

# Kennesaw Mountain High School Conduct Statement

Kennesaw Mountain High School has established a solid program of extracurricular activities for its students. Many teams and clubs have received state recognition for their outstanding achievements. Students involved in competitive interscholastic activities enjoy high visibility and serve as role models for their peers and younger students. Therefore, Kennesaw Mountain High School expects its students to act in accordance with their positions as representatives of the school at all on-campus and off-campus activities all year (including the summer and holidays). Inappropriate behavior of a student **on or off campus, at any time of the year**, will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action and/or expulsion from the club/team, **regardless of whether the offense occurred at a school-related or non-school-related activity**. In addition, the student may be excluded from future participation in extracurricular activities. The policies and rules that follow are taken from the Cobb County School Board Policy JJICA. These policies are meant to be guidelines only. Kennesaw Mountain High School reserves the right to issue any additional disciplinary measures as are deemed necessary based on individual circumstances.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES: INTERSCHOLASTIC/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **RATIONALE/OBJECTIVE:**

Participation in interscholastic/extracurricular activities in Cobb County School District schools is a privilege. Students participating in these activities are considered to be school leaders. They are role models who represent their school and more importantly, depict its character. With leadership comes additional responsibility and student participants must adhere to high standards of conduct. When students violate these high standards, the District may withdraw the privilege to participate in interscholastic/extracurricular activities.

### **A. ALCOHOL/ILLEGAL DRUGS/INHALANTS: Cobb County Policy JJICA**

A student who uses or possesses illegal drugs or alcohol **on or off school property** shall be suspended from interscholastic/extracurricular activities as follows:

#### **First Offense – Consequences**

1. Minimum: **Ten (10)** school days suspension from extracurricular activities. The suspension will take place at the beginning of the season if the violation occurs out of season.
2. The student will be suspended for a **minimum** of 1 contest, which shall be the first contest after violation is discovered.
3. These are **minimum** disciplinary consequences. Each coach or sponsor may apply a more severe consequence if he/she deems it appropriate. Maximum suspension is one calendar year with permanent suspension possible for serious offenses.

#### **Second Offense - Consequences**

1. Minimum: **Twenty (20)** school days suspension from extracurricular activities and a diagnostic assessment for chemical dependency. The suspension will take place at the beginning of the season if the violation occurs out of season.
2. The student will be suspended for a **minimum** of 30% of regular season contests, which shall be the first contests after the violation is discovered.
3. These are **minimum** disciplinary consequences. Each coach or sponsor may apply a more severe consequence if he/she deems it appropriate. Maximum suspension is one calendar year with permanent suspension possible.

#### **Third Offense – Consequences**

1. Minimum: suspension from extracurricular activities for **one calendar year** and a diagnostic assessment for chemical dependency.
2. Maximum: Permanent suspension from extracurricular activities.

### **B. FELONY: Cobb County Policy JJICA**

A student who is arrested for, or charged with a felony shall be automatically suspended from interscholastic/extracurricular activities. Additionally: 1. The student shall remain suspended from these activities until such time as the matter is resolved in favor of the student.  
2. These guidelines are intended as minimum consequences for the referenced behaviors. Principal may adopt additional rules and regulations as they deem appropriate and necessary.

### **C. MISDEMEANORS INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE: Cobb County Policy JJICA**

Generally, acts of moral turpitude include acts that are inherently immoral or dishonest. By way of example only, acts involving moral turpitude may include, but are not limited to, certain sexual offenses, certain thefts or takings, fraud, false reports, and the sale or distribution of illegal drugs or other substances. A student who is arrested for, or charged with, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude shall be automatically suspended from interscholastic/extracurricular activities.

Additionally: 1. The student shall remain suspended from these activities until such time as the matter is resolved in favor of the student.  
2. These guidelines are intended as minimum consequences for the referenced behaviors. Principal may adopt additional rules and regulations as they deem appropriate and necessary.

### **D. OTHER OFFENSES: Cobb County Policy JJICA**

A student who commits the following offenses may be suspended or permanently dismissed from the team or activity.

1. Use of Tobacco
2. Missing practice, rehearsal, or activities. (unless excused by coach, teacher, or sponsor).
3. Truancy, and/or skipping classes.
4. Acting in an unsportsmanlike manner when representing the school.
5. Violating curfew.
6. Leaving school without notifying the coach/teacher that he/she will not be at practice.
7. Any act at school or **away from school**, which results in any discipline by school administration.
8. Any act at school or away from school which, in the opinion of the Principal reflects in a negative manner on the school, athletic program or activity.

### **E. ATTENDANCE RULES (INCLUDING OSS AND ISS)**

1. A student involved in interscholastic/extracurricular activities must be in school at least one-half of the school day in order to participate in any game, performance, practice, tryout, or conditioning. Exceptions may be made by Kennesaw Mountain administration.
2. Students in **ISS** (for all or part of the day) **may not** participate in conditioning, tryouts, practice or games. If ISS ends on Friday, the student can play Saturday. Each coach reserves the right to impose a harsher penalty for ISS if he/she desires.
3. Students under **out-of-school suspension may not** participate in conditioning, tryouts, practice or games until they return to class. Example: If suspension is through Friday, the student cannot play on Saturday. Each coach reserves the right to impose a harsher penalty for OSS if he/she desires.

### **G. ATHLETIC TRAINER**

Kennesaw Mountain High School is fortunate to have on their staff a Nationally Certified and Georgia Licensed Athletic Trainer. By signing here you allow the Sports Medicine Staff to refer to appropriate medical providers and to treat your student athlete in emergency and non-emergency situations that occur on and off campus. This also allows the Sports Medicine Staff to conduct day to day injury evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation on your student athlete

### **H. PARENT EXPECTATIONS AND BEHAVIOR**

Parents are expected to be role models at all times. KMHS expects that parents will show respect for all players, coaches, and spectators. Parents are expected to promote the spirit of fair play and the good sportsmanship expected by KMHS. By signing below, parents accept the responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship that comes with being the parent of a student athlete.

**My signature below indicates my understanding of the Code of Conduct, Consequences for a Violation, Attendance Rules, Parent Expectations, and Athletic Trainer treatment.**

**Print Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_