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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. 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 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 preceding grading period;

- 41 4. Incompletes (I), no grades (NG), and no credits (NC) are considered failures and must  
42 be factored into the GPA until made up. Once made up, the GPA must be recalculated  
43 with the new grade replacing the deficiency;
- 44 5. A recalculation of the GPA would also be done if deficiencies were replaced during the  
45 summer grading period;
- 46 6. To replace the deficiency obtained during the final grading period, the new grade must  
47 be earned in the same subject area and must come from a summer program that has  
48 been approved by the Provo City School District;
- 49 7. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are accountable to the requirements of #1 above **but do not**  
50 **need to meet academic eligibility requirements based on the fourth quarter of their eighth**  
51 **grade year.**
- 52 8. Transferring students are accountable to the requirements of #1 and #2 **and #3** listed  
53 above; and
- 54 9. Students who are scholastically ineligible for a grading period cannot represent their  
55 school.  
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## 57 **Student Disciplinary Sanctions**

### 58 **1. Drugs and Alcohol:**

- 59 a. First Offense – Suspension from two weeks of games, meets, matches,  
60 competitions, or performances. Practice may be continued following a personal  
61 assessment of the student by a licensed substance abuse intervention or  
62 treatment program and/or participation in a district level approved intervention  
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- 65 b. Second Offense – Suspension from six weeks of games, meets, matches,  
66 competitions, or performances. Student participation in an assessment by a  
67 licensed substance intervention or treatment program with prescribed follow-up is  
68 required. Practice may continue only after the assessment has been completed  
69 and positive participation in the prescribed follow-up is occurring.
- 70 c. Third Offense – Suspension from eighteen weeks of games, meets, matches,  
71 competitions, performances, and practices. Reinstatement of eligibility at the end  
72 of the eighteen-week suspension is predicated upon successful completion of a  
73 formal assessment intervention and treatment program.  
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### 75 **2. Additional Drug and Alcohol Guidelines:**

- 76 a. Violations carry over year-to-year and sport/activity to sport/activity in a  
77 participant's career (there is no "fresh start" each school year);
- 78 b. Violations must occur and be discovered during a sport/activity season;
- 79 c. Any penalties for violation follow the student to any school to which he/she  
80 transfers;
- 81 d. Any violation beyond the third offense carries the same penalty as the third  
82 offense; and
- 83 e. The school district discipline screening committee can impose a greater  
84 sanction than those described in each of the offenses if there are extenuating  
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**3. Tobacco Use/Possession/Sale/Distribution**

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

**4. Additional Tobacco Guidelines:**

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

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

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

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

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

**8. Academic Fraud:** Students who admit to and/or who are caught cheating in their classes will be subject to disciplinary action. The impact on participation in extracurricular programs will be determined by school administration in consultation with the classroom teacher in whose class the cheating occurred and the

132 coach/advisor over the program the student is participating in, but shall in no case be  
133 less than a one-week removal from participation.

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

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

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

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

- 158 a. Request a meeting with the person who gave a consequence;
- 159 b. If not resolved, request a meeting with the school assistant principal over  
160 athletics and activities;
- 161 c. If not resolved, request a hearing with the Extra-Curricular Participation Review  
162 Board. This Board will consist of the following individuals: School Athletic  
163 Director, School Principal, Director of Student Services and Assistant  
164 Superintendent of Secondary Education for Provo City Schools. The decision of  
165 this board is final and exhausts all grievance processes.
- 166 d. Note: The Grievance Procedure Guidelines do not apply for outcomes that are  
167 given by the Provo City School District Discipline Screening Committee. A  
168 separate appeal process is available for this level of student discipline.

## 169 170 **Utah High School Activities Association Handbook**

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

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175 **Consent:**  
176 Parents and students will consent to abide by the rules and guidelines of this document and the

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