Code of Ethics - Athletes

Athletics is an integral part of the school's total educational program. All school activities, curricular and extracurricular, in the classroom and on the playing field, must be congruent with the school's stated goals and objectives established for the intellectual, physical, social and moral development of its students. It is within this context that the following Code of Ethics is presented.

As an athlete, I understand that it is my responsibility to:

- 1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority.
- 2. Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
- 3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- 4. Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
- 5. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
- 6. Refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity and other offensive language and gestures.
- 7. Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
- 8. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
- 9. Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
- 10. Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
- 11. Win with character, lose with dignity.

By signing below, both the participating student athlete and the parents/legal guardian/caregiver hereby agree that the student shall not use androgenic/anabolic steroids without the written prescription of a fully licensed physician.

We also understand that the <u>Kansas School for the Deaf</u> policy regarding the use of illegal drugs will be enforced for any violations of these rules.

Printed Name of Student Athlete	Date
Signature of Student Athlete	Date
Signature of Parent/Caregiver	Date

A copy of this form must be kept on file in the athletic director's office at the local high school on an annual basis.