

# Iowa-Grant School District



**2017 - 2018**

**Athletic and Co-Curricular Code**

## I. **Philosophy of the High School Athletic and Co-Curricular Code**

This code has been prepared for the benefit of athletes and participants in co-curricular activities, the parents of those students, the coaches of athletes, and the directors of activities and organizations in an effort to make athletics and co-curricular activities a contributing and worthwhile part of the overall school program. It is the desire of all high school coaches and advisors that athletics and co-curricular activities to be an enriching and healthful experience in which physical, mental, and social growth is stimulated through involvement in athletics and co-curricular activities. A genuine understanding of the aims and objectives of athletic and co-curricular programs will be realized by a careful reading and discussion of this code by the participants and their parents and guardians.

Participation in athletics and co-curricular activities in the Iowa-Grant School District is a privilege, not a right. Student athletes and participants must adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth in this code. Violation of these rules and/or guidelines may result in revocation of a student's privilege to participate in athletics and/or co-curricular activities.

The code applies to all members of athletic teams and to all participants in the following co-curricular activities:

### **Performance Activity**

All Solo and Ensemble Participants  
Musical  
Academic Decathlon  
FFA Officers and Contest Participants  
Drama/Play  
Forensics

### **Participatory Activity**

Student Council  
Class Officers

## II. Academic Eligibility

Every student who desires to participate in the Iowa-Grant School Athletics and Co-Curricular Program must meet the eligibility rules set by the Iowa-Grant School District as set forth below.

A. A student who receives a F for any quarter or semester grading period:

1. Student must carry a minimum of 3.5 credits per semester. Students must participate in a full day course of study. If because of scheduling problem, a class cannot be scheduled, a student with the permission of the principal may carry only 3 credits for a semester (and would have an extra study hall) and still be eligible for extra-curricular participation.
2. Students in grades 9-12 are ineligible to participate if they have one failing grade at the end of the most recent grading period. The most recent grading period refers to first quarter grades, first semester grades, third quarter grades, and second semester grades shall be considered the most recent grades.
3. 15 school days after a grading period in which a student earns a failing grade, the student must be meeting minimum grading requirements to become eligible for continued participation. During the 15-day period after a student earns a failing grade, he/she is precluded from participating in any athletic or extra-curricular interschool competition. The 15 day period of academic ineligibility shall commence the school day after report cards are issued to and confirmed by the principal's office, and shall continue through the fifteenth scheduled school day. If at the end of this period of ineligibility the student meets the academic standards, they may resume participation in competition on the sixteenth scheduled school day. Students may be allowed to practice with the squad while they are academically ineligible.
4. The ineligibility status described in the introduction to this section will be adjusted as follows for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest allowed competition is before the first day students are in class. Fall Sports – the minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of the earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction). A student may erase ineligibility status following the last grade reporting period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school provided the school gives credit toward graduation requirements for such courses and counts them in class-rank standings. Students attending summer school must take like or similar courses in order to erase ineligibility status. Prior approval from the high school principal is required to erase ineligibility status.
5. Following reinstatement to the squad or activity after having received a failing grade after a grading period, the academic progress of the student will be monitored for fifteen additional school days. Should the student's performance again fall below the minimum requirements (as those minimum requirements have been set forth in Board policy 345.1 or if the student receives any single grade below a D), the student would become ineligible again, and the process outlined above would be repeated.

B. A student who receives a F after the fourth week of each quarter:

1. Academic probation will result and the student will have one week to bring up the grade.
2. If after one week the grade has not changed from an F, the student will be ineligible for any athletic or co-curricular activities and have to spend 30 minutes after school with the teacher until the grade is brought up and the teacher has signed a form stating the student's grade is now passing.
3. The student may be required to spend 30 minutes after school with the teacher before the student is allowed to attend practice.
4. A student under this policy will not be able to leave early to attend any away event, contest or performance unless allowed by the high school principal.

