

CANTON I.S.D



ATHLETIC POLICY & GUIDELINE BOOKLET

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CANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in any athletic activity at Canton Independent School District is a privilege and is extended to all who wish to participate. Along with this privilege, all athletic participants must follow all rules set by the Canton ISD Athletic Department and the University Interscholastic League in order to participate.

ATHLETIC CODE

1. Athletes are students first and will strive to reach their potential academically as well as displaying excellent character and conduct within our schools and community.
2. Attendance is a must for athletes. They will attend academic classes as well as athletic practices and games. **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**
3. Athletes are representing Canton ISD and the community; therefore, good grooming standards will be met. Hair will be neat, clean, and of reasonable length. No facial hair is permitted. Canton ISD's dress code will be followed. The Head Coach of a sport with the approval of the Athletic Director may have higher standards of dress and grooming.
4. It is a UIL rule violation to wear any type of jewelry during a UIL contest. Therefore, this ruling will be practiced at all times during all athletic activities including practices, games, and leisure workouts within the facilities of Canton ISD. Male athletes shall not wear earrings while representing or attending any Canton ISD school activities.
5. Athletes will dress appropriately while representing Canton ISD. Proper attire will be worn during practice sessions, games, as well as traveling to or from other schools and tournaments.
6. Athletes will refrain from using profanity. It will not be tolerated.
7. Hazing of any type or form shall not be permitted. "Hazing" means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off campus directed against a student, by one person alone or acting with others, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members include other students.
8. Theft of any kind will not be tolerated.

9. Athletes will display good sportsmanship as they represent Canton ISD. They will show courtesy and respect for teammates, officials, opponents, spectators, coaches, parents, teachers, and community members.
10. Athletes are responsible for the equipment issued to them. They will be responsible for payment of items lost, damaged or not returned. All clothing and equipment issued to an athlete are the property of Canton ISD.
11. **Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco and Misdemeanors:** Canton ISD prohibits the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by students at school-related or school sanctioned activities on or off school property. Any student athlete cited for drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or a misdemeanor on or off school property shall adhere to the following after campus disciplinary action:
 - A. **First offense** – parent conference before returning to participate 3,200 yards of stride and slides.
 - B. **Second offense** – parent conference, suspension from any formal game athletic competitions for two (2) weeks- 6400 yards of stride and slides.

Misdemeanors – may be dismissed from athletics for one (1) school year.

- After the result of any offense, Athletes could be required to take a drug test if requested. This would be at the expense of the parent\guardian.

12. **In School Suspension** – An athlete cannot participate in games until ISS is completed. Disciplinary actions are at the discretion of the Head Coach and or the Athletic Director.
13. **DAEP** - An athlete cannot participate in practice or games until his or her time in DAEP has been completed. At least 1,600 yards of stride and slides must be completed prior to interschool competition.
14. **Participation in Multiple Sports** – All athletes are to be encouraged to participate in as many sports that they choose to participate in. Any athlete that chooses to no longer play in a sport may not begin participation in the next sport until the prior sport is completed. If an athlete no longer plays a sport with disciplinary action pending, the athlete must complete all punishment prior to reporting to any additional sporting activities.
15. **Travel** – All athletes will travel together by Canton ISD transportation. No athlete will be permitted to “go to” or “return home” from any event in his\her

personal transportation. Exceptions: Parent\Guardians may sign out their own child only with prior approval from AD or Head Coach.

16. **Participation in Off-Season** – Canton ISD students who participate in activities such as football, volleyball, and basketball must attend off-season workouts to be eligible to participate the following season. Extenuating circumstances will be revised by the Head Coach and AD.

STUDENT/ATHLETE INSURANCE

Canton ISD provides to all student/athletes a supplemental accident insurance policy. This policy is supplemental and may or may not cover all or any related personal athletic injury. Canton ISD does make available to all student/athletes an accident insurance policy that can be purchased at the beginning of the school year prior to athletic participation.

