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**Student Code of Conduct for Student Activities
Policy Series: 3000 Students**

**Policy No. 3510
Procedure 2**

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This Student Code of Conduct is reviewed as part of the Register My Athlete process through the Utah High School Activities Association and **as part of the orientation process for extracurricular and co-curricular activities**. Both students and parents review this code of conduct. As part of Provo City School District’s procedure, this code of conduct is also reviewed by the coach, **advisor** and/or Athletic Director with parents and athletes at the season’s first parent meeting.

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I, _____, have read and understand the Provo City School District “Student Activity Code of Conduct”. I agree to abide by all requirements of this code.

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Participation in competitive athletics, student government, and other extracurricular activities confer important educational and lifetime benefits upon students. However, there is no constitutional or legally protected right to participate in these types of extracurricular activities. Students who participate in extracurricular activities become role models for others in the school and community. These students often play major roles in establishing standards of acceptable behavior in the school and community, and establishing and maintaining the reputation of the school and the level of community confidence and support afforded to the school. Accordingly, students involved in extracurricular activities must comply with school and District policies, team and organization rules, and applicable local, state, and federal laws in regards to their conduct and behavior.

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Academic Eligibility

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To be eligible to participate a student:

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1. Must be a full-time student. The minimum requirements of a full-time student requires enrollment in at least four credit bearing classes. A senior may be enrolled in fewer than four credit bearing classes as long as they are on track to graduate;
2. Cannot fail more than one subject in the preceding grading period;
3. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 based on a 4.0 scale in the

- 1 preceding grading period;
- 2 4. Incompletes (I), no grades (NG), and no credits (NC) are considered failures and must
- 3 be factored into the GPA until made up. Once made up, the GPA must be recalculated
- 4 with the new grade replacing the deficiency;
- 5 5. A recalculation of the GPA would also be done if deficiencies were replaced during the
- 6 summer grading period;
- 7 6. To replace the deficiency obtained during the final grading period, the new grade must
- 8 be earned in the same subject area and must come from a summer program that has
- 9 been approved by the Provo City School District;
- 10 7. Incoming 9th grade students are accountable to the requirements of #1 above **but do not**
- 11 **need to meet academic eligibility requirements based on the fourth quarter of their eighth**
- 12 **grade year.**
- 13 8. Transferring students are accountable to the requirements of #1 and #2 **and #3** listed
- 14 above; and
- 15 9. Students who are scholastically ineligible for a grading period cannot represent their
- 16 school.
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18 **Student Disciplinary Sanctions**

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20 **1. Drugs and Alcohol:**

- 21 a. First Offense – Suspension from two weeks of games, meets, matches,
- 22 competitions, or performances. Practice may be continued following a personal
- 23 assessment of the student by a licensed substance abuse intervention or
- 24 treatment program and/or participation in a district level approved intervention
- 25 program.
- 26 b. Second Offense – Suspension from six weeks of games, meets, matches,
- 27 competitions, or performances. Student participation in an assessment by a
- 28 licensed substance intervention or treatment program with prescribed follow-up is
- 29 required. Practice may continue only after the assessment has been completed
- 30 and positive participation in the prescribed follow-up is occurring.
- 31 c. Third Offense – Suspension from eighteen weeks of games, meets, matches,
- 32 competitions, performances, and practices. Reinstatement of eligibility at the end
- 33 of the eighteen-week suspension is predicated upon successful completion of a
- 34 formal assessment intervention and treatment program.
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36 **2. Additional Drug and Alcohol Guidelines:**

- 37 a. Violations carry over year-to-year and sport/activity to sport/activity in a
- 38 participant's career (there is no "fresh start" each school year);
- 39 b. Violations must occur and be discovered during a sport/activity season;
- 40 c. Any penalties for violation follow the student to any school to which he/she
- 41 transfers;
- 42 d. Any violation beyond the third offense carries the same penalty as the third
- 43 offense; and
- 44 e. The school district discipline screening committee can impose a greater
- 45 sanction than those described in each of the offenses if there are extenuating

1 circumstances.

2 **3. Tobacco Use/Possession/Sale/Distribution**

- 3 a. First Offense – Use, possession, sale, or distribution of tobacco or tobacco
4 products, in any form, is prohibited. The consequence for the first violation will
5 be suspension from all extra-curricular programs/athletic competitions for one
6 week.
7 b. Second Offense – The consequence for a second violation will be suspension
8 for two weeks.
9 c. Third Offense – The consequence for a third offense and beyond will be
10 determined by the school administration. The penalty will be determined based
11 on the seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the
12 remorse of the student, and any other relevant factors.

