

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENT ATHLETES
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RULES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES**

The Rules of the Indiana High School Athletic Association contain the following provision applicable to all Indiana High School Athletes:

Rule C-8-1: "Contestants' conduct, in and out of school, shall be such as:

- a. Not to reflect discredit upon their school or the Association.**
- b. Not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment of the School."**

Participation in any athletic program at Jasper Middle School is not a right, but is a privilege to be earned and maintained. Any student may, for proper cause, be excluded by the school administration from participating in school athletic events.

Each student who elects to participate as an athlete in any Jasper Middle School athletic program agrees to and shall abide by the above IHSAA Rule C-8-1, which forms the foundation of the Code of Conduct for Jasper Middle School student athletes, and by the following rules and other rules which may be from time to time established by their individual coach(s):

1. The school athletic career begins for all student athletes on the first day of school of their 6th grade year, the first day of sanctioned practice their 6th grade year, or on the day of the Jasper Middle School sponsored physicals, whichever comes first, and continues for the entire four (3) years or as long as a student athlete is a member of an athletic team.
2. Jasper Middle School exists to educate the students of the Greater Jasper School District. For this purpose, certain academic standards and rules of conduct, as outlined in the Jasper Middle School Student Handbook, have been established and are applicable to all students. These would include, but not be limited to, grades, class attendance, behavior at school and school functions, and overall compliance with such standards and rules. Violation of such student academic standards and rules, if an offense resulting in school or out of school suspension will be a violation of this Athletic Code of Conduct.
3. Any conduct by a student athlete, which violates or is in conflict with IHSAA Rule C-8-1a, as set forth above, shall be a violation of this Code of Conduct.
4. Each coach may establish team rules, which are applicable only to his or her team. Violation of team rules, based upon the severity or frequency of such violation by an athlete, may constitute a violation of this Code of Conduct, or may be treated as an intra-team violation with penalties not exceeding those set forth below. To implement the next level of the Offense structure, notice must be given to the Athletic Director.

Violation of the above Code of Conduct shall result in the imposition of a penalty. While normally such penalty will be based upon a progressive schedule, cumulating the number of prior violations (Offenses) during the student's enrollment, it should be noted that the progressive schedule represents the minimum penalty to be administered. In the event of more extreme or severe violations, the progressive schedule may be ignored and a more severe penalty may be imposed, up to a total ban from participation for a single severe violation.

Under normal circumstances, the following penalty (ies) will be imposed for violations of the Code of Conduct'

FIRST OFFENSE

The student athlete shall be suspended for a minimum of 30% of the scheduled contests for that sport. If the suspension falls near enough to the end of a sport season that the full penalty of 30% of contests cannot be assessed, the penalty shall carry over to post season tournaments, then to the next sport in which the athlete participates.

SECOND OFFENSE

The student athlete shall be suspended for a minimum of an additional 50% of the scheduled contests for that sport. If the suspension falls near enough to the end of a season that the full penalty of 50% of the contests cannot be assessed, the penalty shall carry over to post season tournaments, then to the next sport season in which the athlete participates. In addition to the 50% suspension the Athletic Council may further require that before the student athlete may subsequently participate in any athletic program, that athlete must complete Council approved counseling, at the student's expense.

Computation of the number of suspended contests for the First or Second Offenses shall be based upon the total number scheduled in that particular sport, with fractional numbers being rounded up and down (i.e. 1.4 = 1; 1.5 = 2). A chart of total allowed games for each sport shall be maintained by the Athletic Office, and a current copy is attached.

A penalty carry over to the next sport in which the athlete participates will only apply towards the suspension if, after completion of the penalty, the athlete continues to participate in the carry over sport through the remainder of the sport's season.

THIRD OFFENSE

A student athlete found guilty of a third offense will be banned from participation in any sport for one calendar year (365 days) from the date of the third offense.

FOURTH OFFENSE

A student athlete found guilty of a fourth offense will be banned from high school participation in athletics during his/her enrollment at Jasper Middle School.

Should it be requested by a coach that a more substantial penalty be imposed, due to a severe violation, the Athletic Council will meet to consider the facts surrounding the violation and the effects on the school and athletic program, and that Council will make a determination as to whether the penalty to be imposed should be in excess of the penalty indicated in the above offense scale.

