

ATHLETIC / ACTIVITY /ACADEMIC CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

Congratulations on your decision to participate in one or more of the extracurricular, co-curricular, or athletic programs available at Patch American High School. One of the benefits of attending a school like PAHS is that you have greater opportunities for achievement in these areas. Participation in these activities is a **privilege** extended to you by the Patch American High School Activity Council (PAHSAC). This privilege is earned by your maintenance of certain academic and behavioral standards. We, the faculty and administration, have high expectations for you!!

I. PATCH AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY COUNCIL – (PAHSAC)

This council includes the coaches, teachers, the assistant principal, and a student representative, usually the student council president. The PAHSAC is responsible for establishing the academic and behavioral standards of those who participate in any of these programs. These standards are known collectively as the Code of Conduct.

The PAHSAC meets to consider any appeals made by students/sponsors with respect to any infraction of this code.

Activities covered by this code include any school/DoDDS sponsored program which provides opportunity for students to participate in an organized athletic/sports program, or any school/DoDDS sponsored program, club, or event which is not part of the regular curriculum offering, for which no academic grade is assigned, and in which student participation is voluntary.

II. BEHAVIOR & SPORTSMANSHIP

Students who elect to participate in any program covered by this Code of Conduct will abide by these standards. These standards include but are not limited to:

1a. Students will not have in their possession and/or use tobacco products, illegal drugs or alcohol during the activity season **(24 hours a day, 7 days a week)**. **Violation**, as witnessed by a member of the faculty or which comes to the attention of a post official and/or local national officials **could result in a suspension from the team for remainder of the season for the first offense**. If the violation occurs during an activity season, and for whatever reason is not reported until after the season ends, all awards, letters, etc. are forfeit.

1b. In the event that an activity is part of a regularly scheduled class, this clause will only be invoked when the student is participating in the specific event, i.e.: Music Festival, Drama Fest, Geography Bee, MathCounts, MUN, MUSS, etc.

All PAHS students are encouraged to abstain from using any substance that may be harmful to their health.

2. Curfews and other hours established by the sponsor will be strictly adhered to (if students are away from home).
3. Off limits areas will be respected.
4. Students who are under investigation by civil or military authorities will be suspended from participation until a decision has been rendered by the PAHSAC.
5. Patch American High School students will not engage in fighting, vandalism, cheating, theft, breaking curfew, or any other unacceptable behavior while participating in any PAHS program.

Students who choose to violate these standards may lose the opportunity of further participation in the activity.

PAHS offers many unique opportunities for travel. Students participating in these trips or any other PAHS activity are acting as ambassadors for the school. As such, they represent their families, our school, our community and our country. Therefore we, your parents, teachers, coaches, and community members, expect you to exhibit the **highest** standards of behavior and sportsmanship. **Failure to live up to our expectations could result in the loss of any further opportunity for travel for the remainder of the current academic year.**

III. TRAINING RULES

Students must pass a physical exam before participating in athletic practice. The school will organize and schedule group physicals at the clinic at the beginning of the school year. The physical form obtained from the high school will contain a power of attorney to be signed by the parent/guardian for any medical treatment necessary during participation.

Athletes must attend supervised practice for 10 days prior to the first competition. Athletes participating in back to back sport seasons may participate immediately, based on the decision of the coach. New Students to PAHS may participate immediately if practice attendance at the previous school can be shown.

IV. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

1. Eligibility to participate in interscholastic/extracurricular activities requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 and no more than one failing grade. Semester grades are used to ensure that all students are on track to meet graduation requirements.

a. IMPLEMENTATION

(1) Eligibility for the first semester will be a GPA of 2.0 based on grades earned in the previous semester.

b. FOR ALL STUDENTS:

(1) All incoming Ninth grade students are eligible for first semester activities if they are not failing more than one class weekly.

(2) Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth grade students must earn a 2.0 GPA and may fail no more than one class the previous semester to be eligible.

