



## HUSKIES FOOTBALL CODE OF ETHICS and CONDUCT

As a member of the Douglas County High School football program, I am sincerely interested in contributing my best to the success of our program. I therefore agree to conduct myself according to the following code of ethical behavior. To show my total commitment to my teammates and coaches, I will abide by these rules 12 months of the year. I also realize that in case I do not live up to this agreement, I am willing to be removed from the football program.

*(Please read carefully as you will be expected to fulfill this contract.)*

\*BASIC TEAM RULES: **BE A GOOD PERSON and DO WHAT IS RIGHT!** Whatever I do that is detrimental to the good of the team or myself will be handled as my coaches, DCHS administration and teammates see fit.

\*If I disregard any of the following, I agree to the penalties set up by the staff and/or my teammates. If I continue to disregard these standards, I understand I can be removed from the team.

1. Any player who is guilty of smoking/vaping or using tobacco in any form; drinking or being in possession of alcoholic beverages; or misusing, possessing, selling or distributing drugs, depressants, or stimulants, **will** be disciplined by the DCSD and DCHS Athletics Training Rules and Expectations. Parents and players should read this document carefully as you fill out your paperwork on the [dchuskies.org](http://dchuskies.org) website. As a football team we will adhere to the policies and discipline set forth by the Douglas County Schools and our DCHS administration.
2. Game and Travel Dress: I will wear clothing that shows I am proud of our team and myself. We have a team travel shirt that I am required to have and any time we board a team bus to travel to a road game, I understand I am expected to have that shirt on.
3. The number one quality I must possess is a **positive attitude** no matter what the situation might be.
4. I will be on time (being on time means being at least 5 minutes early) for all football related functions, including practices and meetings. The time a practice or weightlifting session is scheduled means I am expected to be on the field or in the weight room and ready to practice/lift or condition.
5. SCHOLASTIC RESPONSIBILITIES: I understand that my main obligations are to my academic work. I will discuss any classroom problems I may have with my teachers or coaches. **The coaching staff will be monitoring the players grades. I understand that if mine/my son's grades are suffering and or me/my son is having attendance issues in classes, that the Coaching staff reserves the right to suspend and not allow a player to play in that week's game(s) if doing well in school and being in regular (non-tardy) attendance is becoming an issue for any player. At the 6-week mark in the fall semester, any player that is not passing 5 classes will be academically ineligible for the next 6 weeks of the season.** A player that is ineligible multiple times may be removed from the team.
6. I recognize the fact that while on or off the field my actions, performance, and speech are a reflection on the team, the student body, my family, and community. Therefore, I will act accordingly and if I do not act accordingly, I will accept the consequences of my misbehavior(s) the DCHS coaches and administration see fit. Repeated offenses could result in me being dismissed from the team. **If I get into any legal trouble with the law inside or outside the school, I may also be suspended from any number of football games the football coaching staff and DCHS administrations feels necessary or I could be entirely dismissed from the football team.**
7. I will be honest, loyal and unselfish at all times to my coach, my teammates, and my school. I am part of a TEAM and I understand that many other people are depending on me to do my part.
8. I will cooperate with all of my coaches and respect the authority they represent. If I have a problem regarding my coach and/or the program, I will see him personally to discuss the matter knowing full well that the coach is there to listen and help, not to retaliate in any way.

9. I will report any incidents or dissension that might hinder the success of the team. I will report any necessary news that in any way affects our team to either the head coach or one of the assistant coaches so any potential situations may be dealt with by the DCHS Football Coaching Staff. I realize this is OUR TEAM and I will sincerely try to contribute more than my ability indicates. I realize as a part of a TEAM I will be asked to play a necessary role and help our team to be the best it can possibly be.
10. It is extremely important I am at every practice and team function. Many people are depending on me; I can't let them down. Repeated unexcused absences can lead to me being dismissed from the team or suspended. **If I need to miss a practice, I will let my coach know ahead of time if possible, but will let a coach know in some fashion (Phone Call, text message or E-mail). I understand that just skipping team functions and not letting any coach know a reason for my absence is not permissible in the DCHS football program.** I also understand that if I miss a practice it is at the discretion of the coaching staff to determine if I will still be allowed to start in the game that week. Not starting doesn't mean I won't play at all, but if the person that is rewarded for being at practice is playing well in my place, then I may not get the opportunity to play much or potentially at all in that game.
11. I will not approach my coaches regarding playing time during a game. I understand that the coaches know that all the players on the team want to play and to contribute in the game. I will trust my coach's decision-making process, and should my playing time become a concern I will schedule a meeting at an appropriate time to discuss things with my coaches.
12. During a football game, my focus will be on my team and the game that we are playing. Not with what is going on in the stands behind me.
13. All equipment and uniforms that are checked out to me are my responsibility to care for and turn in at the end of the football season. Any lost or stolen items are my financial responsibility not the coaches, Douglas County HS or DCSD. I will be expected to pay for any items that I do not turn in at the end of the season that were checked out to me at any point in time during the season. I also understand that I will be fined \$20.00 if I do not clean out my locker at the end of the football season and force the coaches to do so for me. I also understand that I will be fined \$10.00 if I turn in any of my uniforms (practice or game) and they are still dirty or soiled in any way. I understand that when I do this, I force the DCHS coaching staff to do all of my uniform laundry for me and that takes a considerable amount of time. Finally, any items that are not returned by February 2022 I will owe the team for those items.....whether I turn in the items or not. I understand that uniforms and equipment must be re-ordered by the first of February 2022.
14. I understand that it is highly recommended, as a member of the football team that is a student that attends DCHS, to be in a weights class during the school year, preferably Coach Rice's Zero-Hour weights class. I also understand that lifting weights and conditioning is one of the most important aspects of the DCHS football program. First of all, to prepare the boys physically for the demands on the body that football places on it and to assist in injury prevention. Secondly, to build team camaraderie.
15. All players and parents are being asked to sign up for our Twitter account. This will help us in our efforts to be able to communicate with all of the players and parents as effectively as possible.

**THIS CODE OF ETHICS HAS BEEN SET FORTH WITH THE PURPOSE TO ALLOW ME THE PRIVILEGE AND HONOR OF BEING A PART OF A FIRST-CLASS FOOTBALL PROGRAM. IT ALSO GIVES ME THE FULL OPPORTUNITY OF BECOMING A BETTER TEAMMATE, A BETTER PLAYER AND MOST OF ALL A BETTER PERSON.**

Player name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_