

East Scholar-Athlete Code of Conduct

Team Rules

The scholar-athlete is expected to comply with the established team rules, procedures, and instructions as communicated by the coach. The Athletic Director, with the input of the coaches, have the authority to suspend an athlete from the team, temporarily or permanently, for failure to comply with the rules and procedures or when the athlete's safety or safety of others requires such action.

Citizenship/Sportsmanship

It is expected that East scholar-athletes will exhibit a high standard of conduct at all times to positively represent East. All aspects of the East Code of Conduct apply during any athletic participation, whether on or off campus, including at all times during travel. If a scholar-athlete exhibits poor citizenship and/or sportsmanship, appropriate action will be taken by the coach and administration.

Academic Eligibility

In order to be eligible for extracurricular activities scholars must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for all scheduled subjects, maintain a 90% daily in-class attendance for all classes, demonstrate good school citizenship, and meet any requirements set by Section V.

A scholar who meets the above requirements, nevertheless, will be **ineligible** if he or she is failing in two or more classes, regardless of his/her cumulative GPA. Students who are ineligible under this paragraph may participate in practice if they attend tutoring in the failing subjects. Students will remain ineligible under this paragraph until the scholar receives either a 3-week progress report or marking period grade report which shows that, in addition to meeting the general requirements above, the scholar is receiving a failing grade in no more than one class. (Scholar's failing one class will be placed on probation.) During any ineligible period, East will provide opportunities for the student to receive additional academic assistance and/or tutoring.

A scholar who meets the general requirements for eligibility, but whose 3-week progress report or marking period report card shows that he or she is failing any one class, shall be placed on academic probation for so long as the scholar's reported grades or 3-week progress reports indicate at least one failing class.

While on academic probation a scholar may participate in practice, competitions and other extracurricular activities provided that he/she meets all conditions of probation including:

1. Special academic assistance as assigned/approved by the building Principal or his/her designee (i.e. Athletic Director/Assistant Principal in a specific subject area) as deemed necessary and appropriate and depending on teacher availability.
2. Students must maintain 100% attendance in study sessions, in order to be able to participate in practices and/or contests as set forth above.

Substance Abuse

The health and safety of all scholar-athletes is at the heart of our Athletic Department's substance abuse policy. The provisions of the policy strictly prohibit the use of prescribed medication in a manner that departs from physician prescribed instructions. The policy further outlaws all use of mood-altering or non-prescribed controlled substances throughout the entire course of the season. Any violation of this policy may result in suspension from participation in that sport for any portion, of a particular season, including the full duration of eligibility. The team coach will have input regarding the recommended length of a suspension. The final decision, however, rests with the Athletic Director. This process is designed to provide objectivity and consistency to final outcomes. Coaches are required to report violations or suspected violations to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will

conduct an investigation and determine the appropriate disciplinary action. In such an event, scholar-athletes may be required to meet with a certified substance abuse professional in-house or in the community, and to follow through with any and all recommendations pertaining to treatment. Upon completion of any substance abuse program, scholars may be reinstated into the athletic department but this will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director. Substance abuse amongst scholar-athletes is unhealthy behavior that if left unchecked, often leads to health and performance problems as well as morale problems on a team level. For all of these reasons, student-athletes are expected to adhere to these standards, in order to represent East with a dual spirit of dignity and wellness.

Hazing

Scholar initiations and the practice of “hazing” on or off school grounds is prohibited. “Hazing” refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group (or to maintain full status in a group) that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

Attendance

1. To be eligible for participation in an interscholastic athletic activity a scholar must be in attendance for at least one-half of the school day on which that activity takes place. For extraordinary circumstances, an exception may be granted by the approval of the Building Principal or the Athletic Director.
2. Emergency or extraordinary situations that require late arrival to, or absence from school must be approved by a building administrator.
3. Tardiness or truancy on the day following an event is subject to disciplinary action by the coach.
4. A scholar who has been suspended out of school may not participate in any team activities until the first day following the suspension.

Transportation

1. When district approved transportation is provided for the team it is expected that all team members will travel to and from the event with the team.
2. Under extraordinary circumstances, parents or guardians may obtain permission from the coach and/or Athletic Director, to drive their own child home from the game. A written request, signed by a parent and/or guardian, must be presented to the coach or Athletic Director.
3. Approved modes of transportation for practices and games include use of RTS busing, family member pick-up and walking home. In addition, scholar-athletes are expected to vacate the premises in a timely fashion at the completion of their event.

As a scholar-athlete at East I have read the above Code of Conduct and understand the expectations and responsibilities that go along with being a part of the Athletic Department of East. I promise to abide by these rules and regulations.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____