

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THORP
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School District of Thorp Activities Code

The activities program at the School District of Thorp is an important extension of the student's total educational experience. As a vital part of the school program, the activities programs provide daily learning experiences in human relations that are difficult to duplicate in any other area of a student's education.

Participation in activities is a privilege that carries the responsibility of representing the school and the community.

The School District of Thorp expects its students to be positive leaders within the student body. They are expected to set good examples in all areas of school life, including scholarship, personal appearance and attitudes of respect toward and cooperation with those in authority and their fellow students.

As representatives of the entire student body, activities students are looked to as role models by younger students. Therefore, the personal grooming, language, and decorum of these students must be such that it brings credit to the him/herself, family, school and community.

Parents/Guardians are the greatest role models for a young person. The Thorp School District seeks parental assistance to help develop outstanding young men and women who possess the self-discipline and motivation to make a difference in the world. The administration, faculty, staff, advisors, and coaches ask that parents/guardians be supportive of the programs and personnel at Thorp Schools and demonstrate that support by respecting the decisions and efforts of the advisors/coaches who work with our young people. Parental assistance is also required in enforcing this code so that a fair and healthy environment will exist for all students.

While spectators at any event, whether at Thorp or any other site, parents/guardians are expected to display good sportsmanship. An individual or group who willfully interferes with or interrupts the proper order or management of a school-sponsored event by any act of violence, boisterous conduct, inappropriate gestures, threatening language, or unsportsmanlike conduct toward advisors, coaches, players or officials, or disobeys school board policies or administrative rules may be removed from the event and may be prohibited from further attendance. **The Parent Sportsmanship Pledge contained within this code defines expected behavior and must be signed by parents of their student each year.**

I. Applicability/Duration:

- A. The code is applicable to all students in grades 6-12.
- B. It will be in effect during the off-season periods and during the summer months.
- C. The Code will be signed once each year and will be in effect from its initial signing to the student's high school graduation and completion of the spring activity season.
- D. An athlete may only participate in one sport per season.

II. Student's Responsibilities:

- A. All athletes enrolled in physical education classes shall be active participants in those classes. Athletes who have an **excuse** from a licensed medical practitioner **to not participate in physical education** shall **likewise be ineligible to participate in athletic practice and competition** for the duration of the excuse.
- B. The office will inform head coaches of students with medical excuses. Appeals for unusual circumstances shall be directed to the activities director.
- C. Each advisor/coach may set reasonable dress expectations for their students on the days of an appearance at contests.
- D. All students as a unit must ride to and from contest sites on the bus provided unless their parents, upon face-to-face contact with the advisor/coach and a written note, make an arrangement to pick up their son/daughter. In the event a student rides home with someone other than parent, guardian, or grandparent, a permission slip must be signed by school administration. Exceptions may be granted by the building principal and in such case, it is the responsibility of the student and principal to notify the head advisor/coach.
- E. Each student is responsible for keeping their locker and the locker room clean and presentable at all times. Profanity, displays of anger, horseplay and/or harassment of any kind shall not be tolerated in the locker room at any time. All advisors/coaches will hold all of their students responsible for the proper disposition of used towels, discarded wrappings, etc., before the locker room is vacated for that day's activity.
- F. Each student shall be held responsible for the equipment issued to him/her. Such equipment must be returned in good condition. No part of that equipment may be worn or used outside of practice, performance, or contest for that particular activity without express permission from the advisor/coach. Theft or vandalism of the School District of Thorp property or that of any other school is a violation of the activities code as well as a serious legal offense.
- G. Until all equipment has been returned or bills paid relating to that equipment, the student can not participate in any other activity and no earned letters, honors, or scholarships will be awarded.
- H. An athlete **may not** quit one activity and begin another during the same season except by mutual agreement of the head advisor/coaches involved. The activities director may evaluate extenuating circumstances.
- I. A student wishing to drop out of any activity for any reason is expected to **FIRST** discuss the decision with the advisor/coach of that activity. In extenuating circumstances, the discussion may be held with the activities director.
- J. If the decision is made to drop out of an activity, the student is personally responsible for all equipment that was issued to him/her and must return it to the head advisor/coach of that activity within two (2) weeks. Any equipment not returned must be paid for.

III. Eligibility:

A. WIAA:

1. All athletes must meet WIAA eligibility standards.
2. Before an athlete may participate in any manner, he/she must have on file a current and properly signed:
 - a) WIAA physical or alternate year card
 - b) Activities pledge
 - c) Concussion Education Agreement
3. Each head advisor/coach shall supervise the administration of this important function and shall provide the activities director with a complete roster of all their teams.