TECHNOLOGY/INTERNET/PHOTOGRAPHY/ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN RESTROOMS/DRESSING AREAS

Measures are taken on a daily basis to keep all obscene and inappropriate matter on the internet from students. Cell phone usage is not permitted by students on the elementary campus. Visitors can take pictures of students only during appropriate times such as school assemblies, programs, special events and other approved times. Students and visitors are prohibited from using any type of electronic video, take pictures or audio recordings in restrooms, or any area that students may be dressing. In most situations, this will be treated as a "Serious infraction". CISD Staff and technology members monitor students and websites to secure safety. Our technology coordinator is Stan Jontra at 903-567-4179.

SOCIAL MEDIA/NETWORK POLICY

Student /Athletes are highly visible representatives of Canton ISD and are expected to uphold the values and responsibilities of Canton ISD. Freedom of speech is not unlimited. On-line social network sites are NOT a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions.

***Any inappropriate activity can be grounds for disciplinary actions or dismissal from the Canton ISD athletic program. Sanctions for inappropriate activity are at the discretion of the Head Coach and or the Athletic Director.**

STUDENT DRUG SCREENING POLICY

Objective

1. Prevent injury, illness, and harm resulting from the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
2. Help enforce a safe and drug-free educational environment
3. Deter student use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
4. Educate students regarding the harm caused by the use of illegal and performance-enhancing drugs.
5. Offer students a credible means to resist peer pressure as it relates to the use of illegal drugs and performance-enhancing drugs.
6. Provide a resource for support and assistance to any student who may be using illegal drugs, or performance-enhancing.

Applicability – This policy will apply to all District students in grades 7th-12th, who participate in extracurricular activities or who request a permit to park on school property.

In addition to the random Drug Screening, a student may be required at any time to submit to a screening when the Campus Principal has a reasonable suspicion of a student engaged in using illegal substances.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) currently conducts random Steroid testing across the state. Any student that tests positive under the UIL screening will be subject to the same consequences of this policy.

Activities – Activities that are subject to Drug Screening including, but not limited to: Archery, Band, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Choir, Cross Country, FCCLA, FFA, Fishing, Flag Corp, Football, Golf, One Act Play, Powerlifting, Softball, Students with Campus Parking Permit, Student Council, Tennis, Track & Field, UIL Academic Contests, and Volleyball.

A student that tests positive will not be eligible for any of the activities, including parking during the consequence phase. (e.g., if a student is participating in a sport, they also lose the parking privilege.)

Consent – Before a student is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or to receive a parking permit, the student shall be required annually to sign a consent form agreeing to be subject to the rules and procedures of the drug screening program. If the student is under the age of 18, the student's parent or guardian shall also sign a consent form. If appropriate consent is not given, the student shall not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities or to receive a parking permit.

Questions concerning the Drug Screen Program may be addressed to the Campus Principal or Athletic Director.

Substances – Alcohol beverages, any harmful substance, any synthetic substance including herbal incense for the purpose of intoxication, narcotic drug, or other controlled

substance in any form, except as prescribed by a licensed physician for legitimate medical purposes and prescribed to the student.

Collection – The collection procedure must be administered by trained professional specimen collectors maintaining the personal privacy rights of the student. Collections shall be monitored by qualified collectors with due privacy in the school’s restroom facilities. If a specimen IS, in the opinion of the professional collector, adulterated, tainted, substituted or otherwise altered by the student prior to presenting it to the collector, the collection will then reflex to an observed collection. The observed collection shall be administered following D.O.T. Federally Regulated Collection Protocol and shall be administered by the trained and certified professional collector of the same sex as the donor.

Refusal to Submit – Any student who refuses to submit to a drug screening upon request shall be subjected to the same consequences as a Third Positive Screen. Failing to provide a specimen after 2 hours is also deemed a refusal.

Parental Notification – Parents will be notified when their child has had a screening that indicates traces of an illegal substance. There will be a mandatory meeting with the Parent, Student, Principal, Coach/Sponsor and Athletic Director to discuss the situation and develop a plan of action for the student. The student must submit to another drug screening at the next available screening within the district at the expense of the student.