It should be noted that if an athlete is participating at two different levels of sports during the same time period (i.e. JV-Varsity), the suspension will continue until the correct number of contests are met on the higher (Varsity) level; or if the athlete is participating in two different sports at the same time, the suspension will be simultaneously applicable to each such sport at the designated percentage level; and that no athlete may practice or participate in any school sports program while suspended from school for discipline reasons. During a period of school suspension, the suspended athlete may not participate in any sport activity or practice, but shall be required to follow all conduct rules established by the coach of the suspended sport. IHSAA rules prohibit a suspended student from participating in sports at any other school during the suspension period.

In the event that any student or his/her parents should dispute the facts upon which a penalty is imposed, a written appeal, setting forth the disputed facts, may be submitted to the Principal of Jasper Middle School, who will conduct a meeting of the Athletic Council to consider the appeal. Based upon the contents of the written appeal, the Council may, but is not required to, request the student or parents to attend a Council meeting prior to making a determination concerning the violation. The presumption shall be that prior violation and penalty violation are correct and the burden shall be on the appellant(s) to show to the contrary.

The Middle School Athletic Council, as referred to above, shall consist of the Middle School Principal, Asst. Principal, Athletic Director, and coach of the subject sport.

Athletic Code Substance Abuse Clause

5. At no time is a student athlete allowed to use or be in possession of any form of alcoholic beverage, tobacco, or illegal substance or drug. Failure to produce a negative random drug test would constitute a violation of this cause.

“Possession” is defined as having such alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs in a vehicle in which the student is driving or is a passenger, or being convicted in a court of law of the charge of illegal possession of alcohol and drugs. The School Corporation has the legal right to randomly test for use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco by any student participating in sports or any other extra-curricular programs.”

Consequences for Violation of Rule #5

FIRST VIOLATION:

The student athlete shall be suspended for a minimum of 50% of the scheduled contests for that sport. If the suspension falls near enough to the end of a sport season that the full penalty of 50% of contests cannot be assessed, the penalty shall carry over to any post season tournament, then to the next sport in which the athlete participates.

The Athletic Council will further require that before the student athlete may subsequently participate in any athletic program, that athlete must complete Council approved counseling at the student's expense and complete 8 hours of community service at the discretion of the Athletic Council. Should the counseling and community service be completed, the suspension will be reduced from 50% to 30% (See the chart below clarification.) Said student will also be placed on automatic testing each time a random test series is given for the remainder of the school year at the student's expense.

Community Service shall be defined as the following:

Supervised work that is helpful to Jasper Middle School and/or the Community in general, including, but not limited to special custodial work, special projects, speaking engagements to student/civic groups, supervised work at community entities, and other work cleared by the building principal and/or athletic director.

A student may resume practice with his/her athletic team only at the discretion of the individual coach.

SECOND VIOLATION

The student athlete shall be suspended from athletic participation for one calendar year from the date of the Athletic Council action. A student may not try out for a team or participate in any team activities until that calendar year has been completed. Said student will also be placed on automatic testing each time a random test series is given for the remainder of the school year at the student's expense.

THIRD VIOLATION

The student athlete shall have participation privileges revoked for the remainder of the student's school career.

**There is no grandfather clause related to the punishment scale. If a student has already earned one violation and commits a second infraction, he/she will be placed on the newly adopted scale for a second penalty.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be in school all day on the day of a contest. Students who are absent from school are not allowed to attend practice or contests on that same day. On the day following a contest, students are to be present when school begins. Any student not present for the beginning of school, on the day after a contest, is not to participate in practice. Students who are absent with just cause may participate with permission of the athletic director, principal, or assistant principal.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility will be determined when report cards are issued. Any student who receives a "U" or an "F" in a subject or citizenship on his/her quarterly report will have his/her eligibility subjected to an administrative review. Any student who receives a "U" or an "F" in a subject or citizenship on his/her final (spring) nine-week report (not semester report) at the end of his/her 6th or 7th grade year, will also have his/her eligibility reviewed for the first nine-week grading period of his/her 7th or 8th grade year.

The above will likewise apply to any student new to Jasper Middle School. A new student's transcript will be evaluated before eligibility will be granted. Students in the 8th grade that were retained in the 7th or 8th grade are not allowed to participate in conference games. JMS students will abide by the age requirements as set by the Southern Indiana Junior High Athletic Conference.

