

CODE OF ETHICS CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular activities are an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extra-curricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. When Oak Park students participate in co-curricular activities, they represent not only themselves, but also their families and our school and community. **They are expected to display appropriate and acceptable standards of sportsmanship and behavior – on and off the field, in and out of school, including and not limited to, nights and weekends, in or out of the season of sport or activity.** They are further expected to do everything in their power **to not be involved with or present** at functions where any prohibited activities are taking place.

- Place academic achievement as the highest priority. This includes maintaining a 2.0 GPA with no "F's" in all subjects during the preceding marking period and during the season of sport/activity. Eligibility will be checked at the quarter and semester report card times. Students with 2.0 and one "F" may petition for probation. Scholastic probation may be granted to a student only once in his/her high school career.
- Attendance – Students must attend all scheduled periods the day of any co-curricular activity in order to participate in that activity, practice, contest or performance. If the activity takes place on a Saturday or holiday, then the student will be required to attend all periods on the preceding school day. Exceptions must be cleared by an administrator. Truancy from any class or classes will result in suspension from the next contest/activity. Students on disciplinary suspension will not be allowed to participate in practices/ games during the period of suspension.
- No athlete/participant may quit one co-curricular activity and go out during the same season for another.
- Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials, coaches and all other participants.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of activity officials.
- Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
- Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
- Adhere to the established rules and standards of the activity.
- Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately. Students are financially responsible for all equipment checked out to him/her. All equipment must be returned in a timely manner. A delinquent account will result in a "hold" on transcripts, report cards, yearbooks, and/or diplomas.
- Know and follow all school rules, and CIF rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
- Win/perform with character, and face challenges with dignity.
- Athlete/participants must travel to and from contests in transportation provided for and arranged by the school. Any exception to this is rare and must be approved by an administrator at least 48 hours in advance.
- Refrain from participation in hazing. Hazing is defined as any behavior that is physically, emotionally, or psychologically abusive to an individual, or selected group of individuals, for the purpose of gaining entrance or acceptance into an established group.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
- Refrain from being arrested or cited for any misdemeanor or felony at school or in the community.

I understand that a participant will be immediately suspended from the co-curricular activity if he/she exercises poor judgment and acts in an irresponsible manner as outlined above. This suspension will remain in force until the advisor/coaching staff and administration has had time to conduct an investigation and determine an appropriate consequence. I further understand that since I have been put on notice of these conduct guidelines by the staff that any violation may result in suspension or removal from all-co-curricular activity for up to one calendar year from the date of the incident, in addition to other administrative actions.

With my signature below, I acknowledge that I understand the expectations of Oak Park High school regarding my personal conduct and that this contract is applicable 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **I am expected to display appropriate and acceptable standards of sportsmanship and behavior – on and off the field, in and out of school, including but not limited to, nights and weekends, in or out of the season of sport or activity.** I pledge to live by the contents of this contract.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Please print)

As a parent, I support the efforts of Oak Park High school to encourage and enforce proper standards of conduct for my child. With my signature below, I acknowledge that I understand the expectations of Oak Park High School regarding my son/daughter and pledge to support the contents of this contract.

Name of Parent: _____ Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____
(Please print)

Student / Parent Acknowledgement of Receivership

The major goal of Oak Park High School is **to help students to use their minds resourcefully and well**. In the long run, we believe that goal is best achieved by promoting good habits in our students. As staff members, our pledge to you is to create and operate a school we are all proud of: a school where everyone is safe, where each of you is stretched intellectually and have the opportunity to engage in exciting learning and cocurricular activities/athletics. We ask you to join us in creating such a school!

The handbook that you have been given contains a wealth of important information about our school's mission, philosophy, academic, attendance, and behavior standards, and general information about the school and its day-to-day operations. We hope that many of your questions will be answered here. Consequently, we urge you to take the time to become familiar with this resource and its contents to assure that you are up to date and informed.

To this end, you have the right of free access to an education. Your school, in addition to providing educational experiences, provides an environment where you, as a student, have the freedom to exercise your own judgment and to make responsible decisions. If you act irresponsibly, however, the rights of others must be protected.

Therefore, rules and regulations have been designed to protect the rights of everyone, to respect the individual and the diversity of students, staff and our community, and to insure that school is conducted in an orderly fashion. They are designed to protect your right to an education. It is important to note:

These policies and regulations apply to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or at any school sponsored activity or whose conduct at any time or any place interferes with or obstructs the missions of the school or operations of the Oak Park Unified School District or the safety or welfare of students or employees.

By signing and dating this page, I acknowledging that I have read and understand the student handbook as well as my responsibility to become aware of the accepted standards of attendance and behavior that I am expected to observe at all times in all places at Oak Park High School and at all school sponsored events. I also acknowledge that with my signature below, I understand the expectations of Oak Park High school regarding my personal conduct and that this contract is applicable 24 hours a day, seven days a week – **on and off the field, in and out of school, including but not limited to, nights and weekends, in or out of the season of sport or activity.** I pledge to live by the contents of this contract.

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