

Duluth High School Athletics

Gwinnett County Public Schools Athletic and Extracurricular Participation Code of Conduct

Participation in interscholastic extracurricular programs is a privilege extended to the students by the Board of Education. Students participating in extracurricular activities act as representatives of Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS). All students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to meet the highest standards of GCPS at all times.

The Code of Conduct is designed to establish high expectations and standards for all participating students. All students, parents, coaches, and sponsors understand that the top priority is academic achievement. The Code of Conduct establishes high expectations regarding behavior and consistent consequences when violations occur.

The Code of Conduct goes into effect on the first day a student joins a GCPS high school athletic team or extracurricular program. The Code remains in effect until completion of a student's participation in high school athletics or extracurricular programs.

The offenses and consequences listed below are in addition to (not in lieu of) any school or criminal consequences associated with the student misconduct.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

Violation A: Students given Long-Term Suspension (With or without GIVE option)

Consequence: Ineligible to attend or participate in any athletic or extracurricular activity during time of suspension

Violation B: Arrest for, or charged with the commission of any act that is a felony or would constitute a felony if committed by an adult. (regardless of location or time of the alleged act; in or out of school)

Consequence: 1. Immediate suspension from all participation until such time as:

- a. School officials determine that the student did not commit the act(s) or other felony conduct; or

- b. Local prosecutors dismiss or drop all pending charges and petitions; or
- c. The student pleads guilty to a misdemeanor charge, in which case refer to Violation D listed in this Code; or
- d. The student is convicted and sentenced to a felony or is adjudicated delinquent in the Juvenile Court of conduct which if committed by an adult could be charged as a felony and serves any and all portions of the sentence including all periods of probation.

For the following violations (C, D and E), the school administration must have valid evidence and/or verification of the violation as defined in the following:

- 1. Self-admitted involvement by the student
- 2. Witnessed student involvement by the sponsor, coach, or any staff member
- 3. Parent admission of their student's involvement in tobacco, alcohol or other drugs
- 4. Verified by official police report given to the school
- 5. Evidence of violations through investigation by school officials

If the offense occurs at school or on school property (at any time), off school grounds, at a school-sponsored activity, function, or event or en route to and from school, the student will be subject to the actions described in the Student Conduct Behavior Code (Policy JCD) and the following consequences for extracurricular activities.

Violation C: Tobacco (any type)

Consequence: 1ST Offense - Minimum of one (1) game/activity suspension
 2nd Offense - Suspension from any athletic/extracurricular activity for 25 % (20% if season consists of 10 games or less) of the season
 3rd Offense - Dismissed from team/activity but allowed to try out for subsequent athletic/extracurricular activities after that sport/activity has completed its season

Violation D: Alcohol/Other Drugs (Possession and/or Use)/Misdemeanor Criminal Law Violations

Consequences: Coach/Sponsor and Administrator will meet with the student and parent(s) or guardian.

- 1st Offense - Suspension from any athletic/extracurricular activity for 25 % (20% if season consists of 10 games or less) of the season
- 2nd Offense - One (1) calendar year suspension from all athletic and extracurricular activities

Violation E: Violations of school rules that result in ISS or OSS

Consequences: In-School Suspension - Participation may resume when student is released from ISS - Student cannot participate on the day s/he is released from ISS (*missed games during ISS/OSS sentence count as part of the suspension*)

Out-of-School Suspension (Short Term) -

- 1st Offense - Minimum of one (1) game/activity suspension
- 2nd Offense - Suspension from any athletic/extracurricular activity for 25% (20% if season consists of 10 games or less) of the season
- 3rd Offense - Dismissed from team/activity but allowed to try out for subsequent athletic/extracurricular activities after that sport/activity has completed its season

Violation F: Hazing

Consequences: Coach/Sponsor and Administrator will meet with the student and parent(s) or guardian.

- 1st Offense - Suspension from any athletic/extracurricular activity for up to 25% (20% if season consists of 10 games or less) of the season (Determined by Head Coach)
- 2nd Offense - One (1) calendar year suspension from all athletic and extracurricular activities

If consequence cannot be fulfilled during the sport/activity in season, it will carry over to the next sport/activity in which the student participates.