COMMITMENT TO JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. Students shall not participate on any other organized team during the school team season of that same sport.
2. When students are participating in two different activities, both school sponsored, the student and coaches/sponsors will work out an acceptable schedule. If an agreement cannot be reached, the student will have to make a choice between the conflicting activities.
3. When students are participating in two different activities, one school sponsored and one not, the student will give priority to the school activity.

Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools Student Responsible Use Guidelines for Technology

Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools makes a variety of communications and information technologies available to students through computer/network/Internet access. These technologies, when properly used, promote educational excellence in the District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Illegal, unethical or inappropriate use of these technologies can have dramatic consequences, harming the District, its students and its employees. These Responsible Use Guidelines are intended to minimize the likelihood of such harm by educating District students and setting standards which will serve to protect the District. The District firmly believes that digital resources, information and interaction available on the computer/network/Internet far outweigh any disadvantages.

Mandatory Review. To educate students on proper computer/network/Internet use and conduct, students are required to review these guidelines at the beginning of each school year. All District students shall be required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of all guidelines governing use of the system and shall agree in writing to allow monitoring of their use and to comply with such guidelines. The parent or legal guardian of a student user is required to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the District's Student Responsible Use Guidelines for Technology (hereinafter referred to as the Responsible Use Guidelines) as part of their review of the Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct handbook. Employees supervising students who use the District's system must provide training emphasizing its appropriate use.

Definition of District Technology System. The District's computer systems and networks (system) are any configuration of hardware and software. The system includes but is not limited to the following:

Telephones, cellular telephones, and voicemail technologies;
Email accounts;
Servers;
Computer hardware and peripherals;
Software including operating system software and application software;
Digitized information including stored text, data files, email, digital images, and video and audio files;
Internally or externally accessed databases, applications, or tools (Internet- or District-server based);
District-provided Internet access;
District-filtered Wi-Fi; and
New technologies as they become available.

Availability of Access

Acceptable Use. Computer/Network/Internet access will be used to enhance learning consistent with the District's educational goals. The District requires legal, ethical and appropriate computer/network/Internet use.

Privilege. Access to the District's computer/network/Internet is a privilege, not a right.

Access to Computer/Network/Internet. Access to the District's electronic communications system, including the Internet, shall be made available to students for instructional purposes. Each District computer and Wi-Fi has filtering software that blocks access to visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, inappropriate for students, or harmful to minors, as defined by the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Filtered Internet access is provided to students as defined by CIPA.

Student Access. Computer/Network/Internet access is provided to all students unless parents or guardians request in writing to the campus principal that access be denied. Student Internet access will be under the direction and guidance of a District staff member.

Students 13 or younger. For students under the age of 13, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires additional parental permission for educational software tools. Parents wishing to deny access to these educational tools must do so in writing to the campus principal indicating their child should be denied access to these tools. Examples of these tools are wikis, blogs, and informational websites..

Security. A student who gains access to any inappropriate or harmful material is expected to discontinue the access and to report the incident to the supervising staff member. Any student identified as a security risk or as having violated the Responsible Use Guidelines may be denied access to the District's system. Other consequences may also be assigned. A student who knowingly brings prohibited materials into the school's electronic environment will be subject to suspension of access and/or revocation of privileges on the District's system and will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Board-approved Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct.

Content/Third-Party Supplied Information. Students and parents of students with access to the District's system should be aware that use of the system may provide access to other electronic communication systems in the global electronic network that may contain inaccurate and/or objectionable material.

Subject to Monitoring. All District computer/network/Internet usage shall not be considered confidential and is subject to monitoring by designated staff at any time to ensure appropriate use. Students should not use the computer system to send, receive or store any information, including email messages, that they consider personal or confidential and wish to keep private. All electronic files, including email messages, transmitted through or stored in the computer system will be treated no differently than any other electronic file. The District reserves the right to access, review, copy, modify, delete or disclose such files for any purpose. Students should treat the computer system like a shared or common file system with the expectation that electronic files, sent, received or stored anywhere in the computer system, will be available for review by any authorized representative of the District for any purpose. Personal telecommunication devices are subject to examination in accordance with disciplinary guidelines if there is reason to believe that the Responsible Use Guidelines have been violated.