Parents will be notified when their child has had a positive screening. There will be a mandatory meeting with the Parent, Student, Principal, Coach/Sponsor and Athletic Director to discuss the situation and consequences for the student.

Consequences for Positive Screenings

First Positive Screening:

1. A student who tests positive for the first time shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities and/or competitions and from parking on school property for a period of 90 school calendar days. However, the student must continue to participate in all practice sessions as determined by the sponsor or coach during the suspension. The student may not travel or be associated with any extracurricular activity during competitions.
2. A student who tests positive for the first time shall attend 4 mandatory substance abuse counseling sessions in a program approved by the district.
3. Following the 90 school calendar day suspension, the student shall submit to another drug test. This test must be negative prior to the student resuming participation in activity or parking. The cost of this test will be at the student’s expense.
4. A student testing positive, may reduce his or her 90 school day suspension by performing a required number of hours of community service. All community service hours must be pre-approved by the Campus Principal. Two hours will equate to a reduction of one day of suspension. The student must serve at least a 30 school day

suspension from competition.

Second Positive Screening:

1. A student who tests positive for the second time shall be suspended from all extracurricular activities and/or competitions and from parking on school property for a period of 365 days. The student shall not be allowed to participate in any aspect of the activity including practice, travel, competition, etc.
2. A student who tests positive for the second time shall attend 8 mandatory substance abuse counseling sessions in a program approved by the district.
3. Following the 365 suspension, the student shall submit to another drug test. This test must be negative prior to the student resuming participation in activity or parking. The cost of this test will be at the student's expense.
4. A student testing positive, may reduce his or her 365 school day suspension by performing a required number of hours of community service. All community service hours must be pre-approved by the Campus Principal. Two hours will equate to a reduction of one day of suspension. The student must serve at least a 180 school day suspension from competition.

Third Positive Screening:

1. A student who tests positive for the third time shall be not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity and will lose all parking privileges on school property for the remainder of the student's enrollment in the District.

Additional Screening – If at any time the student tests positive, the student will be screened each time there is a Drug Screening for one calendar year. If any of these screenings are positive, this will count as an additional Positive Screening.

Failure to Comply with Additional Requirements – If a student fails to comply with the counseling requirements, additional testing, or additional consequences this will be counted as an additional Positive Screening.

Coaches Discretion – The Head Coach or Sponsor of an activity will be given discretion on consequences, playing time, or dismissal from an individual activity.

CANTON ISD ATHLETIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RULES

Canton ISD athletes will be held accountable in all areas of responsibility. Any and all conduct procedures listed in this document will be initiated at the discretion of the Athletic Director and or the Head Coach. Other rules or procedures that are not listed in this booklet will also need to be followed. Failure to adhere to this athletic code will result in disciplinary action and could result in suspension or dismissal from athletics.

I have read the Canton ISD Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to comply with the rules set forth by the Canton ISD Athletic Department.

(Must be signed, dated and returned to Athletic Director's office prior to participating.)

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

**CANTON ISD
DRUG SCREENING POLICY
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

The District's Drug Screening Policy shall apply to high school students participating in co-curricular and extracurricular activities or who parks their vehicle on Canton ISD property any time during school hours or school activities.

I have received and read the Canton ISD Drug Screening Policy. I understand that this policy is part of the District's rules and that by signing this, I acknowledge that my child will adhere to the Drug Screening Policy that the District has in place.

Please read, sign, date, and return this form. Students shall not be allowed to participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities or park on Canton ISD property until this form is returned.

Print Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

ATHLETIC LETTERING POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

I. FOOTBALL

- A. Freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior football players must participate in at least 25% of the total number of quarters played for the current football season at the varsity level.
- B. A senior player who has participated in the football program at Canton High School for four consecutive years becomes eligible for a letter award. It will be to the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director to award these participants.
- C. In the event that the varsity team becomes district champions and enters the playoffs, all players who were varsity roster members from the beginning of the season will become eligible for a letter award. These members must be in good standing with the athletic department and has made a significant contribution to the program.

