

**ARTESIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ACTIVITIES / ATHLETICS TRAINING RULES CONTRACT**  
(Approved by the Artesia Public Schools Board of Education August 11, 2025)

Students at Artesia Public Schools who engage in extracurricular or co-curricular activities, including athletics, must adhere to the Training Rules outlined in this contract throughout the entire calendar year (365 days). This commitment extends to all school vacations and breaks.

As a representative of Artesia Public Schools, I recognize my responsibility to set a positive example for my peers and to uphold the integrity of my school and its programs. I understand that participating in extracurricular activities is a privilege, which can be forfeited if misused. Therefore, I fully agree to follow the established rules and accept the consequences for any violations as specified in this contract.

**RULE A:** I shall not use or have in my possession illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages in any form. This includes being present at, or remaining at, a social gathering where minors are using or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs. I understand that if I knew or reasonably should have known of the presence of alcohol or drugs at a gathering but did not immediately leave, I will be subject to the penalties outlined by this contract.

**RULE B:** I shall not use or have in my personal possession tobacco or any other substance containing nicotine in any form, and I shall not smoke any other substance, including but not limited to vaping.

**RULE C:** I shall not commit acts which may involve violations of the criminal code. This includes not only acts which result in a conviction, but also actions leading to arrest, charges, or incarceration. I recognize that if I am arrested, charged or incarcerated for a crime, it may impact my ability to represent my school and that it may be disruptive to Artesia Public Schools and its programs. Therefore, Artesia Public Schools may reduce or stop my participation in school-sponsored extracurricular activities if any of these circumstances apply.

A violation of this contract may be confirmed by any one or more of the following:

1. A positive result from a random drug test administered by the school district;
2. Police arrest or report;
3. Identification of the violation by district school personnel;
4. Self-admission or parent notification of their child's violation; or
5. Any evidence with strong indication of reliability.

**PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF RULE A:**

**I understand AND ACCEPT that the penalties for violation of Rule A of this contract shall be as follows:**

**1. *First Offense.***

**a. *In-Season Violation by an Athlete.*** If I participate in one or more sports and commit the first violation of Rule A during the season for a sport in which I am participating, I will be suspended from all school activities\* for a period of 45 \*school calendar days; however, I will be allowed to continue to practice with the team.

b. *Off-Season Violation by an Athlete.* If I participate in one or more sports and commit the first violation of Rule A at any time that is not during the season for a sport in which I am participating, I will be suspended from all school activities\* for a period of 45 \*school calendar days. I must also sit out a minimum of 20% of the first regular season contests of the next sport in which I participate. A Game Suspension Table is set forth below. I will be allowed to continue to practice with the team.

c. *Violation by a Student who is not an Athlete.* If I participate in an activity other than a sport and commit the first violation of Rule A, I will be suspended from all school activities\* for a period of 45 \*school calendar days. In such event, I will be allowed to continue to attend classes for such activity and participate in practice sessions for the activity.

I understand that any violation of Rule A, I must attend a district-approved alcohol/drug abuse counseling program. The alcohol/drug abuse counseling program will be provided by the district on various Saturdays during the school year. Three Saturday's must be attended before I can return to sport or activity.

**2. *Second Offense.***

If I commit a second violation of Rule A at any time from the beginning of my eighth grade year through my twelve grade year, I will be suspended from all school activities\* for the remainder of the school year or 90 \*school Calendar days, whichever is longer. If I commit a second violation of Rule A, I will be allowed to attend classes for my activities and participate in practice sessions for the school activities\*.

**3. *Third Offense.***

If I commit a third violation of Rule A at any time from the beginning of my eighth grade year through my twelve grade year, I will be suspended from participating in school activities\* for the remainder of my tenure at Artesia Public Schools.

**First, Second, and Third violations of Rule A are cumulative from my Eighth-Grade year through my Twelfth-Grade year.**

**PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF RULE B:**

**I understand AND ACCEPT that the penalties for violation of Rule B of this contract shall be as follows:**

I will be suspended from school activities\* for a period of 10 calendar days and a minimum of one game or event. For each additional violation of Rule B, I will be suspended from (i) school activities\* for that number of calendar days determined by multiplying the number of my cumulative violations of Rule B times 10 and (ii) a minimum number of games or events equal to the number of my cumulative violations of Rule B. **Violations of Rule B are cumulative from my eighth grade year through my twelfth grade year.**

**PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF RULE C:**

**I understand AND ACCEPT that the penalties for violation of Rule C of this contract shall be as follows:**

If I violate Rule C, coaches and school administrators shall determine the extent to which my violation of this rule detrimentally affects (i) my ability to properly represent the school and/or (ii) the school's extracurricular and educational mission. From that assessment, they may determine whether I shall be excluded from activities and for what length of time.

**NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS:**

If I am in violation of any of the rules set forth herein, my parents and/or legal guardians will be notified by mail and/or phone of the violation and of the disciplinary action that will be taken.

### **VIOLATIONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, DURING SCHOOL TIME, OR AT SCHOOL EVENTS:**

I understand that if I am in violation of this contract while at school, during school hours, or at a school-sponsored event, I am still subject to all general student handbook rules. Therefore, in addition to the sanctions and penalties set forth herein, I understand that the Artesia Public Schools may take academic discipline against me, if appropriate, up to and including suspension or expulsion from school, for actions in violation of the student code of conduct.

### **AWARDS AND AWARDS BANQUETS:**

If I am in violation of Rule A, B, or C of the Artesia Public Schools Athletics/Activities Training Rules Contract, I will be allowed to attend and receive any awards that I might earn at the annual awards banquet, provided that the banquet is not during my suspension period.

### **GRADE REDUCTION:**

**I will receive a one-letter grade reduction for my activity for the 9-week period in which I violate one of the rules set forth herein.**

### **GAME SUSPENSION TABLE:**

Number of Regular Season Contests	Number of Contests Suspended
Less than 9	1
10 to 14	2
15 to 19	3
20 to 23	4
24 to 26	5

**\*SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**—ANY ACTIVITY OR ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR WHICH A SIGNED ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS TRAINING RULES CONTRACT IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.

**\*SCHOOL CALENDAR DAYS**—THIS INCLUDES ALL DAYS BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST OFFICIAL DAY OF SCHOOL AND ENDING WITH THE LAST OFFICIAL DAY OF SCHOOL. IT ALSO INCLUDES HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS WITHIN THAT TIMEFRAME.

