

## Athletics/Extra-curricular Activities Student Code of Conduct

Gateway High School faculty, coaches of athletic teams and sponsors of student activities believe that students who are selected for the **privilege** of membership on teams, squads, performing groups, clubs and other school organizations should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of the school. In order to assure this conduct, coaches and sponsors enforce a **Code of Conduct** in addition to the expectations outlined for all Gateway Students in the **Student Handbook**.

Furthermore, members of teams and organizations who fail to abide by the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary actions. Members of teams and organizations must always serve as models of high moral character and must demonstrate appropriate academic commitment, which is expected from all students. As recognized representatives of their school, members are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior during the season (activity) or out of season; in uniform, on campus or off campus.

### Section A – Coach/Sponsor/Student Responsibility

Gateway High School has as its primary goal the academic education of all students. Therefore, each coach or sponsor has the obligation to encourage students to perform within reasonable academic expectations.

All student use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or possession or use of non prescribed controlled substances or paraphernalia (including androgenic/anabolic steroids) for their use will not be tolerated, and the violator will be subject to disciplinary action.

The school strongly disapproves of students staying home on school days to rest for events that day or night. The Athletic Director and/or the Assistant Principal reserve the right to limit participation of students in cases on non-attendance at school.

Each coach or sponsor has the prerogative to establish additional rules pertaining to the activity supervised. These rules may include attendance at practices, contests, trips, etc. Rules set by the individual coach or sponsor must be in writing, approved by the Director of Athletics and the Assistant Principal.

Students suspended from school will not be allowed to participate in activities or athletics while they are on suspension.

- 6) Under no circumstances may you drive (or be driven) by other Gateway students to any field trip, sports event or other Gateway event.

### Section B - Expectations

All students participating in Extra-curricular and/or Interscholastic Sports at Gateway High School are required to uphold the following basic expectations.

Students are expected to follow all of the rules and regulations outlined in the **Gateway High School Handbook (particularly pp. 4-10)** and the Constitution and Bylaws of CIF, NCS and BCL.

Students are expected to maintain passing grades in each class (no F's) and an overall GPA of 2.0 or better in order to participate in athletics and extra curricular activities. If while playing a student receives a D or an F in any class they must handle it ASAP. **No practice or games until brought back to a C- or better.** Student athlete grades will be checked by the Assistant Principal's office prior to mid-quarter progress reports and final grades for each quarter.

Students are expected to attend all practices (and arrive on time) unless they present a valid excuse to the Coach/Sponsor.

Students participating on athletic teams and extra-curricular activities are expected to be representatives of the school and ambassadors of goodwill/good sportsmanship on and off campus.

- Students will not display any rude, insubordinate, or disrespectful behavior towards any adult involved with Gateway High School (i.e. Faculty, staff, parents, games officials, **including visiting coaches and/or players**, etc.)

**Absentees & Tardies** – If a student has 5 or more unexcused **tardies** in a given marking period, they will forfeit the opportunity to participate/play in one event. Continued tardiness and/or violation of attendance contract per the student handbook will increase the number of events students will become ineligible for and may result in suspension from the team.

- Students who have accrued 4 or more **unexcused absences** during one marking period risk suspension from the team.

**Quitting a Team** – You cannot quit a team to join another Gateway team that is beginning its season. If you quit a team after joining it, you will be on probation for the remainder of the year. If you join another team, no uniform will be issued until a meeting is set up with the Parent/Guardians of the student.

- 7) The Assistant Principal's office will be notified of all violations of the Code of Conduct and the consequences of the infraction. In addition to the penalties imposed by the Code of Conduct, such infractions will also be subject to school policies.

## Section C- Suspension Procedures

A student may be suspended from participation in any activity according to the following procedures:

All reports of major violations of the **Code of Conduct** and/or the **Student Handbook** are to be made to the Director of Athletics and/or the Assistant Principal in charge of Athletics.

The Director of Athletics and/or the Assistant Principal will contact the student, parents, and the coach or sponsor to inform them of the violation and the procedures to be followed. If requested, a meeting will be scheduled within three school days. This meeting will include the Director of Athletics, the Assistant Principal in Charge of Athletics, the student, his or her parents, if they desire, and the student's coach or sponsor.

The Director of Athletics, Assistant Principal in Charge of Athletics and the coach or sponsor will determine the course of action. The student and his/her parents will be notified of the decision immediately.

Any student who violates the guidelines and/or does not satisfactorily complete the season or activity may not be eligible for any awards or special recognition given for participation in the activity. Furthermore, a student who holds an elected or appointed office or position may be required to relinquish said position upon violation of the guidelines.

## Section D – Right of Appeal

A student and his or her parents may appeal a decision by writing a letter to the Director of Athletics and the Assistant Principal in Charge of Athletics with copies to the Principal, within three days following the meeting. This letter should request a hearing with the Administrative Team at the school.

Within 5 school days after the letter is received, the Director of Athletics and the Assistant Principal in Charge of Athletics will notify the parents and the participant of the time and place of the appeal hearing. The school's Administrative Team will hear both sides of the case and will take actions, which they consider to be in the best interests of the student and the school. During the time between the original decision and hearing, the Principal has the authority to waive the actions which as been taken.

**student name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**parent name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **signature:** \_\_\_\_\_