

Anacortes High School Athletic/Activities Codes

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1. ACTIVITIES/PARTICIPANTS COVERED BY THIS CODE

The following are considered athletics/activities and include, but are not limited to: all interscholastic athletics, student body officers, cheerleaders, performing drama groups, performing music groups, debate and those other activity organizations recognized by the ASB and that represent the school in public.

2. PHILOSOPHY

Anacortes High School is proud of its athletic/activity programs and encourages all students to get involved. Coaches, advisors and administrators, who are responsible for the conduct of students during activities, feel that the opportunity of participating in athletic/activity programs is one of the most valuable educational experiences in a student's life. The academic, moral, physical and healthful aspects of a well-run athletic/activity program are of unquestionable value to the participants. *It is a privilege to participate.* The highest possible standard of conduct and training are required by those who participate in the Anacortes School District programs.

3. PERIOD OF COVERAGE

Upon initial participation of high school athletics and activities, **the code will apply through graduation** whether the student participates in one sport/activity or many. There will be no time during the year designated as off-season. *This includes middle school students playing high school athletics in the summer time.*

4. THIS CODE IS CUMULATIVE

The code is based upon the concept of progressive discipline throughout a student's high school experience. This means that disciplinary action will be more severe for **the second and third offenses.** It also means that incidents resulting in disciplinary action will accumulate over a student's high school career. There is no fresh start each season or each school year.

5. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

A. To run for office and to remain academically eligible to participate in a school sanctioned extra-curricular athletic and/or activity program, a participant must meet at least one of the following minimum criteria **in the semester prior** to when the activity commences:

- Pass seven of seven classes
- Pass six of seven classes and earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 for current grading period
- Seniors with reduced schedules must pass all classes (applies only to seniors on track to graduate)

The final spring grades determine fall and winter academic eligibility. The final winter grades determine spring eligibility.

B. Any student involved in athletics/activities that does not meet the Anacortes School District Academic Standards above, will be placed on probation.

- Students with a GPA lower than 2.0 with 1 F/U/I from the most current grading period will be on a 3 week academic probation. The participant may still practice, but not take part in competitions.
- Students with 2 or more F/U/I from the most current grading period will be on a 5 week academic probation. The participant may still practice, but not take part in competitions.
- ***Fall Athletes – the 5 week probationary period is up the last Saturday of September.***

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After the probationary time is up the student will be allowed to participate in competitions if they are passing all of their classes. **ALL STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC PROBATION MUST TURN IN A WEEKLY GRADE CHECK TO THE ATHLETIC SECRETARY BY MONDAY AT 3:00 P.M.** Eligibility for students placed on probation will be determined weekly.

Some clubs, councils, athletics and/or activities may have requirements for membership that exceed the minimum requirements set forth in this policy.

A "Pass" grade in a Pass/Fail course will not raise or lower a GPA. However a "Fail" grade will lower a grade point. An incomplete is treated as a failure for purposes of eligibility. Participants remain ineligible until the incomplete is satisfied or a new eligibility period is reached and courses have been successfully completed.

6. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students must attend all class periods enrolled in order to participate in that day's practice, game, show, contest and/or competition. The only reasons for an absence to be excused by administration would include: 1.) Medical appointment, 2.) Family emergency or 3.) Participation in school approved activity. **A medical or dentist appointment must be accompanied by a note from the doctor or dentist.** The athletic department will check the attendance report to verify and enforce.

7. EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

School-owned equipment checked out by a participant in any athletic/activity is his/her responsibility. The loss or misuse of this equipment will be the financial obligation of the participant. Participants will not be allowed to continue competition, receive awards, or continue into succeeding activities until the financial obligation is fulfilled or equipment is returned to its original state.

8. ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS

- **Age/Enrollment** I am under 20 years of age on Sept. 1 (Fall), on Dec. 1 (winter) and March 1 (Spring) and have not been enrolled in high school for more than 8 semesters.
- **Residence** I reside within the boundaries of the Anacortes School District.
- **Academic** I have passed a minimum of six (6) full credit classes the previous semester with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- **Fines** I have paid **ALL FINES** for lost books, athletic equipment, etc.

(Athletics Only)

- **Physical Exam** I have had a physical exam within the past 13 months and it is on file at the school.
- **Insurance** I have adequate insurance coverage, or I will purchase school insurance.
- **Risks** I am aware that participation in interscholastic athletics may result in accidental injury which, in some cases, may be serious in nature. I have read the **Concussion Information Sheet.**
- **Running Start** I am a Running Start student, and I have completed the Running Start contract with my school administrator.
- **Home School** I am a home school student, and I have completed the Home School contract with my school administrator.
- **Fees** A fee will be charged for each sport. Sport fees will be refunded up to a period of two weeks should an athlete be cut or quit a team during that time. After that no refund will take place.

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9. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, and UNLAWFUL ACTS POLICY, PROCEDURES & CONSEQUENCES.

When the participant is in the presence of an illegal activity that would constitute a code violation, as mentioned below, they need to remove them self from that situation immediately.

