

**CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORED ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

In exchange for the opportunity to participate in the Cherry Creek School District No. 5's High School Sponsored Athletics and Activities Programs, (referred to as "HSAAP") and in accordance with applicable Board of Education Policies, I understand and agree to the following:

Scope of Rules

From the day a student first participates in a Cherry Creek School District HSAAP until that student graduates from high school, these rules remain in effect, throughout the school year, including weekends, vacations, and holidays, and regardless if the student is on or off school district property.

The consequences outlined in this Agreement are in addition to, not instead of, those the student may receive under the district's *Student Conduct and Discipline, Rights and Responsibilities* handbook, the Colorado High School Activities Association ("CHSAA") By-laws, coaches' team rules, or other sources. They represent minimum sanctions; the Principal or his/her designee may increase or modify these consequences in particular cases or in general as he or she deems appropriate.

Because students who participate in HSAAP are held to higher behavioral expectations, the principal or his/her designee may determine that a student's conduct constitutes grounds for imposing an HSAAP penalty under these rules, even when that conduct does not result in suspension or expulsion under the conduct and discipline code.

General Expectations

- Students participating in district HSAAP are expected to comply with all applicable Cherry Creek School District No. 5 Board of Education Policies, including but not limited to Policy JJI, *Interscholastic Athletics*, and its accompanying Regulation JJJ-R.
- Students participating in district HSAAP are considered to be representatives of himself/herself, fellow team members, coaches, sponsors, teachers, the school, its student body, and the Cherry Creek School District. For these reasons, the participating student is expected to display the highest form of character, behavior and sportsmanship. If at any time, a student's actions bring harm or discredit to the organization of which the student is a member or to the school, the student may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or removal from the HSAAP.
- Students participating in district HSAAP are expected to maintain appropriate academic eligibility as described below.

Academic Expectations

- Eligibility for participation in athletics and specific activities as determined by CHSAA guidelines, the Centennial League, and applicable district policies.
- In accordance with Policy JJI, *Interscholastic Athletics*, a student is ineligible for most of the following quarter if h/she has failed more than one subject the semester preceding the season of competition.
- If the student is failing more than one course weekly, he/she will be ineligible for competition/participation through the following week.
- Each participating student must be enrolled in a minimum of five hours of credit (2.5 Carnegie Units or equivalent) per semester. If not, the student is immediately ineligible to participate in the athletic/activity program.

Behavior Expectations

- Students participating in district HSAAP agree to maintain an appearance and exhibit conduct in the classroom, school and community which is appropriate at all times.
- Students participating in district HSAAP agree not to violate district conduct and discipline policies, including but not limited to, district drug/alcohol/tobacco and weapons policies.
- Students participating in district HSAAP agree not to engage in behavior which is detrimental to the safety, welfare or morals of himself/herself, other students or school personnel.

Consequences

The following minimum consequences will result whenever the principal or his/her designee concludes that a student has engaged in a violation of school board policy or expectation under this agreement:

1. Referral to the appropriate coach or sponsor for disciplinary review and action.
2. Placement on probation for a number of days and/or upon such conditions as deemed appropriate.
3. Suspension from participation in a specific number of athletic or activity events. Such sanctions may include but not be limited to:
 - **First Offense:** For Athletics/Activities with 11 or fewer regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next contest/event; for those with more than 11 regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next two contests/events. These suspensions will be imposed whether or not the next contest/event is regular season or outside the regular season.
 - **Second Offense:** For Athletics/Activities with 11 or fewer regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next two contests/events; for those with more than 11 regular season contests/events, the student will be suspended for the next four contests/events. These suspensions will be imposed whether or not the next contest/event is regular season or outside the regular season.
 - **Third Offense and/or continuing offenses:** Additional sanctions which could include some or all of the following: suspension from all HSAAP for one full year from the date of infraction; denial of the opportunity to obtain awards in the sport or activity; suspension from HSAAP for the remainder of the school year and/or extending into succeeding school years.

Nothing in these rules/expectations prohibits the Principal or his/her designee, or individual coaches from establishing and enforcing additional rules applicable to participation in district HSAAP. Notice of the imposition of sanctions shall be made in a timely manner by the Principal or his/her designee to the participating student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

As evidenced by our signatures below, we acknowledge and agree we have read the terms and conditions of the above-referenced *Cherry Creek School District High School Athletics and Activities Participation Agreement*, and understand and agree that all participating students are subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, as well as the provisions of applicable school board policies while participating in these district programs.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Date

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Date