

# Oroville School District

## Student Athletic/Activity Code

The primary purpose of the athletic/activity program of Oroville School District is to promote the physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral well being of the students through participation and competition. It is hoped that athletics/activities in our school will be a positive force in preparing youth for an enriching and vital role in adult life.

The athletic/activity program is an important and integral part of the total school program and is open to participation by all students regardless of individual differences. Through voluntary participation, the student gives time, energy and loyalty to the program. Because participation is considered a privilege, the student accepts the training rules, regulations and responsibilities, unique to the individual activity program in which he/she participates. In order to contribute to the welfare of the group, the student must willingly assume these obligations, as the role demands that the individual make sacrifices not required of others.

In addition to this code, students are governed by:

- Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA)
- Oroville School District Policy
- Student rules of Oroville High School and Oroville Junior High
- Special rules of each sport/activity imposed by the coach/advisor

### **I. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- A. WIAA rules and guidelines must be adhered to in all cases of eligibility, transfer, physical examinations, insurance coverage, starting dates, use of school equipment, etc. Each coach/advisor has the responsibility to know and inform participants and parents to enforce these rules and guidelines.
- B. The athletic/activities code will be in effect twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. All violations of this code are cumulative for grades 7-12.
- C. The athletic/activities code is in effect from the first day of fall practice through the last day of the school year, other than misdemeanors and felonies, which will have penalties, applied 365 days out of the year.
- D. The athletic/activities code will be a part of the student handbook. The signature page denotes that the code has been read and signed by participants. The signed signature page will be kept on file in the school office. The consequences of code will be in effect from the first time it is signed until a student graduates from high school, though he/she will be expected to sign the code every year.
- E. The imposition of a suspension will also remove the student from eligibility of special athletic awards for the remainder of the suspension in all activities sponsored by Oroville School District.

### **II. ACTIVITIES REGULATIONS**— Violation of any of the following activity code regulation will result in disciplinary action as outlined in “disciplinary action” section of this code.

- A. Attendance – All participants shall attend practices, meeting, contests, etc. unless excused by his/her coach. A participant cannot attend a practice or a contest on any day in which he/she was absent for more than 50 minutes of any period. The only exception to the latter rule is being absent for purposes of doctor or dental appointments and/or with administrative approval. In the event an athlete returns from any school sponsored activity after 12:00 midnight he/she may be excused for the first 50 minutes of the school day and still participate in a practice or contest that day.
- B. Injury – A student who has been injured and received medical treatment may not participate in practice or a contest until a medical professional provides a signed release. Attendance at practices and events is mandatory unless excused by the coach/advisor of the activity.
- C. Travel – Students must travel to and from the contests in transportation arranged by the school. In some cases, private transportation may be necessary. This will be arranged and approved by the Principal, Athletic Director, or Superintendent. The only exception will be requests from the parent or guardian to ride with the parent after an event or activity. This parental request must be made in person, upon the conclusion of the event or activity, to the appropriate coach/advisor. The parent may request that a participant ride with a responsible adult, other than themselves, by meeting with the Principal or Athletic Director and filling out a Contest Travel Release form prior to the event.

- D. Sportsmanship – Students involved in athletics/activities representing Oroville School District exemplify the highest standards of good sportsmanship. Sportsmanship is defined as those qualities of courteousness, fairness and respectfulness to all associated with the sport contest or activity. Any display of unsportsmanlike conduct (including the use of profanity) will result in counseling by the coach/advisor and possible disciplinary action. (In compliance with WIAA rules, sportsmanship violations that result in ejection from a game will mean automatic suspension from play in the next scheduled game at that level.
- E. Law Infraction – Any (Federal, State, or local) law infraction by a student-athlete, that is determined by the head coach/advisor, athletic director or principal to be detrimental to the athletic/activity program, will result in a conference with the head coach/advisor and school administrator. Suspension may result as an outcome of this conference.
- F. Care of Property – Theft, loss, or malicious destruction of any school or individuals' equipment or property will not be tolerated. Students will pay all replacement costs. An individual will not be allowed to turn out for another sport or activity until he/she has fulfilled the financial responsibility.
- G. Citizenship Standards – All participants should be an example of good citizenship in the school building, classroom and athletic/activity program. Conduct that mutually and substantially interferes with the educational process is prohibited. Any participant referred to the administration for disruptive behavior that requires administrative action will be made aware of the possible consequences for his or her behavior and may receive disciplinary action.
- H. Chat Rooms, Message Boards and Social Media – Students should not participate in chat room or social media bantering with opponents and/or friends as a representative of the Oroville School District student body. The backlash has potential for very serious problems for the individual, the team/activity, and the school. Any student promoting unacceptable behaviors, whether directly or indirectly, is subject to disciplinary action.
- I. Team/Activity Rules – Each sport/activity will have rules and regulations unique to that sport. The coach will provide team members with a written copy of these rules. Violation of these rules may result in disciplinary action or suspension.
- J. Incomplete Season – Participants who voluntarily remove themselves from a team must talk with his/her coach. Failure to do so shall make that athlete ineligible for another sport that sport season. The rule may be waived after an appeal to the Athletic Director and consultation with the coaches involved. Any participant who is dropped from the squad for disciplinary reasons will not be allowed to become a member of any other sport squad during that season.

