

Personal Code of Ethics for Parents, Family Members and their Guest (Athletics)

The essential elements of ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship using several core principles which include: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of an athletic program is achieved when all parties involved reflect these principals. Parents and other spectators should always provide positive support, for their child, all players, coaches, officials, school administrators and the athletic program itself by demonstrating encouragement, good sportsmanship and support at every game, practice or other athletic activity or event. Parents shall treat all players, cheerleaders, coaches, fans, officials and school administrators with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability. Furthermore they must respect the officials, coaches and school administrators' authority and directions during games.

Parents and other spectators will refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products at all times during any athletic activity or event, home or away. Parents, family members (and their guests) should not engage in any kind of negative conduct with the officials, coaches, opposing players or other parents such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures. Parents must not discuss, question or confront the coaches concerning actions or decisions made; before, during or after any game or practice. Parents who wish to speak with coaches must schedule a meeting through the Site Principal. The Athletic Department, School Administrators and Coaches will always try to be receptive to parental input, questions and concerns.

The Advantage Academy Athletic Department asks that all parents, family members and their guest abide by the following:

- Respect the playing of the game, appreciate and enjoy the effort of the participants.
- Recognize the officials as persons of integrity and qualification and respect their decisions accordingly.
- Refrain from creating disturbances that would be detrimental to the flow of the game and/or the safety of the participants involved.
- Respect all players, coaches and officials, regardless of team loyalty (essential for raising the standards of good sportsmanship).
- Follow all directives from school administrators, crowd control personnel and local law enforcement officials.
- Be a positive role model and supporter by encouraging the positive aspects of the sport or play. (Refrain from sideline coaching or officiating).
- Maintain a distance from players and coaches during games and contests. (team benches are for the use of team members only.)
- Refrain from the use of name calling, harassment (including sexual) or badgering.
- Provide support for the School, Site Administrators, Coaches, Officials and your child.
- Demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sports environment by example and by assisting in its enforcement by notifying school administrators of its use.
- Refrain from providing food or drink to players during games and contests.

Parents should read and understand all Advantage Academy policies, procedures, rules and the district handbooks as they pertain to student and parent responsibilities. Parents should also read all provided UIL and TEA INFORMATION that pertain to athletics and the athlete. Parents are asked to support and assist the schools coaches and administrators with implementation and the enforcement of all required aspects of league and district athletics. Parents can demonstrate their commitment to the school and its athletic program by participating and volunteering when and where they can.

As a caring responsible parent/guardian of an Advantage Academy student-athlete, I will:

- 1) Remember that participation in sports should be fun and that the game is for the players, not the adults.
- 2) Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- 3) Praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- 4) Make my child feel like a winner regardless.
- 5) Never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 6) Not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health, safety or welfare of my child or others in attendance.
- 7) Teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 8) Emphasize skill development and the importance of practice along with their benefits and communicate such to my child.
- 9) Demand that my child treat others with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 10) Abide by all school district policies and procedures.
- 11) Learn the rules of the game, the policies of the school and league regulations (UIL).
- 12) Promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 13) Refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and/or practices.
- 14) Inform the coach of any physical or health issues or concerns that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- 15) Demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Advantage Academy parents are subject to the school's "Parental Guidelines" and are hereby reminded that failure to abide by those guidelines and all other provided behavioral information that are health, safety and welfare related, if violated may cause the school district to enforce its established parental behavior policy with violation notice and consequences as follows:

1st violation: 30 Day Suspension

2nd violation: Additional 60 Day Suspension

3rd violation: Additional 90 Day Suspension

Official violation forms and all supporting documentation including witness statements will be kept on file by the school district.

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As a parent, I understand my responsibilities as they relate to good sportsmanship and to my athlete in the Advantage Academy athletic program. I pledge my commitment to uphold conduct standards as communicated or required by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and the school’s Athletic Department. I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the Advantage Academy Personal Code of Ethics for Parents, Family Members and their Guest (Athletics) with respect to all material as outlined, stated or implied. I further understand that failure to comply with the guidelines outlined by this document and other related health, safety and welfare material will result in my suspension from my child’s athletic activities and events, including suspension from all campus related visits.

My signature below indicates my commitment and acknowledgement.

Parent/Guardian Printed name _____

Parent/Guardian of _____

Campus _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Please complete and return this page to the Athletic Department