

**Subject: Code of Conduct for Spectators and Parents**

Participation in athletics is a privilege-not a right-which provides student-athletes with the opportunity to grow athletically, academically, emotionally, physically and socially. All stakeholders must view athletic competition as an extension of the overall school experience and that athletic participation is a lifelong learning experience. Good sportsmanship not only is required of the division's student-athletes and coaches, but also of all persons who support and attend athletic-related events. Spectators, including parents, are expected to support the event through courteous behavior toward all participants, coaches, officials, staff and fellow spectators at all times. Persons who engage in inappropriate behavior are subject to immediate removal from the event and the event premises and restriction from attendance at future athletic related events and practices pending review by the building administrator. The School Board empowers building administrators, athletic directors and coaches to enforce the good sportsmanship code at all times.

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**LEGAL REFERENCES;**

**CROSS REFERENCES: VHSL Handbook**