If a student is deemed ineligible under this section, the ineligibility applies to every athletic and extra-curricular activity in which the student participates.

### **III. Physical Examinations for Athletic Participants**

Before an athlete will be allowed to report for athletic practice, she/he must first:

- A. Have a physical examination and/or alternate year card and an Iowa-Grant medical card. These cards must be on file with the athletic director's office.
- B. Each athlete must receive a physical examination during his/her freshmen and junior year, or at the time of initial entry into the athletic program. If a boy or a girl was hospitalized or suffered serious illness or injury since his or her last physical, then another physical is required.
- C. All injuries should be reported to the coach immediately. Filing an injury claim is the athlete's responsibility.
- D. The parent/guardian's insurance is the primary insurance on all injury claims. The school's insurance is secondary.

#### IV. Rules of Conduct

Good participants in our athletic and extra-curricular activities are developed through proper training, dedication, desire, and sacrifice. Each athletic coach or activity advisor will require that an athletic and extra-curricular code form be signed by student participants. It is the desire of the District to have parents or guardians sign the pledge to show their support in helping to enforce the code. The signature of the participant (and his/her parents/guardians) demonstrates that he/she understands the rules set forth in the code and indicates his/her willingness to abide by them.

##### A. Rules for All Athletic Participants

Penalties: Penalties for infractions of the rules are listed below. These penalties apply to all students that are participating in interscholastic sports, including team managers and cheerleaders, and to participants in the co-curricular activities listed at the beginning of this code.

1. The use, possession, buying, selling of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco is prohibited. The sale, purchase, and/or sharing of such prescribed drugs with others for whom the drug/controlled substance has not been prescribed is prohibited. In some cases violation of this rule may result in further school discipline including, but not limited to, student expulsion. This includes e-cigarettes and other look-a-like products.
2. Each coach or advisor may have additional rules for participation in his/her sport or activity. These rules will be filed with the Athletic Director and Building Principal prior to the start of the respective season. Student-athletes and a parent are required to attend a pre-season meeting. The head coach will review the rules and expectations for their respective sport prior to the first competitive contest.

The minimum first violation of rule IV- A. 1 shall be 50% of the total number of contests scheduled at the beginning of the season. Varsity schedules will typically result in the following minimum number of contests:

Baseball	13 contests	Basketball	11 contests
Softball	13 contests	Volleyball	7 contests
Wrestling	7 contests	Cross Country	6 contests
Cheerlead-FB	5 contests	Cheerlead-WR	7 contests
Football	5 contests	Golf	8 contests

Self-referral: Penalties can be reduced through a self-referral made by the parent and/or student. A self-referral must be made in writing to the athletic director, co-curricular coordinator, or the high school principal by 1:00 p.m. the next working day following the infraction. Working days are considered to be Monday through Friday year round, unless it is a holiday. Self-referral will result in the penalty being reduced to a suspension of 30% of the total number of contests scheduled at the beginning of the season. In the event that a self-referral results in a decimal, any number .5 or greater will be rounded up.

Baseball	8 contests	Basketball	7 contests
Softball	8 contests	Volleyball	5 contests
Wrestling	4 contests	Cross Country	3 contest
Cheerleading-FB	3 contest	Cheerlead-WR	4 contests
Football	3 contest	Golf	5 contests

The minimum second violation of rule IV- A. 1 shall be 50% of the total number of contests scheduled at the beginning of the season. Varsity schedules will typically result in the following minimum number of contests:

Baseball	13 contests	Basketball	11 contests
Softball	13 contests	Volleyball	7 contests
Wrestling	7 contests	Cross Country	6 contests
Cheerlead-FB	5 contests	Cheerlead-WR	7 contests
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Baseball	8 contests	Basketball	7 contests
Softball	8 contests	Volleyball	5 contests
Wrestling	4 contests	Cross Country	3 contest
Cheerleading-FB	3 contest	Cheerlead-WR	4 contests
Football	3 contest	Golf	5 contests

The minimum third violation of rule IV- A. 1 shall be: A suspension from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student-athlete's career at Iowa-Grant Schools. Students may apply for admission into athletic participation after 1 (one) calendar year from date of infraction.

