



**SAND CREEK  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

# **ATHLETIC CODE**

**School Year**

**2017 – 2018**

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Our athletic code is endorsed by the coaches, athletic director, school administration, and Board of Education. We view participation in inter-scholastic athletics as a privilege and not a right. It is our belief that proper conduct for athletes is a twenty-four hour, twelve month proposition. Our athletes agree to accept and abide by the written rules and regulations set forth in this document plus those of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

<p>1.</p>	<p>The general school behavior of an athlete must be above reproach at all times. Ineligibility for misconduct will be determined by the coach, athletic director or school administrator.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to two contests suspension. Repeated violations may result in unlimited suspension.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>The general conduct of an athlete will be monitored. Involvement in theft or any crime (felony, misdemeanors, police reports, etc.) will not be tolerated. Violation of this nature will be verified and dealt with by the athletic director and/or school administrator.</p> <p><b>Note: Hazing</b> The Board of Education believes that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and prohibits all such activities at any time in school facilities, on school property, and at any District-sponsored event.</p> <p>Hazing shall be defined for purposes of this policy as performing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any class, group, or organization that causes or creates a risk of causing mental, emotional, or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.</p> <p>Hazing – any type of initiation procedure for any school related activity, which involves conduct such as but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. illegal activity, such as drinking or drugs;</li> <li>B. physical punishment or infliction of pain;</li> <li>C. intentional humiliation or embarrassment;</li> <li>D. dangerous activity;</li> <li>E. activity likely to cause mental or psychological stress;</li> <li>F. forced detention or kidnapping;</li> <li>G. undressing or otherwise exposing initiates.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to unlimited suspension from all athletic participation to be determined by the athletic director and/or school administrator.</p>

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Sand Creek Jr./Sr. High School will enforce upon a transfer student any period of ineligibility to which that student would have been subject as a result of a student or athletic code violation(s) at that student's most recent previously attended school.</p> <p>A student who transfers to Sand Creek Jr./Sr. High School after becoming ineligible because of a student or athletic conduct code violation(s) at the pre-previously attended school shall remain ineligible at Sand Creek Jr./Sr. High School for not less than the period of ineligibility imposed by the previous school. This would be the case even if the student's situation would otherwise satisfy one or more of the exceptions to the transfer regulations of Sand Creek Jr./Sr. High School and the Michigan High School Athletic Association (Regulation I, Section 9); even if the act which caused the student's ineligibility at the previous school would not be a violation or cause the same period of ineligibility at Sand Creek High School.</p> <p>A student who transfers to Sand Creek Jr./Sr. High School will be subject to discipline under existing Athletic Handbook guidelines for any incident that occur prior to the transfer.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Varies</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>All athletes must attend a full day of school to participate in practice or a contest on that day. Exceptions to this rule will be granted by the athletic director and/or school administrator.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to two contest suspension per violation.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Prearranged excused practices/games are at the discretion of the coach. If an athlete misses a practice or contest without prior arrangement, suspension will be at the discretion of the coach and/or athletic director.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to two contest suspension per violation.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>An athlete that completes two weeks of practice in a sport may not quit that sport. An athlete may remove him/himself from a sport until the end of the two week limit without penalty. However, after that limit has expired an athlete may not quit without permission from the coach and/or athletic director and/or administration. If, after consultation with the athlete, the above staff members deem the athlete's request for permission to quit reasonable and proper, the athlete may quit the sport without penalty.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> An athlete that quits a sport after the two-week limit without the permission outlined may be suspended from participation in all sports for up to one year from the date of violation.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>An athlete may be dismissed from the team by the coach, athletic director and administration for discipline purposes. No athlete will be dismissed from a team without the permission of the athletic director and/or administration.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to one-year suspension from athletics.</p>

