



## OMRO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CODE of CONDUCT

Omro High School believes extra curricular activities play an important part in creating a well rounded high school experience. It is through these activities that students also demonstrate a high level of dedication to the betterment of themselves and to their school. Students participating in extracurricular activities cannot expect special treatment, but we strongly feel it takes a special student to make the sacrifice that the normal school load plus extra curricular activity demands. We have come to expect more of such students. In order to participate in sports, clubs, and court, or other such honors, students must comply with the student code of conduct. These demands are manifested in the form of specific rules and regulations. Essentially, the students are expected to conduct themselves at all times and in all places in a manner that will bring credit to themselves, their classmates, school, and community. This code is in effect for the entire calendar year.

To differentiate between groups of activities, the category descriptions are as follows:

Category 1 : Refers to WIAA Sports groups

Category 2: Refers to school dance courts, athletic activities (such as powerlifting), and co-curricular activities (such as math team).

### **ACADEMICS:**

Students in both categories cannot have any failing grades on **quarter** reports. This includes “1’s” and INC. Incompletes will be treated as failing unless arrangements have been made to complete the work in a designated time frame. If a student receives a 1 and/or an INC, he or she is ineligible to participate in games/events/ until the grade is passing. **This also means the student must have passed all classes in the most recent completed quarter to participate in events.** During this time, the student shall be able to practice.

If a student resolves an INC to a 1.5, 2, 2.5 or 3 status, he or she is immediately reinstated to unrestricted academic eligibility status. If a student receives a 1, he or she will be permitted to apply for academic reinstatement 15 academic days after the release of the 1 and INC list by the Guidance Office. If the grade is not raised in 15 days, their grade will be rechecked in 5 days and again 5 days thereafter. If grades are still not passing for 15 days after the initial 15 day period, they will be ineligible for the remainder of the quarter.

Category 2: For the purpose of being on court, all grades must be passing during the most recent completed quarter court will occur with the exception of Homecoming. (Example, to be eligible for Omro Homecoming court in October, all grades must be passing the previous 4th quarter.)

Category 1: To be reinstated, students must complete a reinstatement form handled by the athletic director.

Category 2: To be reinstated, students must complete a reinstatement form handled by the principal.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Students must be in attendance for the entire school day in order to practice or compete in a Category 1 or 2 event. Special circumstances may merit exception with approval from the Athletic Director or Principal. Any unexcused absences that result in suspension will be treated as a code of conduct violation.

## **CITIZENSHIP**

The following are violations of the Student Code of Conduct:

1. Any in-school behavioral issues that result in continual detentions and/or a suspension, examples include but are not limited to: disrespect, improper cell phone/technology use, plagiarism, and fighting.
2. Illegal substance use that occurs either on or off school grounds including the possession and/or use of tobacco products or any drugs (including alcohol, vapor products, and prescription drugs) not specifically prescribed to the student by a physician and/or personal prescription drugs being illegally supplied to others by the person with the prescription.
3. Attending parties that includes activities considered illegal by the law.
4. Being involved in criminal activities including but not limited to theft, burglary, assault, vandalism. This includes both on and off of school grounds.
5. Inappropriate or unlawful use of the Internet: this includes instant messaging, online profiles, and blog sites.

Any responsible adult who witnesses or learns of a possible violation of the code of conduct is to report the incident to the school athletic director or building principal. An investigation of the allegation, including interviews, will be conducted of the alleged violation within a reasonable amount of time.

### **Integrity Clause:**

In the event a student is being questioned for a possible violation of the provisions of the Code, it is expected that the student will be truthful, cooperative, and forthcoming with necessary information.

If it is determined the student did not act within the integrity clause, the principal and/or athletic director has the authority to increase the consequences to the next level of violation or take other appropriate actions.

### **Self Reporting:**

**If a student violates the code of conduct and comes forward before a report or an investigation begins, the honesty and integrity of the action will be taken into consideration when consequences are given.**

### **Consequences**

Consequences are cumulative over the four years of a high school career. Missed contests during the suspension are counted and considered within making decisions surrounding the consequences. Student athletes are not permitted to take up extra curricular activities outside of their past interest to clear their consequence record.

Level One- Suspension from 1-3 contests. This also includes being a class representative for a dance. A student may not be on court the semester the offense took place or the semester before if the dance is in the fall. (1st offence of attendance and/or 1-5 of the citizenship violations.)

Level Two – Suspension from 1-6 or more contests/events. (2<sup>nd</sup> offence of attendance and/or # 1-5 of the citizenship violations)

Level Three – Suspension from 6-all contests/events for up to one year. (multiple or serious violations)

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

For violations of this code of conduct that are deemed so serious by school officials that the penalty described in the code would not be adequate, the athletic director, building principal, executive committee, or school board may add additional or alternate penalties up to and including nonparticipation in extracurricular activities for up to one calendar year from the time of the violation.

Athletes may also participate in AODA assessments, classes, or groups; anger management; or other counseling services for level reductions.

### **APPEAL PROCESS**

Students and their parents may appeal in writing within five days of the student being informed of the disciplinary action. The appeal succession is as follows:

Step 1: Building principal

Step 2: Superintendent

Step 3: Board of Education

If an appeal is undertaken, a meeting needs to be scheduled between the student, parents, and the principal, (or next administration level), no later than five (5) school days after the date of the appeal. At the hearing, the student, or parent/guardian of the student may appear and present evidence on his/her behalf, including testimony. A written report containing factual determination and disciplinary adjustments, if any, shall be given or mailed to the student and his/her parents/guardian. The appeals process should take no longer than 7 business days to complete. A copy of the report shall be kept in the student's record files.

# Student Pledge

School District of Omro  
**Omro, Wisconsin**

## Agreement of Students

2017-2018

As a student of Omro High School, I pledge to respect others and myself, and to treat everyone in my school community with fairness and understanding. I understand and agree that school must be a positive and cooperative environment so that everyone can learn and serve as a positive example for those within and outside our school community. I understand that my daily attendance is the key to my success. I also understand that violence, disruptive behavior, and drug use are unacceptable and will not be tolerated as I want the best for others and myself.

I accept responsibility for my actions and understand the code of conduct. I will do my best to be a positive member of the Omro High School Community.

Student's Signature:

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Student's Name:

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Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_