B. Academic:

1. Students shall be academically ineligible for the following reasons:
 - a) One (1) failing deficiency will make a student ineligible until he/she is again doing passing work in all their classes.
 - b) A student receiving one "F" or "I" for a grade period will be ineligible for 15 scheduled school days and nights. In the fall it would be either the above rule if first eligible date of competition takes place after school has started or 21 consecutive days from 1st competition if the first competition takes place before school starts.
2. Students may regain their eligibility in the manner described below.
 - a) The ineligible student must secure an Academic Progress Report from the office.
 - b) The progress report **will be returned** to the principal with the signature(s) of the classroom teacher(s) where the deficiency(ies) occurred, indicating that the student is currently doing passing work.

Interpretation: The intent is not to punish the student, but to encourage and assist the student to overcome academic deficiency by providing both time to study or obtain additional help, and a quick return to eligibility.

Therefore: The minimum academic eligibility standard is:

- a) The student may not have a failing grade or a failing deficiency.
- b) The student does not drop a class to regain eligibility except under advisement of the teacher.
- c) The teacher decides when the student's work is again passing except as otherwise stated.
- d) Advisors/coaches are expected to check on and encourage the academic progress and eligibility of their students. The office will provide a list of students with deficiencies to each advisor/head coach and the principal within one week of the grades being turned in.

C. **Attendance:**

1. Students with an unexcused absence shall be ineligible to participate in the next contest during the current season.
2. A student must be present the last four (4) class periods of the day to be eligible to practice or participate in a contest that day. (Friday attendance in school carries over to Saturday contest.)
3. In either 1 or 2 above, a student may obtain permission to participate from the principal or, in his absence, the district administrator for a good and compelling reason, such as, but not limited to, involvement in a school-sponsored activity, a medical appointment, or family emergency.
4. In any case, it is advisable for the student to seek prior approval for such absence.
5. A student who must leave school early or miss practice for any reason **must notify the advisor/coach prior** to that practice session.

D. **Conduct violations:**

1. Students will be ineligible for participation in practice or competition if they do not serve their detention by the assigned time. They will remain ineligible until the detention is served.
2. Students will lose their eligibility to participate in practice and competition if they are expelled.
3. Students under court supervision or punitive action for violation of law will lose their eligibility to participate in practice and competition.
4. Students may lose their eligibility to participate in practice, competition or be removed from the team/activity for conduct unbecoming of a student/athlete or conduct that the advisor/coach deems inappropriate. This may include, but is not limited to, poor sportsmanship, use of abusive language during activities, acts in violation of school policies, or the student's willful disobedience and/or disregard of rules established by the advisor/coach of a particular activity.
5. Use of any electronic media device and/or any website or other similar forum to make disparaging comments toward teammates, advisors, coaches, parents, or members of any other organization will not be tolerated. This is inclusive of, but not limited, to Facebook, Twitter, internet blogs, email, and texting. Students choosing to interact through this type of media will be held accountable for their actions and choices regarding these activities.
6. Hazing in any form will not be tolerated. *The National Federation of State High School Associations defines hazing as "any humiliating or dangerous activity expected of a student to belong to a group, **regardless of their willingness to participate.**"* Individuals committing acts of hazing will be subjected to disciplinary action with the subsequent discipline based on the severity of the circumstances surrounding the hazing incident(s).
7. Everyone is entitled to a reasonable amount of privacy therefore no recording devices, including cell phones, may be used in the locker room unless directed to by the coaching staff. Unauthorized use of a recording device to capture, record, or transfer a representation of a nude or partially nude person is a violation of Wisconsin Act 118 which carries criminal penalties.
8. In-school suspension would result in no practice or competition for that day.
9. Out-of-school suspension would be under results from violations

E. **Substance violations:**

1. The use, possession, or distribution of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, drugs, inhalants (including e-cigarettes), and/or controlled substances, unless prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner, **is forbidden** during an athlete's competitive years while enrolled in the School District of Thorp. Athletes violating the substance rules, with or without parental permission, will be subject to loss of eligibility. Successive offenses will be considered per the athlete's career and not on a per year basis.
2. Athletes will be considered in violation of the athletic code if they attend gatherings where alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances are being distributed and/or consumed illegally.

IV. Results from violations:

A. **First Offense:**

- Athletic:
 - Will be suspended from all interscholastic competition for twenty percent (20%) of the scheduled contests. The athlete will be expected to participate in all practice sessions during his/her suspension. This suspension will be carried over from one school year and/or sports season to another.
- Activity:
 - Three weeks from all activities (including class functions), and potential additional discipline by the advisor of an organization.