II. BASKETBALL

- A. Freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior basketball players must participate in at least 25% of the total number of quarters played for the current basketball season at the varsity level.
- B. A senior player who has participated in the basketball program at Canton High School for four consecutive years becomes eligible for a letter award. It will be to the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director to award these participants.
- C. In the event that the varsity team becomes district champions and enters the playoffs, all players who were varsity roster members from the beginning of the season will become eligible for a letter award. These members must be in good standing with the athletic department and has made a significant contribution to the program.

III. TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY

- A. Freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior runners must participate in varsity level meets and score 15 accumulative points for the competitive year or one point at the District Track Meet. Cross country participants must finish in the top ten at the district meet or compete in the varsity division of every varsity cross country meet during the season.
- B. A senior player who has participated in the track (or cross country) program at Canton High School for four consecutive years becomes eligible for a letter award. It will to the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director to award these participants.
- C. In the event that the varsity track (or cross country) team is declared district champions, all players who were varsity roster members from the beginning of the season will become eligible for a letter award. These members must be in good standing with the athletic department and has made a significant contribution to the program.

IV. TENNIS

- A. Freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior tennis players must represent Canton High School in at least 50% of all matches, tournaments, and outside competition at the varsity or senior division level. To be eligible for a letter award, tennis participants must represent Canton High School in District competition at the varsity division.
- B. A senior participant could become eligible for a letter award at the conclusion of his or her senior competitive season if they have participated in at least 50% or one-half of tournament play, or matches, excluding district competition. This participant should have participated for four consecutive years in the tennis program at the Canton H.S. and be in

good standing with the Athletic Department at the conclusion of their senior season. It will be to the discretion of the Head Coach and/or Athletic Director to award a letter under these circumstances.

- C. Any tennis participant, whether in singles or doubles competition, placing first or second in district competition automatically becomes eligible for a letter award.

V. BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

- A. Freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior baseball/softball player must participate in at least one-third of the total number of innings played in a total season. This is to include all players with the exception of reserve pitchers, catchers, and designated hitters if used. These participants must be shown to have entered into a game at least one time for one-third of the total number of games involved in the complete season.
- B. A senior player becomes eligible for a letter award if he/she has been a reserve player and has participated in the baseball/softball program for four consecutive years at Canton High School. The player must be in good standing with the Athletic Department at the conclusion of his/her senior season. Consideration for a letter award of this type will be to the discretion of the Head Coach and/or the Athletic Director.
- C. In the event that the varsity team becomes district champions and enters the playoffs, all players who were varsity roster members from the beginning of the season will become eligible for a letter award. These members must be in good standing with the athletic department and has made a significant contribution to the program.

VI. GOLF

- A. Freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior player must participate in at least 50% of the scheduled tournaments at the varsity level. The athlete must represent Canton High School as a varsity member at the district competition.
- B. A senior participant becomes eligible for consideration to receive a letter award at the conclusion of his or her senior season if they satisfy the following requirements:
 - 1. Participate for four consecutive years in H.S.
 - 2. Are in good standing with the Athletic department.
 - 3. Made a significant contribution to the golf program at Canton H.S.

VII. POWERLIFTING

- A. Place in at least one meet or qualify for regionals.
- B. All Power-lifters must participate in at least 50% of the scheduled meets to be eligible for a letter award.
- C. A freshman, sophomore, or junior power-lifter must qualify for regional's or lift for two years to qualify for a letter award.
- D. Since there is no "district" meet, all power-lifters must finish the year in good standing with the program. This would include lifting in the final regular season scheduled meet, unless he/she has approval from the coach to not attend.

VIII. ISSUING OF ATHLETIC LETTER JACKETS

No athletes will be able to order a letter jacket until the completion of the season they are participating. There will be no early orders for any type of letter jackets in Canton ISD.