

## Episcopal Collegiate School Alcohol and Drug Policy

Participation in Episcopal Collegiate School athletics is a privilege, not a right. When Episcopal students elect to participate in athletic teams, they assume a commitment to themselves, their teammates and the school to develop their athletic potential. The Episcopal Collegiate School Athletic Department recognizes that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal substances has negative effects on behavior, learning and total development of each individual. The department believes that the use of these substances has no place whatsoever in Episcopal athletics. Therefore, the School prohibits the possession, use, distribution or sale of such substances. This policy applies to any student who is on School property, in attendance at any School-sponsored activity, or on a School bus and may apply to students engaged in these types of activities done outside school hours and/or off the School's campus.

The use of illicit drugs and alcohol in the School community are threats to the safety and health of students, faculty, staff, and the community as a whole. Their use compromises the quality of educational programs and can cause physical and emotional harm. Episcopal Collegiate School strives to maintain a substance free environment to foster a healthy, safe, and drug-free academic community.

No student may possess, use, be under the influence of, or provide to any other student, by sale or any other means, any substance that is, or is represented to be, a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, inhalant, legend drug, synthetic drug, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind, or any kind that closely resembles, or is represented to be any of the foregoing items, or any item that could be considered drug use paraphernalia. Students are also prohibited from possessing, ingesting, transmitting, or selling caffeine-based pills or substances containing pseudoephedrine or other over the counter stimulants.

The School reserves the right to screen students who display suspicious behavior for alcohol/drugs whenever on campus or at a School event. These measures can include, but are not limited to: hair follicle testing, blood testing, urinalysis, breath analysis, and biochemical testing for drugs and/or alcohol, bag checks, and various forms of sobriety tests. The cost of such screening/testing is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Since the health and safety of the Episcopal Collegiate School community is at stake, there can be no expectation of privacy with respect to School or personal belongings.

Nothing in the Athletic Handbook shall prevent a student athlete from also being disciplined consistent with the Alcohol and Drug provisions as set forth in the School's Community Handbook. (The complete Alcohol and Drug Policy can also be found in the Athletic Handbook.)

**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY THE ATHLETE AND THE ATHLETE'S PARENT AND TURNED INTO THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO ANY ATHLETIC CONTEST REPRESENTING EPISCOPAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.**

I have read and understand the Alcohol and Drug policies of Episcopal Collegiate School. By signing this form, I/we understand that participating in athletics at Episcopal Collegiate School is a privilege granted by the school and that I will be governed by the above rules of conduct while participating in any Episcopal Collegiate School sponsored practice or athletic contest.

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Athlete's Name (Printed)

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Athlete's Signature

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Date

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Parent's Name (Printed)

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Date