Honesty clause:

- An athlete who is completely honest during the initial questioning of the incident will have their consequence reduced by one half. This will only apply for the first offense.

B. **Second Offense:**

- Athletic:
 - The athlete will be suspended from that sport for forty percent (40%) of the scheduled contests. The athlete will lose all awards or letters earned in that sport during that season in which the offense occurred and this suspension will be carried over from one school year and/or sports season to another.
- Activity:
 - Three months from all activities (including class functions), and potential additional discipline by the advisor of an organization. This suspension will be carried over from one school year and/or activity to another.

C. **Third Offense:**

- The student will be suspended from all activities/athletic participation for one (1) calendar year from the date of the violation.

D. **Fourth Offense:**

- The student will not be allowed to participate in activities/athletics for the rest of his/her school career.

Any athlete serving a sanction while out for a sport must finish the sport in good standing according to the opinion of the coach or the sanction will be served in its entirety in the next season of participation.

Exception:

- Those athletes with an alcohol or drug problem who have voluntarily enrolled in a professional rehabilitation program prior to any written or found violations will receive due consideration by the District Administrator.

V. Enforcement procedure and due process policy:

- A. Alleged violations of the activities code will be based on the following:
 1. Alleged violations reported to the school by law enforcement officials with corroborating evidence.
 2. Alleged violations reported by teaching or coaching staff members, parents, or members of the community. Suspected violations require the completion of the attached form in Appendix II. Sources of information may request and be granted confidentiality.
 3. Self-Admission:
- B. Reports of violations must occur within fourteen days of the violation. Unless referred by the judicial system, law enforcement, and/or social services.
- C. Upon receiving a report of a violation, the principal and/or athletic director shall conduct an investigation as soon as is feasibly possible, which shall include an interview with the accused to determine whether or not the student has violated the activities code.
- D. If, after the investigation, it has been determined by the principal and/or athletic director that the student has violated the activity code, the student and his/her parents will be notified of the violation verbally and in writing.
- E. If either the parent/guardian or student do not agree with the decision of the principal and/or athletic director, they may appeal to the District Administrator within five (5) school days of the formal written decision. The appeal must be in writing and must state the reason(s) for the appeal. A committee consisting of the District Administrator, one current teacher, and one non-current coach of the athlete shall review the case and give written notice of the decision of the committee within five (5) school days. **The student will be ineligible during the appeal process.**
- F. A meeting may be arranged by the parent/guardian or student with the committee and the athletic director. Only the parent/guardian and the student may be present unless both parties agree to the presence of additional people at the meeting. The committee will make its decision after hearing arguments from both sides.
- G. If the decision of the committee is appealed by either the student or his/her parent/guardian, it must be presented to the school board within five (5) school days of the written decision of the committee. The appeal must be in writing and must state the reason(s) for the appeal.

VI. Parent sportsmanship pledge:

- A. I agree to practice and promote good sportsmanship. I also agree that if I fail to abide by the following guidelines and goals, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but not be limited to, verbal warning, written warning, removal and/or suspension from game(s), or legal prosecution or action with record of incident kept on file.
1. I will learn and understand the rules of the game and the policies of the conference and WIAA.
 2. I will be responsible for my actions and the actions of my guests as a positive role model for my student and will encourage respect by showing, courtesy, and positive support for participants, coaches/advisors, officials, and all spectators.
 3. I will not engage in any disrespectful actions directed at any official, coach/advisors, participants, or spectator to include booing, taunting, using profane or rude language or gestures.
 4. I will teach my child to participate within the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to violence or hostility. In addition, I will demand that he/she treat other participants, coaches/advisors, and officials with respect.
 5. I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other members of the team for making a mistake or losing a competition.
 6. I will put what is best for the participants and team above my personal desires for my child to gain acclaim or win.
 7. I will respect the officials and their authority during events and will not question, discuss, or confront coaches/advisors or officials at the competition site. I will take time to speak with coaches/advisors at an agreed upon time and place.
 8. I will not use electronic media such as Facebook, Twitter, or text messaging to ridicule coaches/advisors or teammates.
 9. I will be supportive of the team/coach/advisor's **policy, procedure, and/or participation decisions**. I understand that there are many factors that contribute to participation time, and coaches/advisors have the best understanding of those factors for each participant.

In addition, I will accept and abide by the enforcement of all penalties for school activities code violations imposed on my son/daughter for his/her failure to abide by the code

APPENDIX I

ACTIVITIES ACADEMIC DEFICIENCY

(Name of student) _____

(Coach/Advisor) _____

(Subject deficient in) _____ (Instructor) _____

(Subject deficient in) _____ (Instructor) _____

(Subject deficient in) _____ (Instructor) _____

QUARTER DEFICIENCY: 15 consecutive scheduled school days and nights.

