

### *Philosophy Of Athletic Conduct*

Athlete is defined as any student participating on a school recognized athletic team, and/or any student representing the school as a cheerleader.

The Anthony Wayne teachers, coaches and administrators are proud the athletic program that we offer our students. We are glad you have decided to be a part of our program. The coaching staff and student athlete will strive for athletic excellence on the field of play as well as academic excellence in the classroom.

The following tenets serve as philosophy of participation in athletics at Anthony Wayne:

- It is an honor and privilege to represent Anthony Wayne as a participant in interscholastic athletics. It is in no way a vested right of any student
- Athletes are expected by society to be responsible and self-disciplined. It is consistent with the definition of athletic endeavor that they be so.
- Athletes serve as representatives of the school district and community to thousands of people. This also denotes an expectation of superior behavior and self-discipline.
- Self-image, character, and social skills can be enhanced on a personal level through participation in athletics.
- The athlete will be a role model, especially for younger children.
- Athletes should be aware of peer pressure and their ability to serve as "positive peers."

### *Conduct of Athletes*

All school rules and penalties are applicable to student athletes at all school-sponsored events, both home and away. Athletes are also subject to the standard punishments in the Anthony Wayne Student Conduct Code and may not participate in any sport practice or contest or travel with the team while serving a school suspension.

Athletes may be denied participation for all or part of the season for general misconduct and/or violations of the student conduct code. During an investigation of such violations, the athlete will continue to attend all practices and contests. It must also be noted that during the period of denial of participation other members of the team may have earned the athlete's playing position on the team and immediate re-entry into the lineup cannot be guaranteed.

Student athletes are subject to the Anthony Wayne Student Code of Conduct during attendance or participation in an interscholastic contest. This would include: insubordination, fighting, theft, vandalism, etc.

### *Reporting Procedures*

An infraction must be observed and/or reported by a teacher, coach, chaperone, school administrator, school board member, member of any law enforcement agency, a person of authority, the parents of the athlete in violation or become valid by a statement of admission from the student athlete.

The Athletic Director would be responsible for confirming the violation of the athletic code of conduct and accepting all reports of all athletic code violations.

### *Athletic Code Violations*

The following may constitute violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct:

1. Any conduct by a student athlete, which would otherwise be a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
2. Any conduct by a participant which may be deemed to be both of a serious nature, and a violation of state, local, or federal criminal or juvenile law.
3. Consumption, possession, use, purchase, sale, concealment, or transmission of alcohol, any controlled substance, inhalant, paraphernalia, intoxicant, non-prescription drug, counterfeit drug or any illegal drug and tobacco products.

4. By an admission of violation by the student or his/her parents
5. When a student brings discredit to himself/herself or the school (including but not limited to being at an underage party where drugs/alcohol are present, vandalism, fighting, theft, hazing...).

### *Penalties For Violations Of The Athletic Code Of Conduct*

#### First Violation:

The student will be denied participation in fifty percent (50%) of the total scheduled regular contests. Participation will be withheld starting with the next scheduled contest after the violation. The athlete will continue to practice but will not be allowed to dress in uniform for contests during his/her denial of participation. The percentage of the denial of participation will be carried over to the next season of participation and served at the beginning of that sport's season.

The athlete must attend a professional assessment and successfully complete the assessment program in order to participate in the remaining contests or next sport season of that year. No athlete under a carry-over denial of participation will be allowed to tryout for the next sport until the first meeting of this assessment has taken place.

#### Second Violation:

The student shall not participate in any athletic activity for one calendar year. A second violation occurs any time in a participant's career after a first violation. Junior High (grades 7-8) and High School (grades 9-12) are considered separate careers. A student who is denied participation for a second violation under this Code of Conduct shall not be permitted to participate in practice, attend any post-season banquets, or receive any awards.

#### Third Violation:

The student will be denied participation for the remainder of the participant's eligibility at the Junior High or High School.

#### *Due Process*

While a student has a legal right to attend school, the courts have held that the same right does not extend to participating in athletics. As a result, when a student elects to participate in a co-curricular activity, he/she is agreeing to abide by the standards of conduct established for that activity. Therefore, it is vitally important for both the student and the student's parents to carefully review the expected standards of conduct established in an athletic code or any special rules established by the coach/sponsor for the given activity. And, if for whatever reason the student feels that he/she cannot abide by such, then the student should not elect to engage in the activity.

Students alleged to be in violation of the Athletic Code will be afforded due process of law within the athletic department.

An appeal of the Athletic Director's decision can be made with a request for review to the Principal within five days of the initial decision. The Principal shall review all pertinent information and communicate the decision in writing within ten days of receipt of the request for review. During a first offense violation appeal, the student will be able to practice but not participate in a contest. In the case of a second violation, the student will not be allowed to participate in practice or contests during the appeal process. It is important to remember that when a student-athlete chooses to violate an activity's rule, it is the athlete who has violated his/her own oath of participation.