

# **General McLane Athletic Department Code of Conduct for Student Athletes**

General McLane School District Administrators and Coaches of all General McLane Athletic Teams believe that students who are selected for the privilege of membership on our Teams should conduct themselves as responsible representatives of the School District and Community. In order to assure this conduct, Coaches and Administrators enforce a Code of Conduct uniformly with all student-athletes. Members of teams who fail to abide by the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action. The goal of the General McLane School District Code of Conduct is to help each student-athlete have a successful & positive experience in the General McLane School District Athletic Program

## **1). ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS**

The primary goal of the General McLane School District is the academic education of it's students. Therefore, each student-athlete must be passing a minimum of three (3) credits or the equivalent to be eligible to participate in the Athletic program.

## **2). SPORTSMANSHIP**

Student-athletes who display good sportsmanship are positive role-models within our school and Community. A good sport knows that athletic competition builds character and shapes lifetime attitudes. Student-athletes experience additional educational and leadership benefits that come from participation in Athletics

As a General McLane Student-athlete, your sportsmanship goals should be:

- develop a sense of respect and dignity under all circumstances;
- respect the rules of the game, the officials who administer them, and their decisions
- respect opponents as fellow student-athletes; and
- look at Athletic participation as a potentially beneficial learning experience, win or lose

Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in game suspensions and/or removal from the team for the remainder of the season. In addition, parents and other spectators are also expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. Student-athletes will learn while watching adult's model appropriate behavior.

## **3). ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL**

Regular school attendance is of the utmost importance to achieve academic and athletic success. The Administration may limit participation of student-athletes in cases of non-attendance at school. Unless tardiness is excused, students must be in school at the regular time in order to participate in practices/games that day. Any student-athlete excused by the Nurse due to illness is ineligible to participate in practices/games that day.

## **4). ATTENDANCE AT PRACTICES/CONTESTS**

Each student-athlete is expected to be present at **ALL** practices and contests unless excused by the Head Coach in advance or legally absent from school. Coaches may limit participation in cases of non-attendance at practices/contests

## **5). PERSONAL BEHAVIOR**

It is important for student-athletes to be good citizens in school and in the community. Earning detentions or suspensions for inappropriate behavior will also bring athletic disciplinary consequences as well, including game suspensions and/or removal from the team for the remainder of the season. Students suspended from school will not be permitted to attend or participate in any activities during the period of suspension.

## **6). DRUGS**

Drug abuse is unhealthy and detrimental to athletic performance. Possession or use of e-Cigarettes, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or other non-prescribed controlled substances or paraphernalia for their use will not be tolerated. Student-athletes found in violation will face the following penalties:

**-Tobacco/nicotine:** First offense – 15 day suspension & \$50.00 fine  
Second offense – 30 day suspension & \$50.00 fine  
Third offense – 1 year suspension & \$50.00 fine

**-Drugs/Alcohol:** First offense – 30 day suspension  
Second offense – 1 year suspension  
Third offense – Banned from GM Athletics

## **7). TRANSPORTATION**

Student-athletes are to use the school-provided transportation both to and from all athletic competitions. Parents/Guardians are permitted to transport their son/daughter home following away contests if they present the Coach with the request in writing.

## **8). ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOR**

General McLane student-athletes are expected to display positive behavior and not engage in any conduct that disrupts or deteriorates the “Team” concept. Profanity and abusive language will not be tolerated, and all student-athletes are to show respect to Administrators, Coaches, Teammates, Spectators, Opponents and Game Officials at all times. Violations may result in game suspensions and/or removal from the team for the remainder of the season.

## **9). TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE**

General McLane Coaches develop a training regimen for student-athletes to maximize performance in interscholastic competition. Coaches are responsible for helping student-athletes understand that nutrition, rest, and involvement in other activities have an impact on performance. Student-athletes and parents are responsible for deciding which training recommendations are appropriate. The ability to perform is the criteria for playing time in interscholastic competition.

## **10). HAZING AND BULLYING**

Hazing is defined as any action or situation which demeans the worth or value of a student or recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which willingly destroys or removes property for the purpose of initiation or admission into any organization including Athletic teams of the General McLane School District. Participation in any such activity is strictly prohibited and will result in serious disciplinary consequences, which will include removal for the organization or team. Any and all complaints of hazing and/or bullying should be made immediately to the Athletic Director or Principal.

## **11). SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS**

Student-athletes who owe the General McLane School District money, classroom materials, library materials, detention time, athletic equipment, uniforms or other school property will not be permitted to participate in any school extracurricular activities or attend any school sponsored functions. These privileges will be immediately reinstated upon payment/return of the obligation.

Parents and Students are reminded that participation in Athletics at General McLane is a Privilege – not a Right. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the information in this document, please feel free to contact your Coach, the Athletic Director or the Principal. Good Luck, and enjoy the Season.