

# EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS - HURON VALLEY SCHOOLS

## Athletic Department's Mission Statement

*The Huron Valley Schools' Athletic Department is committed to providing quality opportunities in educational athletics for all students while teaching the value of dedication, teamwork, sportsmanship and competition.*

## Statement of Philosophy

The Huron Valley Schools believe that Educational Athletics are an integral part of the total educational program. Educational Athletics provide experiences beyond the school classroom curriculum. Athletics is a privilege. Participation is for those who demonstrate skill and commitment. However, success in Educational Athletics is not measured in terms of wins and losses. Rather we hope to develop character, improve skill performance, and to represent our school and community well. Sportsmanship is a priority. Student-athletes and coaches should always conduct themselves in a manner that brings only respect and admiration to themselves, the school, and community.

The following rules will apply to all students and their involvement in Educational Athletics in the Huron Valley Schools. **The rules will apply on a twelve-month basis, beginning with the freshman year and ending with graduation.** These rules supplement and do not supersede or modify the District's Student Code of Conduct, with which all students are expected to comply. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from athletics, even if not specifically mentioned herein.

Educational Athletic guidelines apply at all times throughout the students' high school career, including off-season and vacation periods. The guidelines are not limited to the time period in which the student participates in a particular sport, nor are the guidelines limited to student behavior at school-sponsored activities or on school property. A student who violates the guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the penalty provisions. All penalties for violation of this code of conduct shall be cumulative beginning with the student's participation in the freshman year. A student-athlete and their parent/guardian must sign and return to the designated school official a form, which acknowledges that the student and their parent/guardian understand and agree to abide by the guidelines.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Huron Valley Schools Athletic Department abides by all rules and regulations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. The Athletic Code of Conduct is a supplement to the student handbook. The athlete will follow all rules as specified in both handbooks.

Huron Valley High Schools are members of the **Kensington Valley Conference**, which is composed of the following schools:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mascot</u>	<u>School Colors</u>
BRIGHTON	Bulldogs	Orange and Black
HARTLAND	Eagles	Navy Blue and Gold
HOWELL	Highlanders	Green and Gold
LAKELAND	Eagles	Royal Blue, Silver and White
MILFORD	Mavericks	Cardinal and White
NOVI	Wildcats	Green and White
PINCKNEY	Pirates	Red and Black
SOUTH LYON	Lions	Navy Blue and Gold

Huron Valley Middle Schools are members of the **Liv-Oaks Conference**, which is composed of the following schools:

BRIGHTON (Maltby, Scranton)

HARTLAND (Hartland Middle School at Ore Creek)

HOWELL (Highlander Way, Three Fires)

HURON VALLEY (Highland, Muir, White Lake, Oak Valley)

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

NORTHVILLE (Hillside, Meads Mill)

NOVI

PINCKNEY

SOUTH LYON (Centennial, Millennium)

## **SPORTS OFFERINGS**

The following programs are offered by the Huron Valley Schools:

### **Fall**

Girls' Basketball

Football (HS only)

Boys' Golf (HS only)

Sideline Cheer (HS only)

Girls' Tennis (HS only)

Boys & Girls Cross Country

Boys' Soccer (HS only)

\*Equestrian

\*Pom Pon

\*G. Swim and Dive

### **Winter**

Boys' Basketball

Wrestling

Girls' Volleyball

Sideline Cheer (HS only)

Competitive Cheer (HS only)

Ice Hockey (HS only)

Boys' and Girls' Skiing

Gymnastics (Coop with Hartland HS)

\*Figure Skating

\*Boys' and Girls' Bowling

\*B. Swim and Dive

\*Snowboarding

### **Spring**

Boys' & Girls' Track & Field

Softball (HS only)

Baseball (HS only)

Boys' Tennis (HS only)

Girls' Soccer (HS only)

Girls' Golf (HS only)

\*Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse  
(HS only)

\* Indicates Varsity "Club" sports for which varsity letters may be earned. These sports are self funded and are not currently sanctioned by the Michigan High School Athletic Association

## **LEVELS OF COMPETITION**

### **FRESHMAN TEAMS**

Freshman level teams serve the following purpose:

1. To learn the rules of the sport and to develop and refine basic skills
2. To help determine the athlete's continued involvement in the sport
3. To provide playing time to all participants, at the coaches' discretion.