(Date deficiency began) _____ (Earliest terminal date) _____

MID-TERM DEFICIENCY:

As soon as this form is signed by the teacher(s) of the above listed class that the student earned a non passing grade in and it is then turned in by the student to the activities director. The activities director will then contact the coach/advisor of that student's eligibility.

Signature showing the student is now passing the class listed above:

The above-named student has shown the progress necessary to be reclassified as ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY in the School District of Thorp's Activities Program.

(Instructor's signature) _____

The above-named student has shown the progress necessary to be reclassified as ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY in the School District of Thorp's Activities Program.

(Instructor's signature) _____

The above-named student has shown the progress necessary to be reclassified as ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE FULLY in the School District of Thorp's Activities Program.

(Instructor's signature) _____

THE STUDENT MUST RETURN THIS FORM TO THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



2018-2019 High School Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin

To: Student-Athletes and Their Parents

From: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and **School District of Thorp**

Your high school is a member of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. The following rules and regulations are developed by the member schools of the WIAA and govern the participation by boys and girls in school athletics and in some instances, impact upon sports activities outside the school.

This information bulletin is a **summary** of the WIAA OFFICIAL HANDBOOK as it pertains to those rules and regulations. Both student-athletes and their parents should have an understanding of these requirements. Equally important is that student-athletes and/or parents talk to their principal or athletic director if they have any question about these regulations. For additional information on Rules of Eligibility see the WIAA Handbook, or visit the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.

This bulletin does not discuss specific penalties for all violations. The reason is that penalties vary depending upon the nature of the violation. In addition, schools often have established penalties or periods of ineligibility which are greater than the minimum prescribed by WIAA rules.

There also are exceptions and other permissive provisions in some rules. Student-athletes and their parents should discuss all athletic eligibility related situations with the school principal or athletic director who, if necessary, will get a decision, interpretation, or opinion from the WIAA office.

Student-athletes, as well as parents are asked to read this bulletin, then sign it and have their signature statement (attached) on file at their school prior to practicing and competing.

These are WIAA eligibility rules, which are current for the 2018-2019 school year:

AGE

A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

ACADEMICS

A student-athlete must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent school issued grade reporting period. Note: Some member schools adopt code and academic policies and other participation requirements which are more stringent than WIAA minimum requirements. In those instances the schools requirements prevail and must be applied as written.

ATTENDANCE

A student-athlete is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school. (Subject to satisfying all other eligibility requirements.)

Note: A full-time student is further defined as one where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all the other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- A. A student must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances and a waiver has been provided.
- B. A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- C. A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- D. A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, e.g.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school sports in more than four different years, and a student-athlete may not participate in the same sport more than one season each school year.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

- A. Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in the transfers section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.
- B. The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

- C. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility, except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook.
- D. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- E. A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This provision extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer Section of this document.
- F. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- G. After a student-athlete has not participated and/or has had their eligibility restricted for one calendar year due to reasons relating to residence and/or transfer, he/she becomes eligible.
- H. A student-athlete will not be eligible if his/her attendance at a particular school resulted from undue influence (special consideration because of athletic ability) on the part of any person.
- I. A student-athlete who has been declared ineligible at a school for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons or due to another State Association's provision retains that ineligibility status if he/she transfers to another school.
- J. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer students are subject to transfer provisions as outlined in the transfer section of this document and in the Senior High Handbook.

DETERMINING RESIDENCE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

- A. In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year'. Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers. Transfer restrictions may also apply.
- B. Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- C. A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- D. A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
- E. Except in situations involving mid-year transfer and/or transfer after the fourth consecutive semester students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence.
- F. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in the WIAA HS Handbook under Waivers.

TRANSFERS

A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. **Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility.** For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

- A. A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition any any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by

a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.

- B. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
- C. Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- D. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
- E. 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
- F. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- G. District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supercede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may practice.
- H. Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents' residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
- I. If within the first four consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of the calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
- J. A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total move.
- K. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
- L. No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION and PARENT'S PERMISSION

A student-athlete whether an adult or not, must have written permission of parents to participate in school athletics, an emergency information form, and he/she must have a physical examination (signed by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber) every other school year.

A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years. Physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and the following school year.

TRAINING and CONDUCT

A student-athlete must follow his/her school's code of conduct (training rules) on a year-round basis.