Student Computer/Network/Internet Responsibilities

District students are bound by all portions of the Responsible Use Guidelines. A student who knowingly violates any portion of the Responsible Use Guidelines will be subject to suspension of access and/or revocation of privileges on the District's system and will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Board-approved Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct.

Use of Social Networking/Digital Tools. Students may participate in District-approved social media learning environments related to curricular projects or school activities and use digital tools, such as, but not limited to, mobile devices, blogs, discussion forums, RSS feeds, podcasts, wikis, and on-line meeting sessions. The use of blogs, wikis, podcasts, and other digital tools are considered an extension of the classroom. Verbal or written language that is considered inappropriate in the classroom is also inappropriate in all uses of blogs, wikis, podcasts, and other District-approved digital tools.

Use of System Resources. Students are asked to purge email or outdated files on a regular basis. Password Confidentiality. Students are required to maintain password confidentiality by not sharing their password with others. Students may not use another person's system account.

Reporting Security Problem. If knowledge of inappropriate material or a security problem on the computer/network/Internet is identified, the student should immediately notify the supervising staff member. The security problem should not be shared with others.

Inappropriate Use

Inappropriate use includes, but is not limited to, those uses that violate the law, that are specifically named as violations in this document, that violate the rules of network etiquette, or that hamper the integrity or security of this computer/network/Internet system or any components that are connected to it. The following actions are considered inappropriate uses, are prohibited, and will result in revocation of the student's access to the computer/network/Internet.

Violations of Law. Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

threatening, harassing, defamatory or obscene material;

copyrighted material;

plagiarized material;

material protected by trade secret; or blog posts, Web posts, or discussion forum/replies posted to the Internet which violate federal or state law.

Tampering with or theft of components from District systems may be regarded as criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. Any attempt to break the law through the use of a District computer/network/Internet account may result in prosecution against the offender by the proper authorities. If such an event should occur, the District will fully comply with the authorities to provide any information necessary for legal action.

Modification of Computer. Modifying or changing computer settings and/or internal or external configurations without appropriate permission is prohibited.

Transmitting Confidential Information. Students may not redistribute or forward confidential information without proper authorization. Confidential information should never be transmitted, redistributed or forwarded to outside individuals who are not expressly authorized to receive the information. Revealing personal information about oneself such as, but not limited to, home addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdates or of others is prohibited.

Commercial Use. Use of the system for any type of income-generating activity is prohibited. Advertising the sale of products, whether commercial or personal is prohibited.

Use of the system for promoting activities or events for individuals or organizations not directly affiliated with or sanctioned by the District is prohibited.

Vandalism/Mischief. Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy District equipment, materials or data, or the malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user of the District's system, or any of the agencies or other networks to which the District has access is prohibited. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance are violations of District policy and administrative regulations and may constitute criminal activity under applicable state and federal laws. Such prohibited activity includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses.

Vandalism as defined above is prohibited and will result in the cancellation of system use privileges. Students committing vandalism will be required to provide restitution for costs associated with system restoration and may be subject to other appropriate consequences. [See the Board-approved Discipline Management Plan and the Student Code of Conduct.]

Intellectual Property. Students must always respect copyrights and trademarks of third-parties and their ownership claims in images, text, video and audio material, software, information and inventions. The copy, use, or transfer of others' materials without appropriate authorization is not allowed.

Copyright Violations. Downloading or using copyrighted information without following approved District procedures is prohibited.

Plagiarism. Fraudulently altering or copying documents or files authored by another individual is prohibited.

Impersonation. Attempts to log on to the computer/network/Internet impersonating a system administrator or District employee, student, or individual other than oneself, will result in revocation of the student's access to computer/network/Internet.

Illegally Accessing or Hacking Violations. Intentional or unauthorized access or attempted access of any portion of the District's computer systems, networks, or private databases to view, obtain, manipulate, or transmit information, programs, or codes is prohibited.

File/Data Violations. Deleting, examining, copying, or modifying files and/or data belonging to other users, without their permission is prohibited.

System Interference/Alteration. Deliberate attempts to exceed, evade or change resource quotas are prohibited. The deliberate causing of network congestion through mass consumption of system resources is prohibited.

