

## **Athletic Code of Conduct 2020-2021**

The Forbes Road School District views its extra-curricular athletic and cheerleading programs as extensions of the classroom. While these programs are also recreational, we hope students will learn worthwhile lessons of teamwork, discipline, hard work, cooperation, and physical fitness. The coach is considered first as a teacher, teaching skills and reinforcing the other qualities that we hope to see in participants. He/She has authority similar to that of a teacher in the classroom. Likewise, students and their parents also have an obligation to conduct themselves appropriately. Since participation in extra-curricular activities is a privilege provided by the District, there is no such thing as a “right” to participate in interscholastic athletics. As such, the school has the authority to establish the parameters for the expectations for all those involved in the activities. The school holds these expectations for the athletic programs in the interest of maximizing the programs’ benefits to students and for their smooth operation.

### **We expect coaches and advisors to:**

- Be knowledgeable of their activity and be able to demonstrate and reinforce its skills
- Always exemplify the very best courtesy, manners, and sportsmanship
- Be able to effectively work with the students on their teams in promoting harmony and cooperation
- Exhibit the highest possible level of fairness in dealing with all participants and parents
- Communicate effectively with participants and parents in matters related to the activity
- Take charge and make decisions as necessary to keep the activity running smoothly and efficiently
- Assume responsibility for the direction of the program at every level
- Support school policy with respect to attendance, academics, and operation of their program

### **We expect participants to:**

- Respect the position and the requests of the coach
- Always exemplify the very best courtesy, manners and sportsmanship
- Adhere to and willingly follow the rules imposed by the coach
- To always give the very best possible effort in practice and at contests or performances
- To be faithful in attending practice and contest or performances
- Cooperate fully with the coach and teammates in striving to achieve the teams goals
- Give the very best effort and performance possible, both in practice and in contests
- Maintain acceptable behavior during both school and non-school hours
- Support team fund raisers as asked

### **We expect parents to:**

- Support the position and authority of the coach/advisor as the person in charge of the activity
- Realize that the coach has authority with the team similar to that of the teacher in the classroom
- Help their child fulfill the expectations stated above

- Realize that participants may be disciplined or removed from the team for such acts as missing practices, unacceptable behavior, or failure to follow team or school rules
- Arrange a private meeting with the coach/advisor apart from the time of practice and before/after contests to discuss matters which may be confrontational
- Realize that participants may be expected to involve themselves in fund raising projects in support of the activity
- Expect and encourage their daughter/son to always exemplify the best effort and performance possible
- Respect the coaches decisions regarding their sons/daughters playing time and game time strategies
- Conduct themselves in a courteous manner when dealing with a coach, opposing players, (officials) or fans
- Realize that parents and others are not permitted in the locker rooms before, during, or following a contest or practice except by invitation by the coach

So that all persons might be aware of these expectations, participants and their parents must sign this document prior to the student participation in the first athletic activity of the year. The signatures of the participants and parents indicate acknowledgment of the terms of the athletic code of conduct. Violators of the above are subject to discipline, including the possibility of being banned from attending home Forbes Road School District athletic events for a period of one calendar year or longer. As applicable, both parents are to sign below.

_____	_____
Participant	Date
_____	_____
Parent	Date
_____	_____
Coach(s)	Date