

Appendix J

Student Athlete’s Responsibilities

Students are to conduct themselves in ways that show respect for the safety and well being of both themselves and others.

From the Education Act:

A pupil shall:

- be diligent in attempting to master such studies as are part of the program in which the pupil is enrolled;
- exercise self-discipline;
- accept such discipline as would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent; and
- show respect for school property.

Every pupil is responsible for his or her conduct to the principal of the school that the pupil attends:

- on the school premises;
- on out-of-school activities that are part of the school program; and
- while travelling on a school bus that is owned by a Board or on a bus that is under contract to a Board.

Foolhardy behaviour, the use of alcohol, and the non-medical use of drugs, including performance enhancing drugs, must be viewed as safety hazards and must be strictly forbidden at all times. This prohibition extends to all curricular activities, whether they take place inside school or off school property (e.g., cross-country skiing field trip, in-the-gym basketball activity).

Students must understand how to follow safety procedures and why they should do so.

Students must be informed of the importance of contributing to their own safety.

All students/participants are expected to take increasing responsibility for their own safety, as well as the safety of others, as they mature. Students must begin to take responsibility from a very young age for their own safety and the safety of others around them at school.

Following procedures, using equipment as instructed, wearing appropriate attire, and using thinking skills to assess risk and take appropriate precautions are some ways in which students can contribute to their own safety and the safety of others while participating in physical activity.

(Ontario Ministry of Education, *The Ontario Curriculum, Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-8, revised (2015)*)

The standards of safety are affected by the student’s skill and understanding.