### **III. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- A. The head coach/advisor will handle violations of team/squad rules or minor infractions of the athletic/activities code. A committee of the head coach/advisor, athletic director, and/or principal will decide violations involving a suspension.
- B. Before any suspension shall take effect, the student and parent shall be verbally advised by the head coach/advisor of the alleged violation. The student and parent will have an opportunity to explain or justify the action to the athletic director. If, after such a conference, the athletic director is satisfied that a suspension is justified, the athletic director will notify the participant and his/parents/guardians.

### **IV. TOBACCO, AND/OR ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS, LEGEND DRUGS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES VIOLATIONS**

- A. In the event the school obtains knowledge of alleged violations involving alcohol, tobacco, legend drugs, or illegal drugs, an investigation of the information will occur. Sources of information may include, but not be limited to law enforcement officials, parents, students, staff or community members. In the event that reasonable suspicion is found that violations did occur, interviews will be conducted with students to determine validity. Parents will be notified upon initiation of a formal investigation and prior to disciplinary action being imposed.
- B. Students who use, possess, sell or distribute, tobacco, or alcohol will be subject to the following disciplinary actions:
  - First Offense – denied participation in 50% of the sport season meets, matches, or games. This may be reduced by 25% upon enrollment of an approved drug/alcohol program. Penalties will carry over to postseason play and or the next sport season, this school year or next, if not fulfilled during the present sport season.

Second Offense – Suspension from participation in athletic/activities for one calendar year.

Third Offense – Suspension from participation for the remainder of the individual's school career.

- C. Attendance at functions where alcohol and/or drugs are being illegally used may also result in disciplinary action: Participants shall not attend or support function where alcohol and/or drugs are being illegally used with their knowledge. Nor should they place themselves in circumstances where they should reasonably know that such conditions exist. If they become aware, they will leave the function immediately. Attendance or participation at alcohol/drug parties will result in the same penalties as those outlined above for use of alcohol and/or drugs.

D. WIAA Drug Policy

E. First Violation – Student is ineligible for participation for the remainder of the season. The student may appeal for reinstatement in accordance with rule 18.26.2 of the WIAA handbook.

F. Second Violation – Suspension from participation for one calendar year from the date of the second violation.

G. Third Violation – Student is permanently ineligible for participation.

**V. HAZING/HARASSMENT/BULLYING**

All students will deal with all persons in a manner that conveys respect for individuals, regardless of differences. Acts of harassment, intimidation, hazing, bullying, hostility, or defamation, whether verbal, written, physical, or by gesture will not be tolerated. Any demeaning form of on-campus or off-campus hazing or harassment, which is related to school issues/activities and is used to initiate or humiliate another student, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from athletics/activities, school and school activities.

**VI. APPEAL PROCEDURE**—If the participant is not satisfied with the disciplinary action, he/she must follow the appeal procedure as outlined herein:

- A. The Student or parent/guardian should request an appeal to the school Athletic Director and appeal board. Such request must be submitted in writing within five school days of the suspension notice.
- B. The appeal board will convene as soon as possible after a hearing request is presented, but within three (3) days.
1. The appeal board shall be composed of a head coach/advisor of another sport/activity, a faculty member, and the athletic director. The purpose of the hearing committee shall be to review the facts and consider the basis of the appeal and determine the appropriateness of the disciplinary action.
  2. The student, parents, or acting guardian must be in attendance. In the event parent or guardian is not present, the appeal procedure ends and the original disciplinary decision will be upheld. The district shall act in good faith to schedule the hearing at such a time that the parent/guardian can attend.
  3. In case of an appeal hearing, the information leading to the suspension by the school must be provided. Names of students will be withheld from the process, but provided to the principal and superintendent in the event further appeals are used.
  4. If the student/parent is unsatisfied with the decision of the appeal board they may appeal to the principal and then to the Superintendent of Oroville School District and finally to the Oroville School District Board of Directors. During such an appeal, the suspension will continue in force. WAC 180-40-240, 180-40-225.

