

## BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL / WCPSS ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in any athletic activity is an important part of the educational experience in the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). The WCPSS athletic program is an integral part of education that will provide meaningful activities that promote learning and strive for students to excel in the development of life skills, a healthy lifestyle, sportsmanship, and citizenship. As role models for their peers and younger students, students who participate in athletic activities (student-athletes) are held accountable for their actions at a higher standard than other students. Because of the public nature of the athletic programs sponsored by WCPSS, student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect the high standards and ideals of their school and community. The student-athlete becomes subject to this Code of Conduct upon the student's signature and date on his/her WCPSS High Schools Athletic Participation Form and continues until graduation from high school. Student-athletes are subject to this code at all times during the calendar year, including summer months, whether on or off campus. For summer month violations, any discipline or punishment imposed would go into effect at the next scheduled athletic activity by the student athlete. This Code of Conduct is, in addition to, any specific team/activity rules or regulations established by the individual programs.

### \*1. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The possession, use, distribution and/or sale of illegal or counterfeit drugs/alcohol, including possession of paraphernalia for ingestion of such substances by participating students is not acceptable and prohibited. If school officials receive credible evidence, such as a police report or criminal charges related to a drug or alcohol offense, or have a reasonable suspicion that a violation under this section has occurred, the school officials will investigate. If after investigation of the charges, school officials determine that the participating student committed the violation, he/she shall be subject to disciplinary action as outlined below.

Every effort will be made by the school and individual activity programs to make participating students aware of the detrimental effects of drugs and alcohol. Students and/or parents of students suspended under this section will receive information regarding counseling (refer to 6410 R & P). Any participating student found in violation of this offense at any time while on any school premises, including activity buses or other school-approved transportation, will be suspended from further participation according to the WCPSS Student Code of Conduct (Board Policy 6410). All offenses occurring off campus will be determined as specified below:

**First Offense:** The principal will suspend the student-athlete for the remainder of that sports season from all athletic activities (practices and contests). The suspension must be for the remainder of that sport season, and must last a minimum of 45 school days. Note: The suspension will carry over into the next sports season if at least 45 days have not been served.

**Second Offense:** The principal will suspend the student-athlete from all athletic activities for a period of 365 calendar days from the first day of the offense. To be allowed to participate again, the student athlete must have completed an approved WCPSS counseling program (refer to 6410 R & P).

**Third Offense:** The principal will suspend the student-athlete from all athletic activities for the *remainder of his/her high school career* in WCPSS.

### \*2. TOBACCO USE

Student-athletes found to have used tobacco while subject to this Code will be suspended from participation as outlined:

**First Offense:** The principal will suspend the student-athlete for a minimum of two weeks (10 school days) from all athletic activities. At the discretion of the head coach, the student athlete may practice with the team during this suspended time frame and be allowed to travel with the team. Also, at the head coach's discretion, the student athlete may be on the sideline or bench with the team *in appropriate attire*.

**Second Offense:** The student-athlete will be suspended for the remainder of that sports season from all athletic activities. The suspension must be for the remainder of that sport season, and must last a minimum of 45 school days. Note: The suspension will carry over into the next sports season if at least 45 days have not been served.

**Third Offense:** The principal will suspend the student-athlete from all athletic activities for the remainder of his/her high school career in WCPSS.

**\*NOTE: These rules are meant as minimum consequences. The principal, athletic director or coach has the discretion to increase the consequences as he/she feels is most beneficial to his/her athletic program or team.**

### 3. CRIMINAL CHARGES

A student-athlete charged with a criminal offense, misdemeanor or felony, other than a minor traffic offense, will be suspended from athletic activities until further review by the principal and athletic director. A student convicted of a felony offense will be immediately suspended from all athletic participation according to the NCHSAA policy. The student-athlete must inform his or her coach or appropriate staff of any criminal charges against them as soon as practicable, but no later than the student's next participation in any athletic activity. Failure to do so may result in further disciplinary action.

#### **4. SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS**

**In School:** A student-athlete serving a disciplinary in-school suspension for a full day or days will not participate in any athletic activity on the particular day(s) the student-athlete is serving the suspension.

**Out of School:** A student-athlete serving a short or long-term suspension for less than the remainder of the year will not participate in any athletic activity for that suspension period. A student-athlete serving a long-term suspension for the remainder of the school year, a 365-day suspension, or disciplinary assignment either with or without the option of attending the alternative school, will be suspended from all athletic activities for the period of the suspension.

#### **5. INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

A student-athlete who engages in any conduct or behavior, which is inconsistent with the student's position as a role model or representative of WCPSS, is subject to disciplinary action, including suspension as determined by the Principal. Coaches or school officials may also establish additional training regulations and rules of conduct. All student-athletes shall comply with Board Policy 6410 Code of Student Conduct.

#### **6. REVIEW PROCEDURE**

**i.** A student-athlete may request a review of the disciplinary action by providing written notice to the Superintendent or his designee within two (2) school days of the date of the Principal's notification to the student and/or parent. The notice shall state the reason for the review.

**ii.** The Superintendent, or his designee, will review the record of the disciplinary action and issue a decision within five (5) school days of receipt of the request for review. The Superintendent or his designee will inform the student and parent of the decision of whether to uphold, modify, or overturn the disciplinary action. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

**iii.** Any disciplinary action, including suspension from participation, will remain in effect during the review process.

**iv.** Failure by the student-athlete to adhere to appeal content requirements and timelines as set forth will result in immediate dismissal of the appeal.