheerleaders, they will be subjected to random drug testing during the course of the school year in grades 9-12. Drug testing will take place during each of the 3 sport seasons (fall, winter and spring). A percentage of student-athlete's will be randomly selected during each sport season to be tested by a professional agency contracted by the school. Student-athletes will be required to have a signed consent form on file in the athletic office before he/she can participate in their respective sport. A student-athlete who fails a drug test will be subject to the consequences of the Athletic Code of Conduct. Parents/guardians can appeal a failed drug test at their expense by a school-approved test agency.

Procedures for the Athletic Code of Conduct

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First Violation:

A first violation will result in a 20% loss of participation of the remaining scheduled contests/points, including tournament contests, to be based on the number of regular season contests for that specific sport. If there are not enough contests remaining in the season to complete the 20% loss of participation, the denial of participation will carry over to the next season that the student-athlete participates. The student-athlete must complete the season in good standing, or the penalty will be assessed in the next sport season that the student-athlete participates in.

The student-athlete must obtain a professional drug/alcohol assessment (at his/her own expense) in order to return to participation. Student-athletes may practice during his/her loss of participation; however, they may not dress for any contests that they miss.

An intervention meeting will be held with the athletic director, student-athlete, and parent/guardian to review the assessment.

Second Violation:

A second violation will result in a loss of participation for 1 calendar year from the time the school is notified of the violation. The student-athlete may have this penalty reduced to a 50% loss of participation provided the student-athlete and his/her parents/guardians agree to accept and successfully complete the following requirements;

- The student-athlete must obtain a professional drug/alcohol assessment (at his/her expense) and agree to participate and complete all recommendations made by the assessment agency.

- The student-athlete will be given a baseline drug test at the school district's expense. The student-athlete must then submit to 3 random drug/alcohol tests over a 1 calendar year period. These tests are at the expense of the student-athlete and his/her parent/guardian. The student-athlete and his/her parent/guardian shall be notified by the athletic director as to the time and location/agency that has been selected by the school for each test.
- Failure of the student-athlete to complete any of the above requirements, or having a positive drug test will result in a loss of participation for 1 calendar year.

If there are not enough contests remaining in the season to complete the 50% loss of participation, the denial of participation will be carried over to the next sports season that the student-athlete participates. The student-athlete must complete the season in good standing, or the penalty will be assessed in the next sport season that the student-athlete participates in.

An intervention meeting will be held with the athletic director, student-athlete, and parent/guardian to review the procedures to be followed.

Third Violation:

A third violation will result in the denial of participation in athletics for the duration of the student-athlete's high school career.

An athletic termination hearing will be held with the Principal, Athletic Director, student-athlete, and parent/guardian.

Sale and distribution of drugs/alcohol/chemical substances:

A student-athlete involved in the sale and/or distribution of any drugs, alcohol, or chemical substance will result in the denial of participation for the duration of the student-athlete's high school career.

An athletic termination hearing will be held with the Principal, Athletic Director, student-athlete, and parent/guardian.

B. Canton Local student-athlete's student-athlete shall not use or possess any form of tobacco, tobacco-related products, or tobacco paraphernalia including electronic cigarettes.

First Violation:

A first violation will result in a 10% loss of participation of the remaining scheduled contests/points, including tournament contests, to be based on the number of regular season contests for that specific sport. If there are not enough contests remaining in the

season to complete the 10% loss of participation, the denial of participation will carry over to the next season that the student-athlete participates. The student athlete must complete the season in good standing, or the penalty will be assessed in the next sport season that the student-athlete participates in.

Second Violation:

A second violation will result in a 20% loss of participation of the remaining scheduled contests/points, including tournament contests, to be based on the number of regular season contests for that specific sport. If there are not enough contests remaining in the season to complete the 20% loss of participation, the denial of participation will carry over to the next season that the student-athlete participates. The student-athlete must complete the season in good standing, or the penalty will be assessed in the next sport season that the student-athlete participates in.

Third Violation:

A third violation will result in a 50% loss of participation of the remaining scheduled contests/points, including tournament contests, to be based on the number of regular season contests for that specific sport. If there are not enough contests remaining in the season to complete the 50% loss of participation, the denial of participation will carry over to the next season that the student-athlete participates. The student-athlete must complete the season in good standing or the penalty will be assessed in the next sport season that the student-athlete participates in.

Fourth Violation:

A fourth violation will result in the denial of participation in athletics for the duration of the student-athlete's career.

An athletic termination hearing will be held with the Principal, Athletic Director, student-athlete, and parent/guardian.

- C. Canton Local student-athletes shall be expected to demonstrate the highest standards of ethics, integrity, sportsmanship and behavior at all times both during school/school events and in the community.

Canton Local student-athletes are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of ethics, integrity, sportsmanship and behavior at all times both during school/school events and in the community. Athletes can be suspended or removed from their respective teams by the school administration for failing to uphold these standards. Consequences will be based on the severity of the offense and history of behavior of the student-athlete.

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