The minimum fourth violation of rule IV- A. 1 shall be: A suspension from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student-athlete's career at Iowa-Grant Schools. Students may apply for admission into athletic participation after 2 (two) calendar years from date of infraction.

3. Conduct: All participants subject to this code shall conduct themselves, at all times, in a manner that is legally appropriate and that positively represents the Iowa-Grant School District. Actions referred to legal authorities may carry more severe penalties. Actions that result in legal action (ticketed offenses) may carry more severe penalties. Conduct unbecoming to a student representing our school may include one or more of the

following, but is not limited to:

- a. Stealing/theft in or out of school.
- b. Flagrant misbehavior in class/school environment and/or flagrant disrespect of school personnel in or out of school.
- c. Disorderly conduct – A generalized definition of disorderly conduct is as follows: whoever in a public place engages in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct.
- d. Vandalism in or out of school.
- e. Any violation of criminal laws or ordinances or any charge brought against a participant by a local, county, or state legal representative that he/she has violated criminal laws or ordinances.
- f. Other conducts which adversely affects and relates to the management of the school and its efficiency.
- g. Each athletic coach or activity advisor may have additional rules for participation in his/her sport or activity.

The minimum first penalty for violation of rule IV- A. 3 shall be 20% of the total number of contests scheduled at the beginning of the season. Varsity schedules will typically result in the following minimum number of contests:

Baseball	4 contests	Basketball	4 contests
Softball	4 contests	Volleyball	3 contests
Wrestling	3 contests	Cross Country	2 contest
Cheerleading-FB	3 contests	Cheerlead-WR	3 contests
Football	2 contests	Golf	3 contests

Self-referral: Penalties can be reduced through a self-referral made by the parent and/or student. A self-referral must be made in writing to the athletic director, co-curricular coordinator, or the high school principal by 1:00 p.m. the next working day following the infraction. Working days are considered to be Monday through Friday year round, unless it is a holiday. Self referral will result in the penalty being reduced by 50% to the following length(s). In the event that a self-referral results in a decimal, any number .5 or greater will be rounded up.

Baseball	2 contests	Basketball	2 contests
Softball	2 contests	Volleyball	2 contests
Wrestling	2 contests	Cross Country	1 contest
Cheerleading-FB	1 contest	Cheerlead-WR	2 contests
Football	1 contest	Golf	2 contests

The minimum second penalty for violation of rule IV- A. 3 shall be 20% of the total number of contests scheduled at the beginning of the season. Varsity schedules will typically result in the following minimum number of contests:

Baseball	4 contests	Basketball	4 contests
Softball	4 contests	Volleyball	4 contests
Wrestling	4 contests	Cross Country	2 contests
Cheerleading-FB	2 contests	Cheerlead-WR	4 contests
Football	2 contests	Golf	3 contests

Self-referral: Penalties can be reduced through a self-referral made by the parent and/or student. A self-referral must be made in writing to the athletic director, co-curricular coordinator, or the high school principal by 1:00 p.m. the next working day following the infraction. Working days are considered to be Monday through Friday year round, unless it is a holiday. Self-referral will result in the penalty being reduced to the following length(s)

Baseball	2 contests	Basketball	2 contests
Softball	2 contests	Volleyball	2 contests
Wrestling	2 contests	Cross Country	1 contest
Cheerleading-FB	1 contest	Cheerlead-WR	2 contests
Football	1 contest	Golf	2 contests

The minimum third violation of rule IV- A. 3 shall be: A suspension from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student-athlete's career at Iowa-Grant Schools. Students may apply for admission into athletic participation after one (1) calendar year from date of infraction.