The freshman teams will consists of as many ninth-graders as the rosters will allow. These teams are for freshmen who have demonstrated intellectual skills, proper

attitude, physical skills and sport-specific skills that indicate a potential to be a varsity player. The number of freshmen players may vary from season to season

## **JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS**

Junior Varsity level teams are formed for the purpose of the following:

1. To further develop the skills of the athlete
2. To help the athlete adapt to a more intense level of competition
3. To help prepare the athlete for the varsity level
4. Adapt to an increased emphasis on winning, but not at the same intensity as at the varsity level
5. Provide opportunities for playing time as game conditions merit.

The junior varsity teams are composed primarily of sophomores, but freshmen who have the ability to start as J.V. players may also be members of the team. The J.V. player must demonstrate the requisite intellectual skills, proper attitude, physical skills, and sport-specific skills that indicate the potential to be a varsity performer over the next two years. In very rare circumstances, a junior who shows the potential to be a varsity starter or a key contributor as a senior or who is a part-time varsity player may play on the J.V. team. Again, the numbers of players on the J.V. team varies from year to year.

## **VARSITY TEAMS:**

The purpose of the Varsity level team is as follows:

1. To develop skills and physical conditioning of the athlete to his/her full potential
2. To allow the talented athlete the chance to excel and possibly prepare for college level competition.
3. To provide the athlete with a chance to learn to set goals, strive to achieve them and serve as role models for younger athletes
4. Understanding that the focus of the varsity program is to win and have fun. To that end, notification will be given by the coach during the preseason to those athletes and their parents who the coach feels will see minimum playing time.

The varsity team shall include but not be limited to juniors and seniors. Freshmen and sophomores who have demonstrated the ability to be starters or key contributors also may be members of the team. Juniors must show the potential to be varsity players over the next two years to be members of the team. The varsity players must show the mental skills, proper attitude, physical skills and sport-specific skills to be starters or

essential contributors to the success of the team. As with the freshman and J.V. teams, the number of athletes on a varsity team may vary from year to year.

## **STUDENT ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Athletic team membership is an extra-curricular activity for the student. There may be occasions when the athlete will have a conflict of responsibilities. It is suggested that athletes use the prioritized list below when determining their prime responsibility:

1. Family responsibilities.
2. Academic responsibilities.
3. Athletic responsibilities.
4. Other school and social responsibilities.

Despite all scheduling efforts by the administration, conflicts will develop between extra-curricular activities. If a conflict should arise, it is the athlete's responsibility to report the conflict to their coach. The Athletic Department will do what it can to avoid conflicts.

## **QUITTING – SWITCHING SPORTS – DUAL PARTICIPATION**

Quitting is discouraged. A student-athlete may drop out of a sport only if he/she has personally contacted the coach. Switching from one sport to another after the season has begun is discouraged. If an athlete quits one sport after the season has begun he / she will not be eligible to participate in another sport without the prior consent of both coaches and the athletic director. Participation in two sports during the same season is also discouraged. However, with the written consent of both coaches and the building administrator, a student-athlete may compete on two teams during the same season (for sports teams where squad cuts are involved.)

## **PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY**

Parents must understand that participation in athletics involves, in many cases, strenuous physical activity and physical contact. The school assumes the responsibility to provide most equipment, facilities, and supervision. However, it is the *PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY* to provide the proper medical coverage to pay for any

emergency or medical treatment required due to an injury. The school only has catastrophic medical insurance coverage with a \$25,000.00 deductible through the M.H.S.A.A. Coverage is limited to qualifying athletes who are on the eligibility list and includes limits and additional criteria. \* This policy does not cover any out-of-season activities or camps.

\* Additional information can be obtained from the MHSAA Handbook under the topic "Catastrophic Insurance", or by contacting the Athletic Department.

## ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Not everyone is fortunate enough to have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics. Participation in educational athletics carries with it a tremendous amount of responsibility. It is expected that student athletes will act in a mature, respectful, and responsible manner at all times.