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<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p>Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or look-alikes, tobacco products or look-alikes, illegal drugs, or any misuse of any substance, will not be tolerated. Athletes may not be in the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs for any unreasonable length of time. Failure to leave within 10 minutes is a violation. (Presence at events such as weddings, open houses, etc. will be reviewed on an individual basis.) This rule is enforced 24-hours around the clock during the entire calendar year. Any violation must be verified by a coach, teacher, athletic director or administrator. An athlete becomes subject to this rule as soon as he/she first participates in our athletic program.</p> <p>Note: Any person who uses or knowingly possesses and androgenic anabolic steroid violates Michigan Law and is punishable by Imprisonment and a fine. Public Act 187 (1999) prohibits school employees and volunteers from promoting or supplying dietary supplements which carry claims of enhanced athletic performance. The law covers androstenedione, creatine, and any compound labeled as performance enhancing.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Violations are cumulative in nature. Any repeat violation is subject to the next level penalty even if the violations do not occur during the same school year. (A new school year does not wipe the slate clean.)</p> <p><b>1st offense</b> – suspended for 1/3 of the seasons contests to be determined by athletic director or school administrator.</p> <p><b>2nd offense</b> – suspended from athletics for one calendar year from date of offense.</p> <p><b>3rd offense</b> – permanent suspension from athletics.</p> <p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to unlimited suspension from all athletic participation to be determined by the athletic director and/or school administrator</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p>All athletes will begin practice on the first day of practice established by the coach of that sport. The coach and athletic director may grant exceptions under unusual circumstances.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to six contests suspension</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p>All athletes must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have proof of satisfactory physical examination by a licensed physician on file with the athletic director before participation in any sport.</li> <li>• Return a signed Athletic Policy Verification Form.</li> <li>• Return a signed Release Form.</li> <li>• Return signed Athlete Emergency Procedure Form.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> An athlete may not participate until these documents are properly submitted. Failure to submit these documents may cause dismissal from the team or unexcused absences. Items must be turned into the coach one week after practice begins.</p>
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p>If an athlete has a disabling injury or serious illness, written permission from an attending medical professional may be required before an athlete may participate in practice or contests.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> N/A</p>

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<p>12.</p>	<p>In the second semester, an athlete may participate in any two concurrent sports (track/softball or track/baseball). He/she must have on file with the athletic director a signed statement giving the major concentration sport in the event of conflicting contests and obligation to both.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> N/A</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Any athlete is considered to be academically ineligible and unable to compete in any athletics when they have two or more failing grades at the following times:</p> <p>A. At progress report time (approximately 4-5 weeks into a marking period).</p> <p>B. At the end of a marking period.</p> <p><b>IF an athlete fails 4 or more classes for the Marking Period or Semester (Transcript Grade) that athlete is academically ineligible for 60 school days. (per the MHSAA).</b></p> <p>Athletes may attend summer school to make up appropriate class failures to gain academic eligibility (maximum 2 classes). Summer school must be approved by a Sand Creek School Administrator.</p> <p>All students entering 9th grade for the first time will be granted automatic academic eligibility at the beginning of the school year. (This applies to fall sports only.)</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Ineligibility for the remainder of the marking period.</p> <p><b>PENALTY:</b> Ineligibility until the next progress report.</p> <p><b>PENALTY:</b> Ineligibility for 60 school days (per MHSAA).</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>All athletes must travel to away contests and practices on transportation provided by the school. All athletes are encouraged to return to school when transportation is provided by the school. Special travel consideration may be made under extenuating circumstances by the athletic director and/or building principal. If however, a parent or legal guardian deems it necessary to transport his/her son or daughter home personally, the following conditions must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· On or before the day of the contest a written state-statement must be received by the coach stating that the parent relieves the school and staff of the responsibility to transport his/her athlete back to school. This statement must be signed by a parent/guardian and should state the full name of student, date of event, sport in season, and location of event.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Up to two contests suspension.</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>In a cost savings measure, Sand Creek Schools will not be providing return bus service back to Sand Creek Schools for Friday and Saturday athletic trips under 120 roundtrip miles. All Friday and Saturday athletic contest trips that are less than 60 miles from Sand Creek will require an athlete's parent/s (or another parent designated adult) to</p>	