13 **4. Additional Tobacco Guidelines:**

- 14 a. Violations carry over year-to-year and sport/activity to sport/activity in a
15 participant's career (there is no "fresh start" each school year). Violations must
16 occur and be discovered during a sport/activity season;
17 b. Any penalties for violation follow the student to any school to which he/she
18 transfers; and
19 c. The school district discipline screening committee can impose a greater
20 sanction than those described in each of the offenses, if there are extenuating
21 circumstances.

22 **5. Violation of Team Rules and Regulations:** Coaches may establish reasonable rules
23 and regulations, subject to the approval of school administration, for behavior not
24 otherwise specified in the code of conduct. Coaches may determine reasonable
25 penalties for violations of team rules and regulations subject to review by school
26 administration.

27 **6. Attendance – Truancy:** Student attendance is critical to a student's success in the
28 classroom; much the same, attendance at practice is essential. Students involved in
29 extracurricular programs are expected to attend all of their classes on time and avoid
30 truancy.

- 31 a. Students who receive a truancy citation letter shall be suspended from
32 participation in extracurricular programs for one week for a first offense;
33 b. A second truancy citation letter during a student's high school enrollment shall
34 result in a two-week suspension; and
35 c. Subsequent truancy citations will result in additional suspensions; the
36 consequences will be determined by the school administration in
37 consultation with coaches and the athletic director.
38 d. Additional attendance requirements may be established by the Principal
39 and/or Coach.

40 **7. School Suspension:** Students who are suspended from school under either
41 school or school district policy are prohibited from participation in practices and
42 games, meets, matches, competitions, or performances during the length of the
43 suspension.

44 **8. Academic Fraud:** Students who admit to and/or who are caught cheating in their
45 classes will be subject to disciplinary action. The impact on participation in
46 extracurricular programs will be determined by school administration in consultation

1 with the classroom teacher in whose class the cheating occurred and the
2 coach/advisor over the program the student is participating in, but shall in no case be
3 less than a one-week removal from participation.

4 **9. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Unsportsmanlike conduct and other unacceptable
5 behaviors not specifically covered in this code of conduct, but which are contrary to
6 the spirit of being a role model to others, are subject to an appropriate penalty at
7 the discretion of the school administration, taking into consideration the
8 seriousness of the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, the remorse
9 of the athlete, and any other relevant factors.

10 **10. Unlawful Behavior:** If a student has committed an unlawful or delinquent act as
11 defined by Utah State Code, regardless of where or when the unlawful or delinquent
12 act occurred, an appropriate penalty will be determined based on the seriousness of
13 the offense, any harm or injury to person or property, and any other relevant factors,
14 such as previous acts of misconduct. In all such cases school administration reserves
15 the right to suspend a student's extracurricular privileges until all charges have been
16 resolved with the courts. The school administration also reserves the right to suspend
17 extracurricular privileges once the court has rendered a guilty verdict, the student has
18 plead guilty or no contest, or a disposition through a settlement is reached. *(Please*
19 *note that specific consequences for Drug/Alcohol and Tobacco infractions are*
20 *detailed in an earlier portion of this document.)*

21 **11. New Enrollees/Transfer Students:** New enrollees, including transfer students with prior
22 violations at other schools will be considered to have violated the Provo Student Code of
23 Conduct, and therefore, will be subject to applicable consequences for any additional
24 violations as provided in this Code of Conduct.

25 **12. Grievance Procedure Guidelines:** If a student or parent(s)/guardian(s) have a
26 grievance based on an outcome of the Provo City School District Code of Conduct, the
27 following procedures are to be followed:

- 28 a. Request a meeting with the person who gave a consequence;
- 29 b. If not resolved, request a meeting with the school assistant principal over
30 athletics and activities;
- 31 c. If not resolved, request a hearing with the Extra-Curricular Participation Review
32 Board. This Board will consist of the following individuals: School Athletic
33 Director, School Principal, Director of Student Services and Assistant
34 Superintendent of Secondary Education for Provo City Schools. The decision of
35 this board is final and exhausts all grievance processes.
- 36 d. Note: The Grievance Procedure Guidelines do not apply for outcomes that are
37 given by the Provo City School District Discipline Screening Committee. A
38 separate appeal process is available for this level of student discipline.

40 **Utah High School Activities Association Handbook**

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42 For matters that are not defined above, the Utah High School Activities Handbook will be used
43 to help determine appropriate outcomes.

44 **Consent:**

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1 Parents and students will consent to abide by the rules and guidelines of this document and the
2 rules and guidelines established in Register My Athlete.

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