This includes:

- Smoking or possession of cigarettes, chew or tobacco products
- Use or possession of intoxicating beverages or in the proximity of illegal use.
- Use or possession of illegal drugs or mood altering substances or in the proximity of illegal use.
- Use or possession of legend anabolic steroids and/or legend drugs or in the proximity of illegal use.
- Committing any unlawful acts or behavior that leads to a citation.

Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs, Illegal Substances and Unlawful Acts Range of suspension based on self and non self-reporting.			
Athletics		Clubs/Activities	
First Offense Suspension from participating in either 20%-40% of the total regular season games, contests, or events.	20% = Self Report/Proximity 40% = Non Self-Report	First Offense Suspension from membership position and privileges.	16 days = Self-Report/Proximity 45 days = Non Self-Report
Second Offense Suspension from participating in 40%-80% of the total regular season games, contests, or events.	40% = Self-Report/Proximity 80% = Non Self-Report	Second Offense Suspension from membership position and privileges.	45 days = Self-Report/Proximity 70 days = Non Self-Report
Third Offense	Suspension from all activities covered in this code through graduation.	Third Offense	Suspension from all activities covered in this code through graduation.

THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION MAY ONLY BE SERVED IN A SPORT THE ATHLETE HAS PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN.

IF A CODE VIOLATION WAS RECEIVED AT AN ATHLETIC CAMP IN THE SUMMER, THEN THE CONSEQUENCES WILL AFFECT THE SPORT SEASON OF THE CAMP THEY WERE ATTENDING.

A. *First Offense* - The participant in violation of possession or consumption will complete a drug/alcohol evaluation by a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor or join a tobacco cessation class as approved by the Principal and follow through on any recommendations made by those agencies. All costs incurred will be the responsibility of the student and/or parent/guardian. Students in violation of the proximity rule will meet with a school counselor as designated by Administration.

B. *Second Offense* – A drug/alcohol re-evaluation will be required by a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor, or in the case of tobacco use, enrollment in a second tobacco cessation class will be required and follow through on any recommendations made by those agencies. Proximity level offenders at Step 2 will be held to the same standard as those who have violated the code due to possession or consumption.

C. *Third Offense* – The student may submit for re-admission on the recommendation of a Certified Chemical

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Dependency Counselor and/or completion of a drug/alcohol treatment through a Washington state certified facility after 180 calendar days. This Step 3 portion will also include proximity offenders.

D. **PROXIMITY RULE** - WHEN A STUDENT IS IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A CODE VIOLATION, THEY MUST REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM THAT SITUATION IMMEDIATELY.

- First-time proximity offenders, the penalty can be reduced to a 1 game/activity suspension. If the student takes and passes a drug/alcohol test within 48 hours after reporting to the Athletic Director. This can only be considered if the participant reports on the first school day following the violation. If a student refuses to participate in the requested drug/alcohol test they will have consequences enforced.
- Second time proximity offenders will be held to the same standard as those who have violated the code due to possession or consumption.

9. STUDENT APPEALS

The Anacortes High School Athletic Director will act on all cases involving violations of the Anacortes High School Athletic/Activity Code. Students may appeal decisions affecting their athletic/activity eligibility. In each case, the student and the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be notified of the appeal process at the time of the suspension in the code violation letter.

STEP ONE: TO THE PRINCIPAL

- A. Any student or parent/guardian aggrieved by the decision of the Athletic Director may appeal to the Principal. Appellant should notify the Principal within three (3) school days. Failure to do so will render the decision of the Athletic Director final.
- B. Following receipt of appeal, the Principal will conduct a meeting of involved parties within three (3) school days.
- C. Within two (2) school days of the conclusion of the meeting, the Principal will notify the student and parent/guardian of his/her decision.

STEP TWO: TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OR SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE

- A. Any student or parent/guardian aggrieved by the decision of the Principal may appeal to the Superintendent of the Anacortes School District. Appellant should notify the Superintendent or his/her designee within three (3) school days. Failure to do so will render the decision of the Principal final.
- B. Following receipt of appeal, the Superintendent or his/her designee will conduct a meeting of involved parties within three (3) school days.
- C. Within two (2) school days of the conclusion of the meeting, the Superintendent will notify the student and parent/guardian of his/her decision.

STEP THREE: TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. Any student or parent/guardian, aggrieved by the decision of the Superintendent, may appeal to the Board of Directors of the Anacortes School District.
- B. Such appeal must be made within three (3) school days of the date of the decision of the Superintendent. Failure to do so will render the decision of the Superintendent final.
- C. The Board will hear the appeal of the involved parties at their next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting as they determine is necessary.
- D. The Board will notify the involved parties within five (5) schools days of their decision.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY CODE

I/we realize it is considered a privilege to participate in the athletic/activity programs of Anacortes School District. I hereby agree to obey the following rules and regulations set up by the Anacortes School District and the W.I.A.A.

We, the students and parents, acknowledge that we have received a copy of the Anacortes High School Athletic/Activity Code and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Anacortes High School or Middle School Athletic/Activity Code.

We have read and understand the policies and procedures of the Proximity Rule and how it relates to code violations.

I/We authorize local law enforcement to release arrest information relating to delinquent behavior, drug, alcohol consumption for my/our student athlete, upon request to the Anacortes School District.

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____

Student

Signature _____