(3) A student declared ineligible may practice but is not authorized to participate in competition, be in school uniform at a scheduled event, or travel with the team/club to any away event.

(4) All student participants will be monitored for D's and F's on a weekly basis throughout the semester. Students who earn more than one failing grade in the classes in which they are enrolled are ineligible for competition/participation. A student participant who has been identified as being ineligible for three consecutive weeks may be dropped from the team. Grades during the period of monitoring will be cumulative from the beginning of each quarter.

a. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT MEET THE GPA REQUIREMENT:

1. Students may request reinstatement of eligibility after three weeks of ineligibility. This request must be supported by demonstrated academic achievement which meets the basic eligibility requirement of 2.0 GPA and no more than one failing grade.

(1) The GPA of students who are reinstated will continue to be monitored every three weeks through the end of the semester to ensure students maintain eligibility requirements.

(2) Students unable to maintain eligibility after reinstatement will become ineligible for the remainder of the semester.

2. Schools may not establish additional eligibility criteria. Schools will provide intervention support services to students who have been identified as having academic difficulty. Examples of these support services include, but are not limited to monitoring sessions, tutoring, before and after school study halls/instruction, etc. This paragraph is intended to establish equity for all students, to include those transferring to other DoDDS schools and who wish to continue participating in the IAP.

3. Each school is to develop a specific plan for monitoring grade eligibility; however, to achieve uniformity, our school will complete the grade checks by 4

p.m. every Monday of each week that interscholastic programs are being held. A student declared ineligible on the Monday grade check will be ineligible from Wednesday 8 a.m. through the following Wednesday 8 a.m. A letter of exception to this policy may be submitted to the Area Athletic Coordinator for changing the day. This request must be based upon unique needs.

4. Scholastic eligibility may be waived for students at the discretion of the Principal if the student is identified as “special needs” by the Case Study Committee and the Individual Education Program is on file. All other eligibility requirements, i.e., age, number of semesters, etc., must be met.

V. LETTERING

In order to obtain a letter in a varsity sport or activity, athletes must adhere to the lettering policy of the coach, which will be presented in writing at the beginning of the season. If an injury occurs and continued support of the program is shown, the coach may award a letter or a special recognition depending on the injury and the amount of the season that remains. Absences due to illness or injury are excused. Unexcused absences include baby-sitting, after school jobs, etc.

All players are to return all government/school property immediately upon the conclusion of the sport or activity.

A varsity letter will be awarded only after all government/school property has been returned to the coach.

VI. ENFORCEMENT

Violations of the Code must be observed by a member of the school staff in order to be valid. Exception: Under Item II. 1a and II. 4 above, notification by a civil or military authority will be valid and will be handled as established in the above reference.

VII. APPEAL RIGHTS

Any student who has been disciplined for violation of the Code has the right to appeal the action taken. An appeal is initiated by the student to the Activity Council through the Activity Coordinator. This appeal must be made within two school days of the suspension. After hearing the appeal, the Activities Council will make its recommendation to the principal. The principal has the final authority to sustain or deny an appeal.

VIII. VALIDATION

This Patch American High School Activity Council Code of Conduct **must** be signed by the student, verified by the student's sponsor's signature and maintained on file in the Activity Director's office **prior** to the student representing Patch American High School in any practice, competition, or activity.

IX. CONTRACT

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct outlined herein and agree to abide by its terms.

I understand that my participation in Patch American High School Athletics/Activities is a privilege that may be lost through failure to abide by these conditions.

I understand that I will be representing my family, school, community, and country while participating in Patch American High School Athletics/Activities. As such I will demonstrate the highest standards of behavior.

The activities governed by this contract include but are not limited to the following:

All PAHS sanctioned athletic competition

All out-of-school activities of two days or more

All activities which involve traveling from school to another location

Student's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

Student's Name, Printed

Sponsor's Duty Phone/Home Phone

Extracurricular Event or Activity

Date Signed

This form must be signed and returned to the main high school office or to the Activities/ Athletic Director before beginning participation.