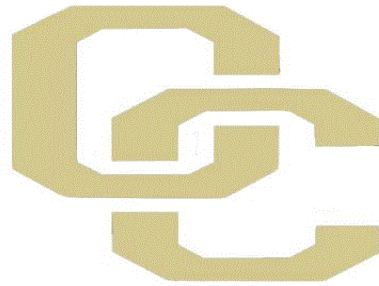


# Ore City Athletics 2021 – 2022



## Code of Conduct

## **OCISD Athletic Philosophy**

The overall athletic policy at Ore City I.S.D. is that it is an extension of the total educational system. Our student-athletes are students first and athletes second. They are expected to comply with every rule and expectation of the school system. To compete in athletics is a privilege, it is not a “right”. This privilege is to be respected and appreciated.

The school administration has taken great care to provide for each athlete in terms of facilities, supplies, and other necessities for a successful athletic program. It will be our philosophy that we take care of those things provided, and that we utilize these things efficiently and we maintain proper care of those provisions.

Thirdly, our Athletic philosophy will focus on the student-athletes here at Ore City. Each athlete will be encouraged strongly to participate in EVERY sport or program offered by Ore City I.S.D. The advantage of programs offered in smaller schools is that each student has the opportunity for multiple experiences. We will discourage our athletes from “specializing” in one sport or event. We will strongly encourage our kids to play multiple sports and be involved in every other program they can be involved in that Ore City I.S.D. offers, including Ag, Band, as well as other clubs or organizations. In addition, it is a requirement that ALL athletes of a TEAM sport be in the Athletic period.

**EQUIPMENT:**

Each athlete understands that they are responsible for all Athletic Equipment that they will be issued. That equipment belongs to Ore City I.S.D. and not the individual athlete. Every effort will be made by the Ore City Coaching Staff to take care of and maintain all athletic equipment. If equipment is lost or stolen, the athlete will be held accountable for that equipment. He or she will be expected to pay for equipment that they lose or that they steal.

**ACADEMICS:**

The Athletic tail does not wag the Academic dog. In other words all of our student athletes are expected to take care of their business in the classroom. That means they are expected to act appropriately in each class, and they are expected to maintain a passing grade in each class. The coaching staff will monitor the academic progress of all athletes and will encourage and motivate our student-athletes to maintain a high academic standard. Tutorials will not be just a “recommendation” but rather an expectation of kids in academic need.

**BEHAVIOR:**

The Ore City Student-Athlete will be expected to conduct themselves honorably during the school day in every academic setting. The Ore City Coaching Staff will reinforce all school rules and be supportive of the teaching staff. The student-athlete will also be expected to represent their school with honor. Misbehavior will not be tolerated at other school activities whether they are on the field, or court at the time. In addition, athletes must understand that there is a difference between school dress code & athletic dress code. Thus, they must act accordingly with regards to haircuts, removal of piercings, covering up of tattoos, etc. It is a privilege to be an athlete at OCISD, it is not a right! Athletes acting inappropriately while representing their school will be subject to punishment by their coach, and in severe or repeated cases may be dismissed from that team.

**DISMISSAL FROM TEAM:**

An athlete may be dismissed from his or her team if he or she engages in extreme misconduct detrimental to the team, or is habitually disrespecting the rules and expectations for the team. NO ATHLETE WILL BE DISMISSED FROM ANY TEAM WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATHLETES PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND APPROVAL OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. If an athlete is dismissed from any team that athlete will not be allowed to participate in any other sport without the approval of the Athletic Director or Superintendent.

### **QUITTING:**

Ore City Athletes will be strongly discouraged from quitting. Quitting goes against the core of what is right and good in Athletics. It also teaches negative principles in terms of future endeavors, such as a job, or a marriage, or any other commitment. It is important that we teach our young people to stand by their commitments. If after a two week trial period, any athlete that quits any sport will not be allowed to participate in the next sport until the sport the athlete quits is over. The athlete will be allowed to participate in generic offseason training such as lifting, and running. However, they will not be able to participate in any sport specific activities. In addition, the student-athlete will be held accountable for the following once that next sport starts: they must sit out the first three weeks of contests of the next sport while attending all practices and completing extra conditioning assigned by the coach of that sport and/or Athletic Director. The only exception to this will be by consent of all head coaches in the sports involved, or by the approval of the Athletic Director, or Superintendent.

### **TRAINING RULES:**

Some expectations of student behaviors surpass the school day or the athletic day, or even the school year. Student-Athletes will be held accountable for abusing substances that are illegal and detrimental to themselves, their family, their team, as well as society in general. Student-Athletes will be subject to disciplinary actions if they illegally use narcotics or alcohol. Disciplinary actions may vary based on the offense as well as number of occurrences of such offenses. Such action may include suspension of games or contests, or even removal from a team. The head coach of the sport the Student-Athlete participates in as well as the Athletic Director will determine consequences of violation of Ore City Training Rules.

#### **MULTIPLE SPORTS CONCERNS:**

Ore City Athletes will be strongly encouraged to participate in not only multiple sports, but also all activities available to them. If an athlete is participating in multiple sports every effort will be made to allow that student-athlete to participate in all activities. From time to time conflicts of events occur that cannot be avoided. Certain priorities will be adhered to by coaches involved in athletes in unavoidable conflicts. For example, priority will be given to school sponsored activities over non-school activities. Secondly, priority will be given to activities involving post-season or district competition. Thirdly, when conflicts are reasonably equal the student-athlete will be able to choose events they will participate in. When such conflicts occur, the student-athlete will not be “punished” by the sport they were unable to participate in. They will not be asked to make up any conditioning for practice or game they missed due to representing Ore City in another sport or activity.