The minimum fourth violation of rule IV- A. 3 shall be: Suspension from all athletic participation for the remainder of the student-athlete's career at Iowa-Grant Schools. A student may apply for readmission into athletic participation after two (2) calendar years with no additional rule infractions.

## B. Penalties for Co-Curricular Activities

If an individual does not self-report a violation under the **Rules of Conduct** then they follow IV- A.1 and A.3 consequences. If an individual does self-report a violation then they fall under the following consequences: (Students may still practice under any of these violations)

### 1. **Penalties for Participants in Extra-Curricular Activities – Violation of Rules IV- A.1 and A.3 (Self-Referral Consequences)**

#### a. First violation

1. Suspension from one performance, event, contest or trip handled strictly on a calendar basis.
2. Carry over to next activity if penalty is not fulfilled.
3. Students in leadership position must step down for 30 days. (Leadership is defined as holding school, state or national position.)



- b. Second violation
  1. Suspension from two performances, events, contests or trips handled strictly on a calendar basis.
  2. Carry over to next activity if penalty is not fulfilled.
  3. Students in leadership position must step down for 30 days. (Leadership is defined as holding school, state or national position.)
- c. Third violation
  1. Removal from all co-curricular activities and leadership positions (referred to in this handbook) for the year.
- d. Fourth violation
  1. Suspension from all co-curricular activities and leadership positions for the remainder of career at Iowa-Grant Schools. A student may apply for readmission into co-curricular activity participation after one (1) calendar year with no additional rule infractions.

## V. Penalty Guidelines

- A. An athlete is required to sit out from all levels of competition if suspended or ineligible, but the number of contests missed is determined only by the number of contests at the highest level at which they participate. Any student who is suspended from athletic competition for violating the athletic code must serve the suspension in a sport he/she had been out for in the previous school year.

An example: A student is found in violation of the athletic code between the winter and spring sports season. The student decides to go out for a spring sport for the first time. The student will be allowed to participate in the spring sport without penalty, but will serve the suspension in a fall or winter sport, whichever sport he/she first competes in during the following school year.

\*A student must be eligible to participate in an event. An example: physically, academically, in attendance, etc., if it is to be counted as one of the suspension events.

- B. Suspension during a WIAA tournament series will result in termination of the season. This will also count as only a one event suspension.
- C. No scrimmage may count as suspension.
- D. Though the penalties for athletics and co-curricular activities are different, rule violations will count across the entire Athletic/Co-Curricular Code. Therefore, a participant who is only in athletics during his/her first violation and who later becomes involved in any co-curricular activities will be facing second penalties if another violation occurs.

- E. Sharing of information: Law enforcement agencies may share information about students pertaining to chemical use/abuse with the school administration, athletic director or Core Team members.
- F. Student athletes who have violated the athletic code and his/her action results in the serving of a suspension from the sport/activity during the season will not be eligible to be nominated for all conference consideration for that season. Academic ineligibility does not apply.

## V. **General Guidelines**

- A. Each sport season will have an official starting date and finishing date in order to determine whether a participant is “in season” or “out of season”. The dates set by W.I.A.A. for each sport will be the official starting date. The official ending date for each sport will be when the state tournament is completed in that sport.
- B. Student-athletes who elect to “go out” for a sport after the tenth day of the official starting date will not be eligible for varsity competition. This can be waived by Athletic Director.
- C. This Athletic and Extra-curricular Code is in effect twelve months a year. This is mandated by the WIAA handbook in Article VII-Health & Behavior, Section 2-Code of Conduct.
- D. If a participant is suspended from a team or activity for a code violation and is then reinstated after an appeal hearing, he or she may be eligible to win an athletic letter or any other award that an advisor may choose to give.
- E. Any student who loses eligibility is expected to attend all practice sessions and team meetings if he/she expects to be reinstated during that same season.
- F. Suspensions served during any season will count only if the participant finishes the season to the coach or advisor’s satisfaction.

