



Valley Middle School



Valley School District Athletics



Paideia High School

ATHLETIC CODE

The opportunity to participate in an interscholastic athletic program is a privilege granted to all students of the district. Participants in this elective program are expected to conform to specific conduct and academic standards established by the principals, athletic director, coaches, and school and district policies.

The rules of conduct, described in the following sections, will be applicable during a sports season. A student who is found to be in violation of any rules is subject to removal from the team or program. A student who has allegedly violated one or more of the conduct rules may appeal a disciplinary action as specified in section 3 of Procedure 2151P1-Interscholastic Activities.

Academic Standing

Student athletes must meet any academic progress requirements set forth by the school to be eligible for participation in an interscholastic activity.

Use and/or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco

An athlete who is found to be using or in possession of alcohol or tobacco products as described in district policies 4215-Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices and 5201-Drug-Free Schools, Community and Workplace will be subject to discipline in accordance with school policy and may not participate in team practices or contests for one (1) to three (3) weeks (first offense). If the student violates the rule twice during the sports season, he/she will be dropped from the team for the season.

Use, Possession and/or Solicitation of Controlled Substances or Legend Drugs

An athlete who is found to be using, in possession of, or soliciting controlled substances (including marijuana/cannabis) or legend drugs (drugs obtained through prescription) will be removed from the team for the balance of the sports season. Eligibility for future participation will be in accordance with WIAA rules, as applicable.

Physical Appearance

An athlete will maintain the dress and grooming standards of the team and the school. The first offense will result in a verbal warning. Repeated offenses will result in removal from the activity until standards are met on approval of the coach.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

An athlete will exhibit appropriate conduct in practices and/or contests. The first offense will result in a verbal warning. Repeated offenses will result in removal from the activity for two (2) to five (5) school days, at the discretion of the coach.

Attendance at School

If an athlete receives an unexcused absence for any portion of the day, the athlete will be ineligible to participate in the activity/contest on that day.

Absence from Practice

An athlete is expected to be in attendance at all team practices unless excused for illness or by prior approval. Repeated absences from practice will result in ineligibility for participation in future contests and/or removal from the team.

Violation of Law on School Grounds

When a student is found guilty of an offense committed while on school grounds or at a school activity, the corrective action will be appropriate to the nature of the violation in accordance with district discipline policies and procedures.

Repeated Offenses

If a student repeatedly violates one of the above rules, he/she may be removed from the team for the remainder of the sports season.