

## Unity Middle School Activity Code

### **Section 1 – Statement of Purpose**

The Unity School District supports athletic activities programs for all interested students. The intent of the program is to promote organized competition, citizenship scholastic achievement, physical fitness, school spirit and pride, personal motivation, sportsmanship, student wellness, and the opportunity to develop long-term friendships.

### **Section 2 – Academic Requirements / Attendance**

All students will attend school the day of the activity of which they are participating in compliance with the Unity Attendance Policy.

Students that receive a 'D' for a quarter grade:

A student will be ineligible only until they complete the coursework necessary to change their grade to a 'C.'

Students that receive an 'I' for a quarter grade:

1. Student athletes and co-curricular participants are required to attend START until they have met the course requirements. When students have met the course requirements in START they may return to practice.

2. If the coursework is not completed within a week, the student will remain ineligible for 2 weeks (10 school days).

Students that have received an 'I' or 'D' in a course and have not met the requirements to change the grade to a 'C' will remain ineligible for the first 2 weeks (10 days) of the next athletic or co-curricular activity they choose to participate in.

### **Section 3 – Offenses**

#### A. *Offenses*

1. All forms of tobacco are prohibited.
2. All alcoholic beverages including non-alcoholic beer are prohibited.
3. All controlled substances and paraphernalia and look-alikes are prohibited.

4. Involvement in criminal activity.

5. Unsportsmanlike conduct. Any activity or behavior that does not represent Unity Middle School positively.

#### B. *Presence at Parties*

Any student who finds himself/herself at a party of a student gathering where alcohol or controlled substances are present must remove himself / herself from that situation immediately. Students who are proven to have not removed themselves will be penalized under *Disciplinary Procedures, Part A*.

### **Section 4 – Disciplinary Procedures**

#### A. *Presence Offense*

Suspension for one contest. Student will be allowed to practice with the team.

#### B. *First Offense*

Suspension from contests for three weeks (15 school days) of an athletic season. Student is allowed to practice with the team. If a student ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY upon investigation of an offense, he/she will have his/her suspension reduced to 10 school days upon successful completion of three Student Assistance Program (SAP) meetings.

#### C. *Second Offense*

Suspension from contests for four weeks (20 school days) of an athletic season. Student is allowed to practice with the team. Students who are suspended under the Second Offense must meet with a member of SAP five times to regain eligible. If these requirement are not met, the student remains ineligible indefinitely.

D. *Third Offense*

Suspension for one calendar year from the date of suspension. To regain eligibility, the student must undergo an evaluation from a chemical dependence center as arranged by the athletic director. All costs of the assessment and treatment are the responsibility of the student/parents. If these requirements are not met, the student remains ineligible indefinitely.

**Section 5 – Co-Curricular Activities**

A student participating in a co-curricular activity (theater, forensics, FFA, DI, etc.) is expected to meet all the requirements in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 of this code. A student in a co-curricular activity may have an individualized consequence based upon the length of the season, number of events, type and number of offenses, and nature of the activity. The disciplinary sanction will be determined by the middle school principal in consultation with the athletic director and co-curricular advisor.

**Section 6 - Appeals Process**

If the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) is/are not satisfied with the decision of the principal or athletic director, he/she may request an appearance before the Athletic Board. He/she must make the request in writing to the principal or athletic director within three (3) school days from the notification of the decision rendered by the principal or athletic director. If the student does not request appearance before the three (3) school days time limit, the appropriate penalty for that violation will be enforced.

**Section 7 – Transportation**

Students must ride to and from events with their team or activity group by the means of transportation provided by the school. The only exception will be if written arrangements are made between the parent and the advisor/coach.

**\*\*EFFECTIVE DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR\*\***