**I. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. To be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics/activities, a student must meet the following requirements outlined by WIAA:

- |   | Middle School      | High School                |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Age:   | Under 15 by June 1 | Under 20 by 9/1, 12/1, 3/3 |
| 2. Regular member of school   |                    |                            |
| 3. Comply with WIAA Transfer rule   |                    |                            |
| 4. Comply with WIAA previous semester, regular attendance, and season limitation rule |                    |                            |

5. Physical examination passed within the past thirteen (13) months and filed in the school office. (Athletics)
  6. Comply with WIAA eligibility rules concerning exchange students, home based education and Running Start.
  7. Comply with the WIAA amateur standings rule
- B. Oroville Junior High School:
1. Participant must purchase an ASB.
  2. Must have signed parent permission form and athletic/activity contract.
  3. Must have school insurance or provide insurance through an alternate source.
  4. Must have a signed Emergency Medical Release on file in the office.
- C. Oroville High School
1. Participants must pay all fees (ASB, activity and sport specific fees).
  2. Must have a signed parent permission form and athletic/activity contract.
  3. Must have school insurance or provide insurance through an alternate source.
  4. Must have a signed Emergency Medical Release form for each sport/activity on file in the office.

D. Academic Eligibility

Academic: The first grade check will be based on the most recently submitted grades. Fall sports will check previous semester grades.

Eligible: The privilege of participating in co-curricular activities.

Ineligible: Not having the privilege of participating in co-curricular activities. Students will be allowed to participate in practice sessions while ineligible, however, they will not be allowed to “suit up”, travel, or participate with the group at time of competition or performance.

Activity and Athletic Participation

Academics should be a student's top priority at Oroville Jr/Sr High School. In order to be eligible academically for co-curricular activities a participant must pass 5 of 6 classes at each 4 ½ week grade check. After each grade check, any student who is not either passing a class or does not have a 2.0 grade point average for that grading period will be required to attend study table a minimum of three times a week and be showing progress in the class. When the student is no longer failing and has above a 2.0 gpa they may stop attending study hall. Any student who is failing two or more classes will be ineligible to play in games until the next grade check and will be required to attend study table every day. Students who do not attend required study tables will be ineligible to attend games. Ineligible students are required to attend study hall everyday until the next grade check.

E. Study Table Requirements

Study Table: Students who meet the outlined criteria will be required to attend a Study Table 50 minutes every day. The coach, or other school employee deemed appropriate by the coach, will supervise study table, will take attendance and help track students for the administration. If the student does not attend the required study table, he/she will be deemed ineligible for co-curricular activities and will not be allowed to practice, play in games, or attend after school events (this includes watching a game or attending a dance or other extra-curricular activity) as deemed appropriate by the athletic director.

## VIII. NONDISCRIMINATION

The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

***Appendix A: Table of Consequences***

**This table is intended to clarify the consequences outlined in earlier sections and refers to athletics and cheerleading.**

| Sport/<br>Activity<br>(# of contests) | Major Violation 1 <sup>st</sup> offense    |   |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|                                       | With approved drug/alcohol<br>class<br>25% | Without approved drug/alcohol<br>class<br>50% |
| <b>HS Football (10)</b>               | <b>3 games</b>                             | <b>5 games</b>                                |
| <b>HS Volleyball (16)</b>             | <b>4 matches</b>                           | <b>8 matches</b>                              |
| <b>HS Cross Country(10)</b>           | <b>3 meets</b>                             | <b>5 meets</b>                                |
| <b>HS Fall Cheerleader</b>            | <b>4 games</b>                             | <b>8 games</b>                                |
| <b>HS Basketball (20)</b>             | <b>5 games</b>                             | <b>10 games</b>                               |
| <b>HS Wrestling(16)</b>               | <b>4 matches</b>                           | <b>8 matches</b>                              |
| <b>HS Track(10)</b>                   | <b>3 meets</b>                             | <b>5 meets</b>                                |
| <b>HS Golf(12)</b>                    | <b>3 matches</b>                           | <b>6 matches</b>                              |
| <b>HS Baseball (20)</b>               | <b>5 games</b>                             | <b>10 games</b>                               |
| <b>HS Tennis (16)</b>                 | <b>4 matches</b>                           | <b>8 matches</b>                              |
| <b>HS Softball (20)</b>               | <b>5 games</b>                             | <b>10 games</b>                               |
| <b>HS Soccer (16)</b>                 | <b>4 matches</b>                           | <b>8 matches</b>                              |
| <b>MS Football (6)</b>                | <b>2 games</b>                             | <b>3 games</b>                                |
| <b>MS Cross Country(7)</b>            | <b>2 meets</b>                             | <b>3 meets</b>                                |
| <b>MS Volleyball(12)</b>              | <b>3 matches</b>                           | <b>6 matches</b>                              |
| <b>MS Basketball(10)</b>              | <b>3 games</b>                             | <b>5 games</b>                                |
| <b>MS Wrestling(10)</b>               | <b>3 matches</b>                           | <b>5 matches</b>                              |
| <b>MS Softball (10)</b>               | <b>3 games</b>                             | <b>5 games</b>                                |
| <b>MS Track(7)</b>                    | <b>2 meets</b>                             | <b>3 meets</b>                                |

*\*2<sup>nd</sup> major violation: suspension for one full calendar year*