

**Hawthorn Middle Schools
North and South
Code Of Conduct Guidelines**

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The Hawthorn Middle Schools recognize that all members of the student body are representatives of our schools. All students are encouraged to tryout and participate in athletics, student council, and other extracurricular activities because of the benefits derived from such participation. However, participation in these extracurricular activities exposes students to greater public examination and student participants are expected to bring credit to the Hawthorn Middle Schools. Therefore, it is the policy of the Hawthorn Middle Schools, that student participation in an extracurricular activity is a privilege, rather than a right. Students whose actions or conduct are determined to be less than acceptable to the image of either Hawthorn Middle Schools or its programs may be declared ineligible for participation in such activities. Specific expectations for student conduct will be shared with students by individual extracurricular activity sponsors. In all cases, when administering this policy, due process guidelines will be observed.

CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The Code of Conduct is cumulative, beginning at the time of the student's and parent's initial signature of the code and continuing throughout the student's entire middle school career. The policies in this code are in effect on or off campus throughout the entire calendar year, including weekends, school breaks, and summer. This code does not supersede District 73 school disciplinary policies.

Consequences for a violation of these conduct guidelines will occur as a result of direct observation by a School Official and/or result of the investigation by the School Administration or designee. Reports of infractions from non-school sources (e.g., parents, students, community members) will be acted upon by thorough investigation. The student and parent(s) will be informed of the investigation and given an opportunity to respond to the reported conduct violation (see Appeal Process below) prior to School Administration formulating a decision with respect to the student's eligibility for continued participation in extracurricular activities.

Students who sign the Hawthorn Middle School Code of Conduct shall:

- a) Refrain from the use, distribution, or possession of alcohol, tobacco or controlled substances and nonprescription drugs;
- b) Be considered in violation of this code after admission or conviction of breaking the law;
- c) Agree to abide by this code of conduct for the remainder of his/her middle school tenure. The student's privilege of participation in extra curricular activity will be withdrawn immediately pursuant to a meeting to discuss the alleged infraction. This meeting will include the student, school social worker, parents/guardians, coach/sponsor, athletic director, member of the administration, and other pertinent people involved with the alleged violation. Failure to attend the meeting will result in the suspension being served during the student's next activity.

INFRACTIONS

Consequences for inappropriate student behavior, whether participating extracurricular activities or not, are outlined in both the District 73 and Hawthorn Middle School School student handbooks. Infractions involving theft, unsportsmanlike behavior, vandalism, etc., will be handled through the Assistant Principal's office as outlined in these handbooks. The Code of Conduct will address infractions involving alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances in the following ways:

FIRST INFRACTION

- 10 days of coming to practice and games without participation
- If no games/meets occur during the 10 day period, student must not participate in 2 events.

If the student cannot carry out the full consequences of the infraction, the consequences will carry over to the next season or year, whichever precedes.

SECOND INFRACTION

- Suspension from all extracurricular activities for duration of the student's middle school career
- If the student and parent enroll in and successfully complete an accredited educational program dealing with the offense, the student can be reinstated in the extracurricular activity after serving one week (seven calendar days) suspension from participating with the team.

THIRD INFRACTION

- Suspension from all extra curricular activities for duration of the student's middle school tenure.

**Hawthorn Middle Schools
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Athletic Department**

Interscholastic Athletic Participation Certificate

SPORT: _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ Year In School: 5 6 7 8
Last First M.I.

ADDRESS: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY NUMBER/S: _____ CELL NUMBER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN NAME: (Father) _____ Work # _____

(Mother) _____ Work # _____

Date Of Last Medical Exam: _____

FAMILY PHYSICIAN: _____
Name Address Phone

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I. PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I have read and understand the School Eligibility Guidelines AND Code Of Conduct Guidelines and do hereby give my permission for the above named student to participate in the Hawthorn Middle School Interscholastic Athletic Program and to travel with the school representative on necessary school trips. It is understood that I or some other responsible adult will provide transportation from the Hawthorn Middle Schools to home after scheduled games and practices. It is further understood that the undersigned agrees to be responsible for safe return of all equipment issued by the school to the above named student. Failure to return such items will result in financial responsibility to replace lost/damaged item. I hereby certify that all information on this certificate is correct and valid.

DATE: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

II. INFORMED CONSENT/CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT

I realize and understand that there is a risk of being injured that is inherent in all sports and that some of these injuries could be severe, including the risk of fractures, brain injuries, paralysis or even death. I hereby give permission to the school, physician and or the medical personnel selected by the school representative to administer emergency treatment to the above named student.

DATE: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

III. STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I have read and understand and agree to abide by the Hawthorn Middle School Rules For Eligibility and Code Of Conduct Guidelines. I will conduct myself in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. I further understand that I am not allowed to leave the gymnasium area for any reason, either before or after a scheduled practice or game, unless to go directly home.

DATE: _____ Signature of Student: _____