

ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual

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SPORTSMANSHIP

The District believes in developing and maintaining a quality co-curricular program and the many educational and social values that can be instilled in the students who participate in these programs. Like the classroom setting, practices and games are forums for coaches, parents and adults to teach.

Sportsmanship is the cornerstone of any quality program. Good sportsmanship is an attitude that displays respect, dignity, character, self-control, fair play, and comradely. The District acknowledges that students, coaches, parents and others can on occasion be caught up in the intensity of a particularly heated contest. This, however, is no excuse for irresponsible, unsportsmanlike behavior. Just as the District expects civility and self-control in the classroom and in society, the District must demand it in student programs.

In the interest of promoting sportsmanship, these guidelines are to be followed by all athletes, students, administrators, coaches, faculty, parents and spectators:

Expectations of the Coaches, Athletic Director, Faculty and Administration

1. Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow and model respect, dignity, character, self-control and fair play.
2. Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship and ethics a number one priority.
3. Respect the judgment of contest officials, abide by the rules of the event, and refrain from behavior that would entice spectators in a negative manner.
4. Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect.
5. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat in public and in meeting/talking with the media.

Expectations of the Student Participants

1. Accept and understand the seriousness of their responsibility, and the privilege of representing the school and community. Participant actions good or bad reflect on the coach, school and community.
2. Refrain from taunting, trash talking or making any kind of derogatory remarks to the opponents during the game, especially comments of an ethnic, racial or sexual nature. Refrain from intimidating behavior.
3. Respect the judgment of contest officials, abide by the rules of the event, and refrain from behavior that would entice spectators in a negative manner.
4. Treat opponents the way they would like to be treated.
5. Win or lose with character and dignity.

Expectations of Spectators

1. Refrain from taunting, trash talking or making any kind of derogatory remarks to the opponents during the game, especially comments of an ethnic, racial or sexual nature. Refrain from intimidating behavior.
2. Be a positive role model through their own actions and by censuring those around them at events whose behavior is unbecoming.
3. Remember that they are at a contest to support, cheer for the team and enjoy the skill and competition, not to intimidate or ridicule others.
4. Remember that a ticket to a school event is a privilege to observe a contest, not a license to verbally assault others.
5. Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
6. Refrain from the use of any controlled substance (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during and after games.

Individuals shall be assigned to maintain crowd control at co-curricular events held on school premises. Crowd control shall be maintained in accordance with established guidelines.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.12(2) Wisconsin Statutes
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CROSS REF.: 833.1-Rule, Crowd Control Guidelines
447, Student Discipline
512, Harassment
831, Tobacco Use on School Premises
832, Weapons on School Premises
High School and Middle School Activities Code
High School and Middle School Athletic Code

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