1. Behavior must always be of the highest level of sportsmanship on the field.
2. Athletes must be responsible students and maintain academic standards in the classroom set by the Huron Valley Schools
3. Athletes should show respect for fellow students, teachers, administrators and staff
4. Positive behavior in school and in the community is of great importance.
5. Athletes are to be in the best physical and mental condition when participating as a member of an athletic team.
6. Student athletes are to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in the High School Student Handbook and the Athletic Handbook.

## REGULATIONS

1). Athletic Physical - *BEFORE* a student will be allowed to participate in any practice, or competition, there must be a physical exam on file with the athletic director. The physical exam must detail the student's medical history and state that the athlete is approved for competition. The exam *MUST BE SIGNED* by either a medical doctor (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathy (D.O.) or a physician's assistant (PA) or a nurse practitioner, (M.H.S.A.A. regulation I, sec. 3) and dated on or after April 15 of the previous school year. A parent or guardian signature is also required.

2). Academics – Basic MHSAA standards require a student to have passed four classes from the previous semester in order to try out for a sport. During the present semester, the athlete must be enrolled in 20 credit hours of academic work to maintain eligibility (MHSAA reg. 1 sec 7 & 8). Eligibility checks are completed every regular grading period. In addition, Huron Valley Schools' standards require an athlete to carry

a 2.0 average for his/her overall GPA, and/or for the previous semester, and/or for the previous card marking, and for the current card marking.

- A. At the high school level, if an athlete is determined to be ineligible at one of the grade reports, he/she will be ineligible for a minimum of one (1) week unless a program of improvement (progress report) is instituted. If the student maintains a 2.0 average at the end of the week, eligibility is restored.
- B. If an athlete fails to pass a minimum of four (4) classes, for the semester, he/she will be ineligible for the entire next semester.

3). Attendance - In order to participate in any Athletic Department *PRACTICE OR CONTEST*, the athlete must be in school attendance for **four hours** on the day of the practice or contest. In order to participate in an Athletic Department practice or contest that takes place on a day when school is not in session, the athlete must be in attendance for four hours on the day preceding the day school is not in session.

- A. In extenuating circumstances, the Principal and Athletic Director, have the authority to prearrange exceptions to the attendance regulation. Examples include, but are not limited to: court appearances, death in the family, funeral attendance, and student activities. Late arrival to school or partial attendance is *NOT* considered an exception to this attendance regulation.
- B. Any athlete, who is suspended, (either out of school or in-school suspension) for violation of the policies and regulations of the student handbook, *WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATION IN CONTESTS OR PRACTICES* on the day/days that the suspension is served.
- C. Athletes are expected to attend and participate in all practices\*\* and team meetings, and carry out the directives of coaches.

*\*\*Attendance at practice sessions is necessary to prepare both mentally and physically for contests. PRIOR arrangements should be made for any absence. Some contests and practices are necessary during school vacations. Student athletes need to look at these requirements prior to making a commitment to the team.*

4). Personal Appearance - Exemplary personal appearance is important and is to be encouraged. Individual coaches may establish a consistent or uniform dress policy on game days.

5). Travel - Team members and coaches must travel to and from an away contest in authorized, school transportation. Any exception to this regulation will require direct communication between the athlete's parents/guardians and the coach. The parent / guardian must write out a request and submit it to the athletic director at least two days prior to the contest. No athlete may leave a contest with anyone other than a parent/guardian or his or her adult designee.

6). Equipment - It is the athlete's responsibility to secure all equipment issued and to return all issued equipment at the conclusion of the season or pay the replacement costs for items not returned. An athlete may not receive athletic awards until all obligations are met.

7). Gross Misconduct – A student shall not engage in acts of gross misconduct including, but not limited to, behavior, which is addressed in the student handbook such as acts of theft, extortion, vandalism, assault, sexual misconduct, and gross disrespect. Violations will be dealt with on an individual basis and penalties will range from administrative intervention to exclusion from athletic activity/participation.

8). Cumulative or gross misconduct, including behavior which school officials consider conduct unbecoming an athlete and a representative of the Huron Valley Schools. A conference will be held with the coach, athlete, athlete's parents or guardians, the principal and the athletic director to determine appropriate penalties. Depending upon the severity of the incident, penalties will range from suspension from athletic competition to dismissal from the squad.