Email and Communication Tools

Email and other digital tools such as, but not limited to blogs and wikis, are tools used to communicate within the District. The use of these communication tools should be limited to instructional, school-related activities, or administrative needs.

All students in grades 6-12 will be issued email accounts. Students should check email frequently, delete unwanted messages promptly, and stay within the email server space allocations. Email attachments are limited to 2MB or smaller. Internet access to personal email accounts is not allowed.

Students should keep the following points in mind:

Perceived Representation. Using school-related email addresses, blogs, wikis, and other communication tools might cause some recipients or other readers of the email to assume that the student's comments represent the District or school, whether or not that was the student's intention.

Privacy. Email, blogs, wikis, and other communication within these tools should not be considered a private, personal form of communication. Private information, such as home addresses, phone numbers, last names, pictures, or email addresses, should not be divulged. To avoid disclosing email addresses that are protected, all email communications to multiple recipients should be sent using the blind carbon copy (bcc) feature.

Inappropriate Language. Using obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language in emails blogs, wikis, or other communication tools is prohibited. Sending messages that could cause danger or disruption, personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks are prohibited.

Political Lobbying. Consistent with State ethics laws, District resources and equipment, including, but not limited to, emails, blogs, wikis, or other communication tools must not be used to conduct any political activities, including political advertising or lobbying. This includes using District email, blogs, wikis, or other communication tools to create, distribute, forward, or reply to messages, from either internal or external sources, which expressly or implicitly support or oppose a candidate for nomination or election to either a public office or an office of a political party or support or oppose an officeholder, a political party, or a measure (a ballot proposition). These guidelines prohibit direct communications as well as the transmission or forwarding of emails, hyperlinks, or other external references within emails, blogs, or wikis regarding any political advertising.

Forgery. Forgery or attempted forgery of email messages is prohibited. Attempts to read, delete, copy or modify the email of other system users, deliberate interference with the ability of other system users to send/receive email, or the use of another person's user ID and/or password is prohibited.

Junk Mail/Chain Letters. Generally students should refrain from forwarding emails which do not relate to the educational purposes of the District. Chain letters or other emails intended for forwarding or distributing to others is prohibited. Creating, distributing or forwarding any annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people (spamming) is also prohibited.

Student Email Accounts and Electronic Communication Tools

Electronic communication is an important skill for 21st Century students. By providing this tool, the District is equipping students with the skills necessary for success in the business. Students in grades 6 - 12 are given access to a District student email account. This account is set up with the student's user ID. Students must abide by the guidelines established at Email and Communication Tools. Student email accounts will be available for use by students in grades 6-12 while they are currently enrolled in the District. Parents wishing to deny access to District email must do so in writing to the campus principal. As appropriate, project email accounts may be granted for educational activities for students in grades K-5 at the request of the classroom teacher. Student email accounts may be provided directly by the District, through the content management system of an approved online course, or through a District-approved provider.

Consequences of Agreement Violation

Any attempt to violate the provisions of this agreement may result in revocation of the student's access to the computer/network/Internet, regardless of the success or failure of the attempt. In addition, school disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

Denial, Revocation, or Suspension of Access Privileges. With just cause, the System Administrator and/or building principal, may deny, revoke, or suspend computer/network/Internet access as required, pending an investigation.

Warning

Sites accessible via the computer/network/Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or controversial. Each District computer with Internet access has filtering software that blocks access to visual depictions that are obscene, pornographic, inappropriate for students, or harmful to minors, as defined by the federal Children's Internet Protection Act. The District makes every effort to limit access to objectionable material; however, controlling all such materials on the computer/network/Internet is impossible, even with filtering in place. With global access to computers and people, a risk exists that students may access material that may not be of educational value in the school setting.

Disclaimer

The District's system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. The District does not make any warranties, whether expressed or implied, including, without limitation, those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose with respect to any services provided by the system and any information or software contained therein. The District does not guarantee that the functions or services performed by, or that the information or software contained on the system will meet the system user's requirements, or that the system will be uninterrupted or error free, or that defects will be corrected.

Opinions, advice, services, and all other information expressed by system users, information providers, service providers, or other third-party individuals in the system are those of the providers and not the District.

The District will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation concerning or relating to misuse of the District's electronic communications system.

Please complete the following information:

Student User's Full Name (please print): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Parent/Guardian's

Name: _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian: _____