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	<p>pick them up at the away site. Parents will be allowed to grant permission to other adults to transport their student home from a Friday or Saturday “drop-off only” bus trips. All student-athletes must sign out with their parent, or designated adult, before leaving the game site in “drop-off only” situations. Student-athletes may not transport themselves to or from any away contest without pre-approved permission from a school administrator. Shorter distance (under 60 miles one-way) away contests on Fridays and Saturdays are typically the contests that most parents attend, so that is the reasoning behind just Fridays and Saturdays. Many school districts are enforcing “drop-off only” bus transportation to all away contests, regardless of miles, seven days a week.</p> <p>For safety purposes, Friday and Saturday football contests will be an exception to this rule. Bus transportation will be provided to and from all away sites for all JH &amp; HS football games.</p>	
<p><b>16.</b></p>	<p>All athletes must be responsible for all equipment issued to them by the athletic director and/or coach. If any of the equipment is lost or stolen, the athlete must pay the athletic department for replacement cost. If the equipment is damaged through neglect or malicious destruction, the athlete must pay for its replacement cost. At the conclusion of the sport, the athlete will be responsible for returning all equipment in an acceptable condition to the coach and/or athletic director within a time period specified by the coach and/or athletic director.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Payment in full for the replacement cost of the equipment.</p>
<p><b>17.</b></p>	<p>In addition to rules 1-15 of this Code, Sand Creek Community Schools, as a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, must abide by any regulations in regard to eligibility and/or rules governing contests. It is the student’s (and his/her parents) responsibility to consult with their athletic director on any matter that concerns MHSAA regulation violations before participating in any athletic activity.</p>	<p><b>PENALTY:</b> Varies</p>

This code shall apply to all student athletes who participate in a school sponsored sport during grades 7-12. Currently those sports include baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross-country, football, golf, softball, track, volleyball and wrestling.

***Sand Creek Community Schools  
Athlete Release Form 2017-2018***

The Sand Creek Junior/Senior High School Athletic Program is made up of the following sports: baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, softball, track, volleyball and wrestling.

***Warning***

I am aware that playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport can be a dangerous activity involving MANY RISKS OF INJURY. I understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing to play/participate in the above sports include, but are not limited to, death, serious neck or spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of my body and general health. I understand that the dangers and risks of playing or practicing to play/participate in any sport may result not only in serious injury but in a serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living and/or generally enjoy life.

I specifically acknowledge that football, basketball, wrestling, baseball and softball are considered VIOLENT CONTACT SPORTS involving even greater risks of injury than other sports.

***Agreement to Obey Instruction***

Because of the dangers of participating in sports, I recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding playing techniques, training, and other team rules, etc. I agree to follow said instructions.

***Assumption of Risk/Release/Agreement to Hold Harmless***

In consideration of Sand Creek Community Schools permitting my son/daughter to participate in the Sand Creek Jr. /Sr. High School Program and to engage in all activities related to the team, including but not limited to, trying out, practicing or playing/participating in that sport, I hereby assume all the risks associated with participating and agree to hold Sand Creek Community Schools, its agents, employees, representatives, coaches and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims or demands of any kind or nature which may arise by or in connection with his/her participation in any activities related to the Sand Creek Community Schools.

The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, estate, executor, assignees and for all members of my family.

**Insurance Statement**

I understand that the Sand Creek Board of Education carries a broad program of blanket accident coverage for all student-athletes at Sand Creek Community Schools. This program will cover medical bills incurred due to an accident within one year from the date of the accident to any athlete while participating in any school sponsored and supervised activity. Payment of all bills incurred on accidents is made ONLY IN EXCESS of any other family or employee group insurance plan that must contribute its maximum before the coverage has liability. If no insurance plan is available, this plan will pay the medical expenses incurred to the limits stated in the policy (\$200.00 maximum on physical therapy). It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to check with the administration for a detailed outline of this insurance plan, as there are coverage limitations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Athlete Code Verification Form

I have read the Sand Creek Community Schools 2017-2018 ATHLETIC CODE that has been presented to me. I agree with these rules and regulations as set forth in said document plus those of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date



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**Sand Creek Community Schools**  
**Athlete Emergency Procedure Form**  
Please Use Black Ink

Athlete's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to find home from school \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent / Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Father

Mother

In Case of Emergency

Home Telephone

Work Telephone

Father

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\_\_\_\_\_

Mother

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

1st Alternate

\_\_\_\_\_

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2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

\_\_\_\_\_

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Name

Telephone

Family Doctor

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\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Hospital

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\_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Any known chronic illness (e.g. diabetes, rheumatic fever, epilepsy, etc.)?

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Special Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

If the parents and authorized physician named above cannot be reached at the time of an emergency, and if immediate observation or treatment is urgent in the judgement of the school authorities, do you authorize and direct the school authorities to send the child (properly accompanied) to Bixby Medical Center and/or to doctor most easily accessible?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes

\_\_\_\_\_ no

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_