

# 2011-2012 Nathan Hale High School Basketball Code

- **CO-CURRICULAR CODE**  
All players must follow the Co-Curricular Code. This code is in effect at all times; 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and 12 months per year, on or off campus. A student/athlete may face disciplinary action and/or suspension for any behavior deemed unacceptable by the coaching staff.
  
- **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FOR PRACTICES AND/OR GAMES**  
All excused absences must be cleared by the Coach prior to the missed practice or game. Excused absences include: schoolwork or other school functions, family emergencies and other extenuating circumstances. Unexcused absences include work and vacations. Penalties for unexcused absences are: First day missed will be sprints at the coaches' discretion. Second day missed will be a one game suspension with each day thereafter adding another game suspension.  
\*All final decisions are at the discretion of the coach.
  
- **TARDINESS FOR PRACTICE, GAME OR BUS**
  - 1.) First offense will result in one sprint for each minute the player is late. (A sprint will be defined by the coach.)
  - 2.) Second offense will result in two sprints for each minute the player is late.
  - 3.) Third offense will result in the entire team running a sprint with the player who is late.
  - 4.) Fourth offense will result in the entire team minus the tardy player running a sprint and possible disciplinary action which may include suspension or dismissal from the team (coaches' discretion).
  
- **GAME DAY ATTENDANCE, APPEARANCE AND BUS RIDES**  
All players must be in school the second half (50%) of a school day. The building principal may review all absences.

On game days all players will wear: dress shoes and socks, dress pants, belt, dress shirt and tie.

We ask that all freshman and JV players attend varsity home games to support our program.

**Away game bus rides:** Freshman and JV players may leave following their games. However, they may only leave after being signed out by their parent on the coaches' bus form. Parents must physically sign for their own son only (no exceptions). There will be a bus returning to Hale following all varsity games; all varsity players and any freshman or JV players remaining will return to school at that time.

- **24 HOUR RULE AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES**  
Any questions a player may have in regard to game strategy or playing time must be addressed the day after a game (never the day of a game).

A communication strategy has been established for communicating with the coaching staff. Parents may approach a coach with regard to all areas of a student-athlete's life, **except** game strategy and playing time, unless the student-athlete has first talked with the coach himself. Student-athletes are encouraged to speak **directly** with their coach about any concerns they may have. If the player still has concerns after their conversation, a parent may then meet with the coach; however, the student-athlete must be present during the meeting. If the player and parent are still concerned after this meeting, the student-athlete, parent, coach, and athletic director can schedule a meeting. This communication strategy will be followed for all concerns that involve game strategy, playing time, or other decisions that a coach has the authority to make.

**By signing below we have read and accepted all information listed above.**

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_