

Union Local School District Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

The Union Local School District Board of Education recognizes that participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right, and that those students involved in athletic competition participate voluntarily under certain obligations and restrictions required of all team members. The board of education believes that due to their high visibility, student-athletes have a strong influence on the student body as well as the community. A student-athlete's conduct while representing a team, traveling to or from an event, as well as in the community is seen as a direct reflection upon the athletic program as well as the standards of the Union Local School District.

To allow that each student-athlete reaches his or her potential a degree of self-discipline is required of each participant. Self-discipline involves compliance with rules and regulations regarding personal behavior. Rules promote order and safety to assure participants may achieve maximum performance potential.

Therefore, any student-athlete shall not possess, use, sell, offer to sell, deliver, conceal, consume, or be under the influence of any drugs of abuse including alcohol, tobacco, tobacco-related products, illegal drugs, controlled narcotics, intoxicants, steroids, any type of performance , or any substance that is directly or indirectly represented to be a drug of abuse (or look-alike). Use of drugs authorized by a medical prescription for the student athlete from a licensed physician shall not be considered a violation of this policy.

Student-athletes should not attend or remain at activities where illegal consumption of any of the above mentioned items is taking place. If a student shall be found guilty consuming or attending activities where the consumption of these substances are taking place, whether the act or the act thereof is witnessed in person by a school official or an employee of the Union Local School District, seen in a picture, social media, or found guilty of any type of incriminating evidence the student-athlete shall be held accountable at the discretion of the head coach for their specific athletic program.

Student-Athletes are not to be found participating in any activity deemed illegal by the Ohio Revised Code.

The specific course of action will be determined after consideration of all factors in the case. The authority in the determination lies in the hands of the head coach. With the understanding that school administration has the right to deny participation of any student athlete.