## VI. **Additional Rules**

- A. Attendance in School: A student will be allowed to participate in practice and contests only if she/he is in school by the start of third hour class (9:40); or have a medical excuse from a doctor, dentist, or chiropractor for an absence on that day. Students will be given two chances per semester for non-medical reasons. These include, but are not limited to, parent request, needed at home, and doctor’s appointments without verification. All other excuses for partial absences will not be accepted and will make the student ineligible to participate during the day time, after school, evening practices, or events on the same day. If a student leaves school to go home because of illness at any time during the day, she/he will not be able to participate in practice/event that evening. Individual exceptions to these rules may be made at the discretion of the principal.

B. Doctor/Dental/Court appointments: Students must return the signed green appointment card or doctor's note upon return to the office. Students are expected to return to school promptly following their appointment. If students do not return promptly, they will be given a strike. Students are expected to report to school prior to morning appointments, unless appointment time and travel require student to leave prior to start of school.

C. Care of Athletic Equipment:

1. The school board has provided the athletic department with high quality equipment.
2. Each athlete is responsible for the proper care and safekeeping of the equipment issued to him/her. Lockers should be securely locked during and after every practice and game.
3. Any equipment lost through negligence must be paid for by the athlete, the price to be determined by the coach and athletic director.
4. School equipment is to be worn only at athletic events and practices unless otherwise authorized by the coach. At the conclusion of a sport season, all equipment must be turned in to the coach in charge. Parents' assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the school.

D. Travel and Conduct on Trips:

1. All participants must use the mode of transportation provided by our school. Individual exceptions to this rule may be approved by the principal, athletic director, coach or advisor if a written request is made in advance.
2. No food will be allowed on the bus unless sanctioned by the adult in charge.
3. Student participants will be considered as "good will ambassadors" of Iowa-Grant High School and are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times.

E. Changing Sports:

1. An athlete may not quit one sport and begin another during the same season, except by agreement of both coaches.
2. An athlete cut from one sport may, however, try out for another sport, providing the person was not cut from the first sport for disciplinary reasons.
3. An individual may participate as an athlete, cheerleader, or manager in a sport during a given year and then decide to transfer to another sport the following year.

## VII. **The Athletic/Extra-curricular Council**

A. The Athletic/Extra-curricular Council will be composed of the following people: High School Principal, Elementary-Middle School Principal, and the Superintendent. In the event of a case in which a council member has a personal interest with the student in question, a proxy will be appointed.

B. The purpose of the Athletic/Extra-curricular Council:

1. To review the Director's investigation, and act upon any reported violation of the rules and regulations of the Code.
2. To provide a forum for any person who is accused of violating the code to present his or her case.

3. To impose any penalty required under the Code.
4. To review and make appropriate recommendations to improve the Code.
5. To appropriately reinstate suspended participants back into active status.
6. To participate in the appeal process set forth by the Code.

