

ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPECTATOR CODE OF EXPECTATIONS FOR ATHLETICS

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship as referenced in “*Pursuing Victory With Honor*” and in the six core principles of character education: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these principles.

Please be advised the Albuquerque Public Schools has a code of expectations for all spectators participating in the athletic experience. Your cooperation in adhering to the following obligations as a spectator at athletic events is appreciated and necessary to provide the most quality experience for every person participating and to ensure the best possible environment for all student-athletes, coaches, officials and other spectators.

- I will do my part to make athletics and activities a **positive experience** for everyone involved (i.e. participants, coaches, officials and spectators)
- I will **learn and adhere to the policies** of school district, school and program and do my best to **understand and appreciate the rules** of the contest
- I will **encourage good sportsmanship** by showing respect and courtesy and by being a positive role model at every event and practice
- I will **not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct** with any official, coach, player, parent or staff member, such as taunting or using profane language or gestures
- I will **demand a safe and healthy environment** that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will **refrain from any use** at all athletic events
- I will **not engage in disparaging dialogue or taunting behavior** with officials, players, coaches, parents and other spectators before, during and after all events
- I will **refrain from coaching any player** during games and practices unless I am an official coach
- I will **never ridicule or yell at any participant** for making a mistake or blame any player or coach for success or failure in the athletic setting
- I will **respect the decisions and authority of officials** during competitions
- I will **respect the property and equipment** used at any sports or school facility
- I will **show appreciation for an outstanding play** by either team
- I will **applaud a good effort** in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes

In the event any spectator fails to adhere to and uphold these obligations, the school administration and the school district reserves the right to impose sanctions including disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, temporary and/or permanent removal from the activity and expulsion from all future events.