

Garden City Secondary Schools Athletic Participation Contract

The Garden City UFSD has a long standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and school functions on or off campus. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty, and integrity. The student-athlete, who participates in interscholastic sports, should recognize that they have an obligation to themselves, their teammates, and the school community to strive for excellence. It is hoped that participation in athletics will enable the student-athletes to exercise good sporting behavior and mature judgment.

THUS, THE ATHLETE IS EXPECTED TO:

- Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game, respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
- Understand and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the Garden City Public Schools. These include, but are not limited to, Garden City Public Schools Code of Conduct, discipline code, hazing policy and student eligibility policies.
- Demonstrate self-control and mutual respect at all times.
- Avoid the use of crude or abusive language or gestures in dealing with opponents, officials or spectators.
- Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.
- Set an example in word and deed, both on and off the playing area.
- As a representative of the school, be well-groomed, both on and off the field.
- Observe training regulations and requirements of physical fitness for better personal performance and greater contribution to the team effort.
- Place athletic competition in its proper perspective. It represents only one part of the learning process and should not be pursued to the exclusion of everything else.
- Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that should be valued.
- Refrain from any form of harassment or hazing or rights of initiation in school activities, to include interscholastic athletics. Students agree not to haze or be hazed. Students who have knowledge of hazing incidents must report them to a coach, athletics administrator, or any other responsible school official (teacher, administrator, etc.)

The Garden City Public Schools Code of Conduct applies to the behavior of all district students while attending school, and/or school grounds, in school buildings, on school buses, and/or at school sponsored activities, and/or which occurs off school premises or during non-school hours when such conduct adversely affects the educative process or endangers the health, safety, morals or welfare of the school community. A student shall be subjected to disciplinary action when such student engages in conduct to include but not limited to:

- Possession/use/sale/distribution of alcohol and/or contraband substances
- Possession or use of tobacco or tobacco products
- Hazing
- Insubordination

High School Eligibility Policy: Students who fail two or more courses in a marking period shall be ineligible for all after-school activities including all clubs and sports for the entire marking period. The failure list will be reviewed by the Eligibility Committee (which consists of administrators, counselors, and teachers). Ineligible students will be notified by mail and the date the ineligibility will begin will be specified. If an incomplete grade is not made-up in the specified time and is changed to a failing grade, the student shall become ineligible if this results in two failures.

Students who wish to appeal their status should obtain an appeal form from the assistant principal. Parents, administrators, counselors, or faculty members can initiate an appeal on behalf of a student. A meeting will then be scheduled with the Eligibility Committee to hear the appeal.

Students with 2 or more failures in the 4th quarter shall be ineligible during the 1st quarter of the next year.

The Eligibility Committee shall also review students with attendance or discipline problems.

Daily Attendance: Students shall not attend any school activities including clubs and sports on a particular day if:

- They are absent from school that day.
- They arrive late to school and miss their first period class.
- They cut one or more classes.
- They are dismissed from school.

Lateness to school after first period with a physician's note will allow the student to be eligible that day if the student is physically fit to participate. Dismissals for appointments with physicians or other administratively approved dismissals will allow the student to be eligible. A student must also participate in Physical Education to be eligible on a particular day.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read the participation contract and I am aware of the rules and regulations for participation in the interscholastic sports program and agree to conduct myself in accordance with them. If my conduct is in violation of the rules, regulations or policies of the Garden City Public Schools, including this participation contract, I understand that I can be suspended from the athletic program.

Student-athlete signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date: _____