

## Golden Valley Unified School District

### Code of Ethics

Please read carefully and sign below.

The following Code of Ethics applies to all students who represent Liberty High School in any extra/co-curricular program. The student will be asked to make this commitment prior to the start of the season /activity, and abide by its conditions for **one calendar year from the signing date during the Season of Sport/Season of Activity. Violations that occur outside the Season of Sport/Season of Activity (including summer) will be referred to the Code of Ethics Hearing Panel on a case-by-case basis. Upon the findings of the Hearing Panel regarding violations that occur outside the Season of Sport/Season of Activity (including summer), Code of Ethics disciplinary actions may be enforced.** The code is a statement of responsibility and understanding for a student who freely chooses to represent the school.

**Student/ Parent Commitment:** We, the student and parent or guardian of the student, understand that the Student will abide by the GVUSD Code of Ethics. We also understand that by signing the Code of Ethics he/she will follow the stated rules from the date signed. The student is also subject to the school rules at school or at a school-related activity.

**Appearance:** Each participating student of GVUSD has a responsibility to uphold the GVUSD dress code when at school and representing GVUSD at an extra/co-curricular event. An individual coach/advisor may set a stricter dress code policy, but may not be more lenient than the district dress code as stated in board policy. If the coach/advisor chooses to set a stricter policy, he/she will furnish that policy in writing to students/parents, with prior approval of the school site athletic/activities director.

**Attendance:** We understand regular attendance is expected of all our students, and habitual absenteeism will result in disciplinary action. A participating student must be in attendance the day of the performance (unless he/she has a doctor appointment or is excused by the school principal) or in school the day prior to the performance on a non-school day, to be eligible for participation.

**Athletic Academic Eligibility:** We understand the athletic academic eligibility requirements set forth by GVUSD:

- ◆ passing a minimum of four (4) subjects every grading period
- ◆ GPA Requirements- A student must earn at least a 2.0 grade point average in all enrolled classes for the prior grading period in order to participate in the current grading period. (Grades 7-12). A student who fails to achieve a 2.0 GPA will be placed on probation for one grading period. A student who does not achieve at least a 2.0 GPA during the probationary period will be ineligible for the subsequent grading period.
- ◆ Progress Toward Graduation Requirements- The following number of accumulated units towards graduation will be standard for minimum achievement. A student who does not accumulate the required number of units will be placed on probation for the current semester. Athletes who fail to achieve the necessary number of units by the end of the probationary period will not be allowed to participate.

**Sophomore (Grade10) 50 units**

**Junior (Grade 11) 100 units**

**Senior (Grade 12) 150 units**

**Athletic Clearance:** We agree to provide the correct information on the following forms requested:

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| ◆ Provide a signed informed consent for Football                              | ◆ Provide results of annual physical exam |
| ◆ Date of Birth of Student  | ◆ Provide a signed Informed Consent form  |
| ◆ Provide a signed Residence Questionnaire                                    | ◆ Provide a signed CIF Code of Ethics     |
| ◆ Provide a signed Dress Code, if coach uses a stricter dress code than GVUSD | ◆ Provide a signed GVUSD Code of Ethics   |
|   | ◆ Pay Athletic Transportation Fee         |

**Behavior:** The students, in representing themselves, their parents, school and community, are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. **Examples of conduct that are is not acceptable include, but are not limited to the following:**

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| ◆ Violation of Law in Community  | ◆ Use of Weapon                                  | ◆ Possession or Use of Tobacco  |
| ◆ Hazing/Intimidation/Harassment | ◆ Hate Motivated Behavior                        | ◆ Fighting  |
| ◆ Battery                        | ◆ Vandalism/Property Damage                      | ◆ Theft   |
| ◆ Weapons Violations             | ◆ Sale/Possession or Use of Controlled Substance | ◆ Attendance at a party/activity where alcohol or other controlled substances are illegally used. |

**We believe that extra-curricular activities, including athletics, should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. We also believe that the highest potential of activities is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship (the “Six Pillars of Character”).**

**This Code applies to all students involved in extra/co-curricular activities, including athletics.**

**TRUSTWORTHINESS**

*Trustworthiness:* be worthy of trust in all you do.  
*Integrity:* live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor; do what’s right even when it’s unpopular or personally costly.  
*Honesty:* live and compete honorably; don’t lie, cheat, steal, violate the laws of the community or engage in any other dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.  
*Reliability:* fulfill commitments; do what you say you will do; be on time to practices and events.  
*Loyalty:* be loyal to your school and team; put the team above personal glory.

**RESPECT**

*Respect:* treat all people and school or private property with respect at all times and require the same of fellow students.  
*Class:* live and play with class, be a good sport, be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, help up fallen opponents, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-event/game rituals.  
*Disrespectful Conduct:* don’t engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, hate motivated behavior, vandalism of property, boastful celebrations, gang related activity, sexual harassment, threat or intimidation of a student or group of students, hazing of any student or other actions that demean individuals or the activity.  
*Respect Officials/Supervisors:* treat contest officials with respect; don’t complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event. Treat supervisors with respect at all times.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

*Importance of Education:* be a student first and commit to attending school on a regular basis without truancy problems and to earning your degree and getting the best education you can. Be honest with yourself about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level and remember that many universities will not recruit students that do not have a serious commitment to their education the ability to succeed academically or the character to represent their institution honorably.  
*Role-Modeling:* Remember, participation in an extra/co-curricular activity, including a sport, is a privilege, not a right, and that you are expected to represent your school, coach/advisor and team/classmates with honor, on and off the field. Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model.

*Self-Control:* Exercise self-control; don’t fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration and don’t possess any type of weapon or use a weapon; have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.  
*Healthy Lifestyle:* safeguard your health; don’t use any illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco and drugs; don’t sell or furnish any controlled substance; don’t engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight; don’t attend a party or activity where alcohol or other controlled substance are being *illegally* used.  
*Integrity of the Game:* protect the integrity of the game; don’t gamble or associate with or deal with professional gamblers.  
*Sexual Conduct:* sexual or romantic contact of any sort between students and coaches/advisors is improper and strictly forbidden. Report misconduct to proper authorities. The possession(s) for sale of pornographic materials is improper and strictly forbidden.

**FAIRNESS**

*Be Fair:* live up to high standards of fair play; be open-minded; always be willing to listen and learn.

**CARING**

*Concern for Others:* demonstrate concern for others; never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to yourself or others  
*Teammates:* help promote the well-being of team/classmates by positive counseling and encouragement or by reporting any unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches.

**CITIZENSHIP**

*Play by the Rules:* maintain a thorough knowledge of and abide by all applicable game and competition rules.  
*Spirit of rules:* honor the spirit and the letter of rules; avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship techniques that violate the highest traditions of sportsmanship.  
*Integrity:* refuse any solicitation by a District staff member or any representative of the District’s interests for the purpose of securing enrollment and ultimate participation in the District’s programs; reject any undue influence in the inducement for enrollment, transfer to, or to remain in, the District for purposes of participation in District extra-curricular or athletic programs; refuse any direct or indirect offer of a salary, gratuity, education expenses, excessive or improper expenses, awards, benefits, cash or the equivalent thereof for participation in the District’s programs.

**I have read and understand the requirements of this GVUSD Code of Ethics. I have read, understand and acknowledge that I may be disciplined or removed from a team/activity if I violate any of its provisions.**

**We agree to abide by the policies and related consequences while participating in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.**

**Signature Student** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature Parent** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_