9). Violations of federal, state or local law/ordinance including felony or misdemeanor acts other than minor traffic offenses. Conviction of said offenses is NOT necessary to establish a violation of the Athletic Code of Conduct, which will be determined through an independent school investigation. A conference will be held with the coach, athlete, athlete's parents or guardians, the principal and the athletic director to determine appropriate penalties. Depending upon the severity of the incident, penalties will range from restitution, suspension from athletic competition or dismissal from the squad.

10). Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and are prohibited at all times. Hazing is defined as any willful act done by a student, whether individually or in concert with others, to another student for the purpose of subjecting such student to humiliation, physical abuse or threats of abuse, social or other ostracism, shame or disgrace. Permission, consistent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition. A conference will be held with the coach, athlete, athlete's parents or guardians, the principal and the athletic director to determine appropriate penalties. Depending upon the severity of the

incident, penalties will range from restitution, suspension from athletic competition or dismissal from the squad.

11). Violations of the Student Handbook. Penalties are detailed in the Student Handbook. Should a fight occur during an athletic practice or competition, penalties as prescribed in the Student Handbook may also be enforced in addition to any league or MHSAA suspensions.

12). Alcohol and Substance Abuse - During the school year and the season of practice, use, possession, attempting to possess, concealment, \*distribution, sale or being under the influence of the following substances is prohibited:

- a. tobacco or tobacco products in any form
- b. alcohol or alcoholic beverages in any form
- c. illegal or unauthorized drugs including, but not limited to, those substances defined as “controlled substances” pursuant to federal and/or state statute
- d. steroids, human growth hormones, or other performance-enhancing drugs
- e. substances purported to be illegal, abusive, or performance-enhancing, i.e., “look-alike” drugs
- f. inhalants

\* for the purposes of this section of the Athletic Code of Conduct, the term “distribution” includes the “hosting” of a party at which any of the following substances listed in Items a – f are knowingly available

It shall not be a violation of the athlete’s code for a student to use or possess a prescription or patent drug when taken pursuant to a legal prescription issued by a licensed physician or for which permission to use in the school has been granted pursuant to Board policy. An athlete shall notify his/her coach if he or she is taking prescription medicine that could alter the behavior or affect the ability of the athlete to participate in the activity.

This policy is in effect for non-school related times during the school year and season of participation: example, Saturday parties, etc. This policy will not supersede the High School or Middle School Student Handbook.

### **Substance Abuse Penalties and Recommendations**

A. First Violation - The athlete shall select either option 1 or option 2 as follows:

1. PENALTY – A student who uses or is in possession of drugs, tobacco, and/or alcohol will subject the offender to loss of eligibility for the remainder of the athletic season and an additional twenty games or twenty weeks loss of privilege to participate in the next season of participation, whichever is greater.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ALTERNATIVE - If the athletic director and student have mutually agreed to the option, the administration will prescribe a program of rehabilitation, community service, and loss of privilege to participate in the activity for a portion of the schedule. The loss of privilege to participate must be immediate and must be no less than 20% of the duration of the activity. If less than 20% of the season remains, the suspension will carry over into the student's next season of participation.

Loss of honors applies in all instances.

B. Second Violation – The athlete shall select either option 1 or option 2 as follows:

1. PENALTY – A student in possession or using drugs, tobacco, and/or alcohol will subject the offender to loss of eligibility for the remainder of the athletic season and forty games or forty weeks loss of privilege to participate in the student's next season of participation, whichever is greater.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ALTERNATIVE – If the athletic director and the student have mutually agreed to the option, the athlete shall lose eligibility for the remainder of the season and the next full season of participation. The athlete must become involved in an outside treatment program for chemical dependency. Reinstatement after one season is not automatic and the director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center must issue such certification of participation before the athlete will be reinstated.

C . Third Violation – athlete relinquishes all and any rights to participation.

Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the students' participation as an athlete. The penalties will overlap seasons and the offense will accumulate through the student athletes' career.