- A. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct during the season of a sport (start of practice to final game) must be suspended from competition for a period of time specified in the code (minimum of one meet) if the violation involves (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, (b) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and (c) use, possession, buying or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).
- B. The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including out of season offenses and for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principals and standards of the school and this Association including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- C. A student-athlete who violates his/her school's code of conduct at times other than during the actual season of a sport must be disciplined by the school, the nature of such discipline to be determined by the school as indicated in its code of conduct.
- D. A student-athlete who violates any part of the school or WIAA's code of conduct resulting in suspension for any portion of WIAA-sponsored tournament competition must be immediately declared ineligible for the remainder of tournament series in that sport. During the WIAA Tournament, an ineligible athlete may not suit up.
- E. A student-athlete, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is also suspended from the next competitive event.

- F. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- G. A school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to a penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the schools appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.
- H. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

AMATEUR STATUS

A student-athlete must be an amateur in all recognized sports of this association in order to compete in any WIAA sport.

- A. A student-athlete may not accept, receive or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of cash or merchandise such as shoes, shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, regardless of their value for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, e.g.
- B. A student-athlete may receive awards for school achievement which are symbolic (non utilitarian) in nature – badges, certificates, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, plaques, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, e.g.
- C. A student-athlete may not receive compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential and/or performance as an athlete. This includes receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- D. A student-athlete may not be identified (with or without permission) as an athlete, provide endorsement as an athlete or appear as an athlete in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan, or service.
- E. A student-athlete may not participate in school athletics or in sports activities outside the school under a name other than his/her own name.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

A student-athlete in a given sport may not compete in that same sport outside of school either as a team member or an individual or independent entry during the same time he/she is participating with the school team. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season (including the WIAA tournament series).

- A. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. However, they may not participate officially or unofficially (including “banditing”) in any nonschool competitions or races, including scrimmages against other teams.
 - (1) This restriction applies to normal nonschool games as well as “gimmicks,” such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, e.g.), specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, free throws, 3 point, e.g.), fun runs, etc.
 - (2) During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply.
 - (3) A student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school’s official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training and/or competition.
- B. During the school year before and/or after the school season of a sport and in the summertime, members of a school’s team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates (without school and/or school coach involvement) at their own discretion.
- C. A student-athlete or his/her parents must pay the fee for specialized training or instruction such as camps, clinics, and similar programs.
- D. A student-athlete may not be instructed except during the school season of a sport and approved summer contact days by the person who will be his/her coach in that sport in the following school season. The sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer (must conclude by July 31 for fall soccer), softball, swimming, tennis, track & field, and wrestling are exempt from this rule, BUT only (a) during the summer months and (b) if the program involved is not limited to individuals who are likely to be candidates for the school team in that sport in the following season.
- E. A student-athlete must not participate in an all-star game or similar contest except for summertime activities (a) within the same league or program (e.g., softball game between divisions of same league) or (b) in which a team is selected to represent a league in post-season play (e.g., Babe Ruth league team). Some post-season all-star opportunities may be permitted for 12th graders who have completed high school eligibility in a particular sport. Check with your Athletic Director to be certain.
- F. Schools/individuals are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and state tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGE

The participation of student-athletes in school and WIAA tournaments may result in the use of student-athlete images in promotion of school and WIAA events.

In order to facilitate good communication, all questions regarding athletic participation at your school should be addressed to your athletic administrator.

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Detach and Return to Athletic Director

**APPENDIX III
The School District of Thorp Activities Pledge
2018-2019**

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING ACTIVITIES AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THORP. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THORP'S ACTIVITIES CODE.

I agree to pay for any and all equipment that I may lose, misplace, or damage through carelessness or intent. I further agree to assume full responsibility for all equipment issued to me and to confine the use of that equipment to practice and events.

(Date)

(Student's signature)

I, as a parent/guardian of _____, have read the rules and policies set forth for activity participation at the School District of Thorp and give my son/daughter permission to participate under these conditions. I will do my part in seeing that he/she follows these rules and regulations and that I abide by the guidelines set forth in the **Parent Sportsmanship Pledge**. I will also give permission to the attending physician to give first aid and emergency treatment to my son/daughter should he/she require such assistance.

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Parent/Guardian signature)

**WIAA PARENT-STUDENT RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
SIGN-OFF FORM – 2018-2019**

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained in this bulletin. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

School Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Please Print Name _____ Date _____

Student-Athlete's Signature _____ Please Print Name _____ Date _____

This form must be completed and submitted to the Activities Director prior to a student being declared eligible to practice and compete.

NONDISCRIMINATION: The School District of Thorp is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in relation to race, creed, color, national origin, handicap, age, sex – including sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, arrest or conviction record. This policy prevails in all matters concerning staff, students, the public, educational programs and services, and individuals with whom the board does business