

El Portal Middle School Athletic Code of Conduct Agreement

Code of Conduct for Student Athletes; Parents; Coaches

Name of Athlete: _____ Sport: _____ Grade: _____

The athletic program at El Portal is designed to give students opportunities to experience participation at the entry level of competitive sports; to prepare students for participation in high school athletics; and to provide an avenue for development of team play and sportsmanship. It is meant to be a positive experience for students; however, with participation in any competition there are times of winning and times of losing. Additionally, since this is not a recreational sports program, play time is not guaranteed. It is our goal to help our young adolescents learn to accept both winning and losing with dignity. In an effort to promote these experiences and this goal, we have developed the following expectations for behaviors at all practices and games – *on and off the "court"*. **Once signed, failure to follow may result in exclusion from game, until a meeting is held with administrator, coach, parent and student.**

SPECIAL RULES FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All students in extra-curricular activities must be in school ALL DAY on the day of the activity in order to participate in a game or practice. Students with doctor or dentist appointments or other special circumstances must come to school for the remainder of the day to be eligible to participate. If possible, students with appointments or special circumstances should contact their coach or office so the students are not assumed absent. Athletes may be required to demonstrate proof of appointment. Students who are ill, sleep in, cut or miss one period or more, will not be allowed to participate. If the attendance office does not catch the absence in time then the student athlete will be required to sit out the next scheduled event.

Alcohol, Marijuana, Drugs, etc.

1. Any student in possession or under their influence (consumed, smoked, etc.) of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs while on school grounds, going to or coming from school or a school activity, will become ineligible to participate in an activity representing the school for 90 school days. The administration may review all cases to see if ineligibility may be shortened to one grading period. Criteria for evaluation includes the attitude and honesty at the time of the incident, grades, conduct, and attitude while ineligible.
2. Any student during the time of participation of the activity who has been in possession of alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs or under the influence in the community, or has pictures of their involvement on social media where this involvement reflects poorly on EPMS and his/her continued participation would be a detriment may be dropped or suspended from the sport or activity.
3. Students involved in a second offense not be eligible for participation.
4. Smoking (including E-cigarettes) or any use of chewing tobacco on campus or during any school-sponsored activity will result in:
 - 1st offense: Two weeks can practice, no games/activity
 - 2nd offense: Four weeks can practice, no games/activity
 - 3rd offense: Nine weeks can practice, no game/activity

Classroom Behavior

Students who receive two "Unsatisfactory Citizenship" comments will be ineligible for both extra and intra-curricular activities for one grading period (the same period as academic ineligibility).

School Behavior

1. Students on suspension may not participate in either extra or intra-curricular activities.
2. Students with continual school behavior problems may be ineligible to participate in both extra and intra-curricular activities determined by EPMS administration.

Narcotics, Substance Abuse and Major Crimes

Students found guilty by a court to have used, sold, or possessed narcotics or a controlled substance or committed any major crime reportable to schools will be ineligible for a minimum of one semester to participate in both extra and intra-curricular activities.

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Student Athlete Code of Behavior: As a student athlete, I will:

- Use positive verbal and physical behavior, controlling my temper and aggression
- Play by all the rules set forth by the individual sport in which I am participating
- Display fair play by treating all those involved in the sport with dignity and respect
- Treat others as I would like to be treated
- Work hard and honestly to improve my individual performance and participation
- Maintain a positive image of myself by participating for enjoyment
- Be respectful of myself and all teammates, coaches, officials, spectators at all times
- Be responsible for my own behaviors
- Be safe at all times, whether on the sidelines or in the game
- Maintain eligibility by being attentive to my academic responsibilities
- Be in full attendance and participation in all classes, including P.E., on game days unless partial day absence is excused due to medical appointment

Parent Code of Behavior: As a parent, I will:

- Be positive in attitude toward the sport in which my child is participating
- Emphasize the cooperative nature of the sport in which my child is participating
- Encourage hard work and honest effort that will lead to improved performance and participation
- Encourage and respect coaches and officials/referees and their integrity
- Be supportive of my child, his/her teammates, his/her coach
- Respect the decisions of the officials/referees and coaches at all times
- Stay away from the playing area during all practice and play time
- Applaud fair play during all games
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Not approach a coach or an official/referee with a complaint but will contact the school administrator the next day to request a meeting to discuss any and all concerns
- Be a positive, respectful and responsible spectator

Coach Code of Behavior: As a coach, I will:

- Teach my student athletes the skills of the sport; teamwork & good sportsmanship in a positive manner
- Stress the importance of fair play, teamwork, effort, dignity, respect, responsibility and safety
- Encourage and promote enjoyment for the sport
- Expect all to be respectful of self, teammates, officials/referees, coaches, opposing teams and spectators at all times
- Promote enjoyment, cooperation, kindness, joy of competition, honesty & integrity at all times

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____