**VIII. Reporting and Administration of Major Code Violations:**

- A. Violations of the Code of Conduct shall be presented to the Director(s) of the Athletic and Extra-curricular Activity Council in writing and shall clearly describe the kind of violation alleged and the time and place of the alleged violation. The report of the violation must be filed on 370-Rule, Exhibit-4 and signed by the person who witnessed the violation or by the person making an accusation pertaining to a Code violation, then the prescribed penalty for such a violation is enacted automatically.
- B. The Director(s) shall investigate violations if reported as set forth above and may investigate alleged incidents, to determine whether there were Code violations.
- C. Any participant alleged to be in violation of the Code, his/her parents or guardians, and each member of the Council shall be notified of a reported violation and given a copy of the same by the Director(s) in a timely fashion.
- D. The Council is not required to meet on every case. Where the participant admits to a Code violation and it is dictated in the Code what the penalty shall be, and if the participant, parents or guardian do not wish to appear before the Council, no meeting is necessary. The Director(s) will inform the Council of the violation and the penalty applied. The Council will meet on all cases where a participant or his/her parent or guardian, requests to come before the council. If a student is involved in both athletics and extra-curricular activities and is suspected to be in violation of the Code, the Council must meet.
- E. The accused and his/her parents or guardians shall have the right to appear before the Council prior to any vote on the final action to be taken by the Council. Note: The inability or refusal of the accused and his/her parents or guardians to appear before the Council at a time appointed by the Council shall not delay or interfere with in any manner the proceedings or action taken by the Council.
- F. The Council shall vote, whether the reported violation did or did not occur. Thus, each Council member will either accept or reject the reported violation. No vote will be taken unless a quorum of voting members is in attendance.
- G. The Director(s) will discuss and advise the coach or director involved as to the term of any suspension issued.
- H. The Director(s) will explain the terms of the suspension to the participant involved as soon as possible after the meeting of the Council, within 24 hours if a full school day exists within those 24 hours.
- I. A report of the suspension will be sent to the parents of the violator and also to the Superintendent by the high school principal.
  - a. Copies of all reports and correspondence will be kept on file in the directors' offices.
  - b. Records of all Council meetings and business will be kept on file in the directors' offices.
- J. In the event a student feels an improper decision has been made with regard to an alleged violation, the individual along with his or her parents or guardians may appeal the Council's

decision in accordance with the appeal procedures set forth in this Code. However, the accused shall remain ineligible for participation in practice and contests during the appeal process.

#### **IX. Appeal Procedure: The Board of Education**

- A. The participant and his/her parents may request a hearing before the Board of Education if unsatisfied with the determinations made at the first level. Such appeal must be made in writing to the Superintendent within seven (7) days after having received the determination at the first level. Such request of appeal shall be heard within seven (7) days after having received a request for appeal. In the event that a board member has a personal interest with the student(s) in question, the Board president will recuse the Board member who has a personal interest.
- B. The participant and his/her parents, the Director(s), Superintendent, High School Principal, and Elementary Principal shall be notified of the date on which the requested hearing will be held before the Board. If attending the hearing, all parties concerned must be simultaneously present during the appeal procedure at this level.
- C. The participant, his/her parents, and any witnesses may present evidence or speak in defense of the participant that is related to the allegations made against him/her.
- D. The Directors, other members of the Council, and/or the Principal may also provide information to the Board relevant to the appeal determination.
- E. After the presentation of any evidence by any concerned party (as identified above), the Board members and Superintendent will convene in closed session and will decide whether to accept or reject the initial determination made by the Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activity Council. The Board will not modify any decision issued at that level, but will simply determine whether the decision made by the council is supportable based on the evidence presented at the hearing before the Board.
- F. The Board will notify the participant and his/her parents of its final determination within 48 hours of the hearing before the Board. If such notice is made verbally, a written notification will be sent within five (5) days of such hearing.
- G. Summer Appeal Process: The same procedures apply except that the Council may not be able to hold its initial meeting until the first professional contract day of the school year.

#### **X. Coach/Parent/Athlete**

- A. If there is a concern to discuss with the coach, the following procedures/steps must be followed:
  - 1. The athlete speaks with the coaching staff.
  - 2. The parent asks for a conference with the coaching staff. The athlete must be present if a meeting is to take place. If the coach can't be reached, the parent should contact the Athletic Director and he/she will arrange for the coach to contact the parent.
  - 3. If the conference between the parent/athlete and coach does not solve the concern, there will be a meeting set up by the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will moderate the conference.
  - 4. If the conference set up by the Athletic Director does not solve the issue, then administration (Principal and/or Superintendent) will be brought into the situation.

Parents and athletes are more than welcome to discuss issues with the Athletic Director and Administration. Please understand though that these steps will be referenced and the issue will travel no farther until the proper steps are taken. No issue is rarely the same and Administration might take action above these rules if it is deemed necessary.

## XI. WIAA

Iowa-Grant is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

The following information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at [www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org).

