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Lincoln High School

Parent/Athlete Handbook



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Substance Abuse Policies:

A. Use of cigarettes or chewing tobacco on school grounds or while traveling as a team member:

First offense – 1 game suspension

Second offense – 3 game suspension

Third offense – season suspension

Fourth offense – full year suspension

B. Possession of drugs, alcohol, or steroids:

First offense – 1 game suspension

Second offense - 3 game suspension plus counseling

Third offense – season suspension

Fourth offense – full year suspension

C. Use of drugs, alcohol, or steroids:

First offense – 3 game suspension plus counseling

Second offense - season suspension plus counseling

Third offense – full year suspension

D. Participate in the selling of drugs, alcohol, or steroids:

First offense – season suspension

Second offense – full year suspension

**Full year suspension is timed from suspension date to one full year later.

**Game suspension - 1 game = 1 full day of competition regardless of how many games are scheduled.

Spectators – A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and behave in ways that disrupt other spectators.

- Show respect for officials, opposing fans, players, and coaches; refrain from cheers which downplay the opponent or which use profane or abusive language; refrain from the use of any controlled substance before, during, and after games on or near the event site.

Parent/Coach Communications – Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with coaches:

- 1) Playing time
- 2) Play calling
- 3) Team strategy
- 4) Other student athletes

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STATEMENT OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

I understand the negative and positive consequences of sport participation at Lincoln High School. I have received, read, and agree to follow these guidelines while participating in Lincoln High School sporting activities.

Sport: _____

Coach: _____

Athlete's Name: _____

Athlete's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please tear out and return to your coach.

Principles of High School Sports – Playing sports is a privilege not a right. Sports are to be used to motivate the athlete and community, and to teach sportsmanship and lifetime values.

LHS Student Athlete Philosophy – The interscholastic athletic program at Lincoln High School is a vital and integral part of the total educational program. The purpose of interscholastic athletics is to make a positive contribution to the development of the participants, spectators, school, and community. Yet the total educational curriculum must take precedence to the athletic program. Athletes should strive for educational excellence, as well as staying within the boundaries of good sportsmanship.

LHS Philosophy of Parent Involvement – By encouraging your son/daughter to play High School sports, you have the responsibility to uphold standards of support, commitment, good sportsmanship, and community pride which your child will take with him/her into the adult years.

Player Expectations – Attend all training sessions and games on time; exhibit good sportsmanship toward the officials, opponents, coaches, and fans; be respectful and focused during training sessions; **be responsive to people in authority**, be leaders and role models in the classroom and hallways of school.

Parent Expectations – Exhibit good sportsmanship toward the officials, opposing fans, the coaches, and the players; **address any issues with the coach 24 hours after a contest**; provide support to your athlete; volunteer your time and efforts to make this program successful.

Eligibility/Academic Eligibility – Prior to practice, athletes must have a physical form, proof of insurance, and signature of a parent or guardian. Athletes must be a legal resident of the district or a Schools of Choice student. Athletes must be in good standing, and be passing all classes. If he/she falls below passing in 1 or more classes, he/she will be placed on a 1 week probation. If grade hasn't been brought up in that week, he/she will be ineligible for 1 week and required to take tutoring. The athlete is still expected to attend and participate in practices during his/her period of ineligibility. Eligibility concerns should be directed to the Athletic Director. If an athlete quits a team he/she is ineligible for 10% of the games for the next team that they play on.

Appropriate issues to discuss with coaches:

- Expectations for your son/daughter during practice & games
- Ways to help your athlete improve
- Concerns about your athlete
- Academic support
- College opportunities

Communications You Should Expect from Your Son/Daughter's Coach:

- Philosophy of the coach
- Expectations your coach has for your athlete and all athletes
- Locations and times of all games & practices
- Team requirements
- Procedure followed should your child become injured during participation
- Discipline that could result in denial of your child's participation

Communication Coaches Expect from Parents:

- Concerns expressed directly to the coach 24 hours after a contest
- Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance if possible
- Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations

Disciplinary Action – All members of athletic teams

(competitors, players, managers, scorers, trainers, cheerleaders and other support staff) are bound by the Van Dyke Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. Any athlete whose conduct is determined to be a discredit to him/herself, the team, or the school **during his /her high school career** will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the coach, athletic director, assistant principal, and/or principal. **Reasons for discipline will include but are not limited to the following:**

- Violations of the VDPS Student Code of Conduct.
- Violations of school, athletic, or team policies.
- Personal misconduct occurring before, during, or after school hours that involve police or court action.
- Verbal or physical attack upon a team member, opponent, contest official, teacher, fan, coach or any other person.
- Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Excessive weekly ineligibility, school absence, or tardiness as determined by the coach, athletic director, assistant principal, and/or principal.
- Failure to participate in practices or contests.