

## ***EACS – ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT***

Participation in athletic (sports and cheerleading) activities, under both Indiana school law and EACS board policy, is a privilege and not a right. Participation in such activities is dependent upon the student-athlete conducting himself or herself in a manner that does not discredit the East Allen County School Corporation or any of its individual schools and does not disrupt the activity or any educational function.

Participation in sports and/or cheerleading is also dependent upon compliance with all applicable regulations applying to conduct both in and out of school (Indiana High School Athletic Association Rule 8, Section 1) that may reflect, discredit or create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment in the school and that apply to academic eligibility (Indiana High School Athletic Association Rule 18, Section 1). Also, the EACS Core Behavioral Expectations apply both on and off school grounds for athletes and/or cheerleaders. Each student-athlete must sign the EACS Athletic Code of Conduct Contract to be eligible to participate. (The Athletic Code of Conduct does not apply to club sports and any punishment imposed concerning a student's club sport participation will not count toward restoration of eligibility for non-club sports or cheerleading) The school administration and/or individual coaches may have team rules relating to participation other than the rules provided herein so long as such team rules are not inconsistent with the EACS Athletic Code of Conduct.

The school's principal, or his/her designee will be responsible for investigating alleged violations of the EACS Athletic Code of Conduct and determining if a violation has occurred. A suspension out of school does not automatically warrant a Code violation, however, a student-athlete cannot participate during the term of any suspension. (Games missed during the term of suspension may count as part of a 1/3 sports season penalty.) The following progressive penalties apply for violations of the EACS Athletic Code of Conduct.

**A. FIRST OFFENSE:**

The student will be suspended from participation for one-third (1/3) of the sports season if the student is participating in athletics at the time the violation is adjudicated. If less than one-third (1/3) of that sports season remains, or the violation is adjudicated between seasons in which the student participates, the penalty will be extended into the next season in which the student participates for the equivalent remaining percentage of that next season until the total suspension equals the required one-third (1/3) season suspension.

**B. SECOND OFFENSE**

If the violation is adjudicated during a sports season in which the student participates, the student will be suspended for the remainder of that sports season and the next sports season in which the student participates in athletics. If the violation is adjudicated outside the sports season in which the student participates, the student will be suspended for the next sports season in which the student does participate.

**C. THIRD OFFENSE:**

The student will be suspended from participation in all sports for one (1) calendar year beginning with the date the violation is adjudicated.

**D. FOURTH OFFENSE;**

The student will be suspended from all further participation in sports.

**Appeal Procedure:**

A student may appeal the decision of the school principal or his/her designee to the school's athletic council. The school's athletic council, at its discretion, may modify the penalty imposed. The determination of the school's athletic council, as approved by the building principal, is final and binding and no further school appeals are allowed.

School \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the EACS "Athletic Code of Conduct" as it pertains to the EACS athletic program, and the "Core Behavioral Expectations" contained within the EACS Guide to Parents and Students (Student Conduct Code C. Sections 1-10). In addition, I understand this Code of Conduct remains in effect for the entire length of time a student-athlete is eligible for Indiana High School Athletic Association participation at the above named school.

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{printed student name}

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{printed parent name}

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{student signature}

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
{parent signature}

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and return the white copy to your school's athletic office. Retain the yellow copy for your records