

LA CUEVA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES AGREEMENT STATEMENT

La Cueva High School Student Expectations

INTRODUCTION

Participating in the extracurricular programs at La Cueva High School is a privilege. It is our belief that extracurricular involvement presents to students unique opportunities: to build community, character, integrity, discipline, and sportsmanship to develop mental, social, physical and athletic skills to compete in interscholastic sports/activities and to participate in the tradition of athletic excellence at La Cueva High School. Participating in extracurricular programs also offers our students the opportunity to represent our entire school community. As such, any student wishing to represent La Cueva High School through extracurricular activities must be above reproach. His or her conduct and attitude must comply with the stated rules of the team, club, activity, school, and district. Students may be denied participation in extracurricular activities if they fail to meet academic or behavioral expectations, including “out of school” conduct—24/7.

These expectations are in effect from the first day of practice (after school or 7th period) throughout the remainder of the school year and all subsequent years of the student’s enrollment at La Cueva High School. They are in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day/seven (7) days a week, through the end of each school year.

These expectations have been established as a minimum code for extracurricular activities. These expectations will be administered by the coach/sponsor in conjunction with the administration and staff of La Cueva High School. These expectations do not supersede APS’s student discipline policy and administrative rule.

Before participating in an extracurricular activity, the student and his/her parents or guardians are expected to sign these expectations as part of the La Cueva High School Extracurricular Activity Agreement Statement. By their signature, the student and parent agree that the student shall comply and abide by the terms and conditions of these expectations immediately following the signing of the agreement statement and at all times throughout the remainder of the student’s enrollment at La Cueva High School.

ACADEMICS

To be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity, a student must maintain a 2.0 GPA. In addition, the student must not have more than 1 “F” on their most recent report card. At La Cueva High School, “Excellence is a Habit.” Therefore, these are minimum academic requirements. Coaches, sponsors and students are encouraged to have an expectation higher than this minimum academic standard in their program. In addition, all students involved in extracurricular activities must maintain the highest level of academic integrity. Academic dishonesty (cheating) in any form is absolutely unacceptable and consequences will be determined by the coach, sponsor, and administration.

BEHAVIOR

At La Cueva High School, students who participate in extracurricular activities are the ambassadors of the school. It is the expectation from all La Cueva coaches, sponsors, and administrators that students involved in extracurricular activities represent La Cueva High School with highest integrity, values and behavior both on and off campus, 24/7. In general, students must behave as though they are wearing a La Cueva High School T-shirt at all times.

Consequences for a violation of behavior expectations will be determined by school administration and coaching staff/activities sponsors.

SOCIAL NETWORKING/ELECTRONIC MEDIA

La Cueva High School students need to remember that the web is a public place and that any posted information, including texting that puts La Cueva High School, coaches, teachers, administrators, or students in a bad light is unacceptable and could violate our Athletic-Activity Code of Conduct. Students must not post any information or pictures that relate to: drinking, partying, pornography, profanity and/or inappropriate comments about opponents, La Cueva coaches, teachers, administrators, or other students. La Cueva staff will have final say on what is deemed reasonable or not. A social website may be inspected if inappropriate comments are brought to the attention to the coach, sponsor, or administration.

Consequences for any violation of behavior expectations with regard to social networking will be determined by school administration and coaching staff/activities sponsors.

CURFEW

If a student at La Cueva High School wishes to participate in extracurricular activities, he/she must abide by a curfew requirement. This means that, at the required time, the student will be home. Any student participating in extracurricular activities will abide by the following curfew:

Sunday-Thursday: **11:00 pm curfew**
Friday & Saturday: **12:00 midnight curfew**

Coaches and sponsors will conduct random curfew checks and any student found in violation of the curfew will receive consequences to be determined by the coaching staff/activities sponsors and the school administration.

SPORTSMANSHIP

In pursuing victory with honor, it is the expectation that all La Cueva High School students are respectful of all players, coaches, referees and parents at all times (on and off the court). Negative comments, behavior or body language will not be tolerated. Give encouragement to your fellow classmates, and exemplify and demonstrate sportsmanship at all times. Language should always be respectful in tone and choice of words. Foul language or slang will not be tolerated in any form. We cheer for our team, club, or activity, and classmates—not against our opponents.

Consequences for a violation of sportsmanship expectations will be determined by school administration and coaching staff/activities sponsors.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND TOBACCO

The Extra-Curricular Substance Abuse and Tobacco Policy is in effect twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, at all times/locations from the first day of fall sports practices to the end of the school year.

No student involved in an interscholastic athletic program or school sponsored clubs or activities shall possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of alcohol, a tobacco product, performance enhancing drugs, inhalants, or controlled substances of any kind (except as prescribed by a medical professional). Any student who finds himself/herself in the company of persons who are using, possessing, transmitting or under the influence of any of the substances listed above is expected to leave within a reasonable period of time. Failure to leave **immediately** will result in violation of these expectations.

The definition of alcohol and controlled/illegal substance possession is extended to include circumstances where substances covered under the policy are proximal and available (i.e. parties, gatherings, etc.).

Criteria for application of sanctions would include, but not be limited to:

1. Any Minor in Possession (MIP) or Offense by a Minor Citation
2. Written documentation from legitimate law enforcement/school/security reports
3. Personal acknowledgment by the student in question and/or their guardian

The following bullets apply to a Suspension of Extra-Curricular Privileges:

1. The suspension applies to all NMAA sanctioned athletic and non-athletic activities.
2. Students will not be withdrawn from classes co-curricular with activities.
3. A student serving a suspension cannot participate in a “try-out” during that suspension.
4. Suspensions can carry over from one school year to the next for underclassmen.
5. Participation in summer programs for students on suspension will be interpreted in the same way as scholastic eligibility for athletics in the summer (i.e., students may participate in on-campus/intramural activities only).

*In addition, if a student is found in violation of the substance abuse and tobacco policy during the summer, the student will be removed for the remainder of the summer program.

The NMAA’s “Life of an Athlete” program is an online educational resource for all students who participate in extracurricular activities, their parents, coaches, sponsors and school administrators. Therefore, it is mandatory that every student involved in extracurricular activities, their parents/guardians, all coaches, sponsors and La Cueva High School administrators watch and complete the program every calendar year, starting on July 1. Students will receive a certificate of completion and that certificate will be their ticket into the first practice/meeting, etc. of their season. In addition, all parents must sign their student’s certificate to show that they also completed the program. Students only need to complete the program once if they are in multiple extracurricular activities. Access to the “Life of an Athlete” program can be accessed at <http://www.lifeofanathlete.com> or www.lacuevabears.com Click “Links” button.

► All Participants (Athletics and Activities) will also read the APS Code of Conduct for Participants. The participant and the parent are to read and sign the final page. That page will be submitted to the coach/sponsor and will be kept on file with the athletic director. **Failure to complete “Life of an Athlete” and the Code of Conduct will result in suspension from participation until both have been completed.**