**ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

A student is not required to take part in athletics nor is it required for graduation. Participation in athletics is a privilege. Consequently, when high ideals and standards are violated, this privilege can be revoked. Harmony Science Academy Grand Prairie athletes will act with pride and dignity.

HSNA athletes are subject to guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook Code of Conduct as approved by our Board of Education and Administrators. The handbook goes into great detail explaining Harmony’s policies concerning expectations of student conduct. Minor offenses, serious offenses, expulsion offenses, DPS, suspensions, and miscellaneous offenses are all covered in the handbook. Consequences of violating school district policy are explained in the handbook. Any athlete violating these policies will be disciplined like all other students. In addition, he/she may be dismissed from the team or other privileges may be taken away at the discretion of the coach and administration.

**In the Classroom** – Student athletes are always students first. They are expected to be at school every day and be on time for every class. HSNA has a strict **‘No Pass, No Play’ policy**. Students who have a class average of 69 or below will be deemed ineligible to participate in athletics. This applies to all subjects. Also, as an athlete, you are also expected to conduct yourself in a manner that will bring praise to you and your team. ***Any athlete that eclipses 30 current or 40 cumulative DPS points during the season or semester will be deemed ineligible to play their sport.*** All school rules and policies will be followed according to the student handbook.

**Attendance** - Students must be in attendance at least half of the school day in order to participate in a contest or practice on that particular day. Any detention should be served on the day it is given and may make a student ineligible for practice or competition on that day. Final authority for infractions of this rule will rest with the administration.

**Detention, In-School Suspension (ISS), Out-Of-School Suspension (OSS), Or Expulsion -** Students who are in detention, ISS, OSS, or expelled from school shall not participate in extracurricular activities, including practice or game. Students who are in any of the placements mentioned above shall not become eligible until the next day following their consequence. Example: A student is a member of the football team and is in ISS on Friday. School dismisses at 3:10 PM. There is a football game at 7:30 PM. The student shall not participate in that game that night.

**On the Field or Court** – The athlete must never use profanity or resort to illegal tactics. He/she must learn that both winning and losing are part of the game and that you have to exhibit good sportsmanship and be a gracious winner. Fighting, temper fits, flagrant violations of rules, etc., will not be tolerated. Total respect for officials is an absolute must. Discussion of calls made by officials will be done by the coach. Any behavior contrary to the above mentioned or any other act which is not conducive to good sportsmanship may result in removal from the contest and possible expulsion from the team.

**Training Rules** – Physical conditioning is a part of all athletic programs. A well-conditioned athlete will be better able to take advantage of his/her athletic ability. Therefore, training and conditioning rules must be adhered to as set by the coach. The use of any tobacco product, alcoholic beverages, possession of, use of, or distribution of dangerous drugs or anabolic steroids is prohibited. The athlete may be dismissed from the team for violating any of these rules.

**Travel** – Athletes are to dress neatly and be on time for departure or at the facility as per instructions of coach. Instructions from the coach will also include the approximate time of return from all trips for the convenience of parents. It is the responsibility of the individual athlete to communicate these instructions to his/her parents. Parents/Guardians must agree to allow Harmony Science Academy Grand Prairie the opportunity to provide transportation to/from athletic events by either district bus or district van when it is available. Because we do not own a bus or van here at our campus, parents/guardians may be asked to provide or arrange individual transportation for their child(ren) to/from an event.

**Quitting the Team** – An athlete who quits a sport after the first contest will not be allowed to start another sport until the season ends for the sport the athlete quits.

**Equipment and Facilities** – Proper care of equipment and facilities is a must. Equipment and uniforms checked out to athletes must be returned at the end of the season or an explanation for why it is damaged or missing will be discussed with the coach. Please turn everything in CLEAN!  Wash all uniforms in cold water and do not put them in the dryer…hang dry them. Do not iron the uniforms, they will melt. If an athlete deliberately abuses equipment, action will be taken accordingly including the athlete reimbursing the school for the replacement or repair of the equipment.

**Criminal Activity - Gang Affiliations - Gambling - Stealing** - Involvement in these types of activities will not be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly. Theft from your teammates or classmates is not acceptable and will be dealt with severely. Each head coach of a sport will make decisions concerning the discipline of an athlete. If it is a severe penalty, he or she might consult with the campus athletic director or principal.

**Vacation Policy** - Vacations by athletic team members during a sports season are discouraged. In the event of an unavoidable absence for a vacation an athlete must:

1. Tell the coach well in advance prior to the vacation
2. Be willing to assume consequences related to his or her status on that team, as a starter, if applicable.

**The Coach’s Rules** - Coaches will establish additional rules and regulations with the approval of the athletic director and administration, for their respective sports. These additional rules for a particular sport will be stipulated in writing to all team members and parents, and explained fully at the start of the season. Penalties for violation of team rules will also be in writing and shall be administered by the coach.

I have read the Athletic Code of Conduct. My signature indicates that I will abide by the rules and regulations set by the Athletic Code of Conduct and that participating in athletics at Harmony Science Academy Grand Prairie is a privilege.

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Athletic Code of Conduct. My signature indicates that my child will abide by the rules and regulations set by the Athletic Code of Conduct and that participating in athletics Harmony Science Academy Grand Prairie is a privilege.

Parent Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_