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

### **These are WIAA eligibility rules:**

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This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility, which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

**Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, and then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.**

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are **current for the 2016-2017 school year:**

#### **AGE**

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

#### **ACADEMICS**

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

## ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

## DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.

- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

### **DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

### **TRANSFERS**

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade are restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year.
- D. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- E. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.



- F. 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- G. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- H. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- I. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- J. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- K. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- L. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- M. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

#### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION**

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

#### **TRAINING and CONDUCT**

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.

- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.
- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

### **AMATEUR STATUS**

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

### **SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in more than two nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams (with school approval).
  - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
  - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
  - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.

- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. All sports except football are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

#### **USE OF STUDENT IMAGE**

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

***In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.***

# NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION OF ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR CODE

Notice of alleged violation of the Iowa-Grant High School athletic and extracurricular code.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This is to inform you that the Council has received information that on or about \_\_\_\_\_ you violated rule \_\_\_\_\_ of the Iowa-Grant code. The Extra-curricular Council will administer the code using one of the guidelines listed below:

- A. The Council will not meet to determine a penalty, as the penalty in this case is determined clearly in the code. Furthermore, the student and/or his/her parent/guardian have requested not to meet before the Council.
- B. The Council will meet at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m., in room \_\_\_\_\_ of the high school on \_\_\_\_\_ to determine if a penalty against you is warranted. Understand that you must notify the director(s) 24 hours in advance if you plan to appear at this Council meeting.

According to our records, this would be your \_\_\_\_\_ offense. Refer to your copy of the code for potential penalties and appeal process. Attached you will find a copy of your appeal rights.

Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The student's signature implies no guilt, only that he/she has received a notice of the charges and a copy of the code and appeal rights.

APPROVED:            June 18, 2000

ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR CODE  
APPEALS FORM

**Appeal Form for Reinstatement**

This form is to be submitted to:

1<sup>st</sup> Appeal     Athletic Council  
2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal     Board of Education &  
                         Superintendent

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do submit this appeal to be  
(Name of Student)

reinstated on the \_\_\_\_\_ team.  
(Sport/Activity Name)

The following people will speak on my behalf to:

1<sup>st</sup>     Athletic Council  
2<sup>nd</sup>     Board of Education &  
                 Superintendent

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person Appealing)

APPROVED:     June 18, 2000  
REVISED:        August 11, 2003

**Reported Notification of Violation of Athletic & Extracurricular Code**

Notice of Alleged Violation of the Iowa-Grant High School Athletic & Extracurricular code.

Name of person reporting violation: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby report as a witness to the following alleged incident to be a violation of the Iowa-Grant Athletic & Extracurricular Code:

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Students Involved:  
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**Sign in both areas (fill in all X's) and return to the Athletic Director**

**This form must be completed and submitted to the Athletic Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete**

**PARENT-ATHLETE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY  
IOWA-GRANT HIGH SCHOOL SIGN-OFF FORM**

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Student-Athlete's Signature  
Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Iowa-Grant High School Extra-curricular Code and understand the rules and regulations within. I further agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set down by my individual coach or advisor.

I agree to assume full responsibility for all equipment issued to me, and to confine the use of the equipment to practice, games or meets.

I will further agree to pay for any and all equipment, which I may lose, misplace, or damage through carelessness or intent.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Student

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

As a parent or guardian of the above student, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the Student Extra-curricular Code and understand the rules and regulations set forth for all participants in the extra-curricular activities listed above and give my son or daughter permission to participate under those conditions. I understand that injuries could occur as a result of the athletic participation, and that these injuries could include minor injuries. I understand that it is also possible that a catastrophic injury could result in paralysis or death due to athletic participation. I also give my permission to the attending physician/athletic trainer at the school athletic event to give first aid and care to my son/daughter should he/she require such assistance, or emergency first aid by the coach.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This Extra-Curricular Code has been adopted by the Extra-Curricular Council, the Administration, and the School Board of the Iowa-Grant Public Schools.