### **EXCEPTION TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PENALTIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**SELF-DISCLOSURE** – Any athlete, who by himself/herself or together with his/her parent or legal guardian, voluntarily discloses to an administrator a need for assistance for alcohol or substance abuse prior to any reports, charges or complaints under the Athletic Code of Conduct shall be required to complete an assessment/treatment program. The building administrator and the parent or legal guardian shall mutually agree upon this program. All costs are the responsibility of the parent or guardian. In this case, loss of eligibility, suspension, etc. may be modified by the administration. Self-disclosure, which meets the above requirements, shall apply only to an athlete's

first offense. In the event of a second violation, the violation shall be considered the athlete's second offense.

**\*\*THE PROVISIONS FOR SELF-DISCLOSURE CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY ONLY ONCE TO ANY ATHLETE DURING HIS/HER YEARS IN HURON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS.**

13). Limited Team Membership - Once an athlete has made the decision to participate as a member of an athletic team for the Huron Valley Schools, any outside participation or competition in that sport during that season is prohibited (MHSAA reg. 1 sec 13a). If an athlete anticipates participating in a different sport outside the High School Athletic Department during a particular season, the high school coach must be informed of the outside participation at the beginning of the season.

14). Proper Supervision - Athletes are NOT TO BE IN THE LOCKER ROOMS, THE GYMNASIUM OR THE ATHLETIC FACILITIES unless properly supervised by their coach. If a practice or game is not scheduled immediately after school, the athletes are to leave the building as soon as possible. Failure to abide by this regulation will result in disciplinary action.

15). Coaches Regulations - Individual coaches may institute other regulations for their particular sport.

## **CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

The following items provide the coach, building administrator and athletic director with corrective measures not previously specified when dealing with violations. Any of the following corrective actions may be used depending upon the frequency and severity of the violation.

1. Coach and athlete meeting.
2. Parent conference with coach and building administrator and/or the athletic director
3. Suspension from competition. The athlete will be required to participate in all practices and attend all contests, but will not be allowed to dress or participate in the contests.
4. Suspension from the team for the remainder of the season.
5. Suspension from all athletic department programs for the remainder of the semester or school year.

Any athlete not completing a season of competition due to academic or disciplinary action will not receive an award for that sport, from the Athletic Department, its programs, or coaches.

## **REVIEW AND APPEALS PROCEDURES INVOLVING CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS**

Athletes will have the opportunity for review concerning corrective actions taken by the coach, athletic director, or principal.

Steps for review:

1. The athlete must have met with the coach involved to try to solve the problem.
2. The athlete may request a review by the athletic director. This request must be in writing. This action must take place within three (3) school days of the action taken by the coach. At this point the athletic director will arrange a meeting with the coach, the athlete, and the parents. This meeting shall take place within three (3) school days of the request review.
3. After step 2, the athlete may request a review by the principal. A written summary of the principal's decision will be forwarded to the athlete and the parents within three (3) school days of this meeting.
4. If no resolution is reached, the athletic director will convene a meeting before the Athletic Appeals Committee. That committee will be composed of the building principal, an assistant principal, counselor and a coach from a non-involved sport. The decision rendered is final. The athletic director is a non-voting member at this meeting.

#### **GENERAL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCEDURE**

When a person (student-athlete or parent) has a question, or concern, or complaint regarding an athletic situation not involving the Athletic Code, the following lines of communication have been found to be most effective:

Start with the source – talk directly with the coach in question in private, face to face, away from the practice site. A telephone call may be necessary to arrange an appointment.

1. If necessary, speak with the head coach of the sport involved
2. If necessary, speak with the athletic director
3. If necessary, speak with the principal

All concerns must be heard at the lowest possible level before intervention by a higher authority can occur.

Realizing that both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations, the list below presents communication guidelines both for parents and coaches:

#### **Communication parents expect from their child's coach**

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for their child as well as the team
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests
4. Team requirements as well as special equipment, out-of-season conditioning

5. Discipline that may result in the denial of their child's participation

#### **Communication coaches expect from parents**

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Notification to the coach of any schedule conflicts well in advance
3. Specific concerns regarding the coach's philosophy and/or expectations

#### **Appropriate concerns to discuss with the coach**

1. The treatment of their child both mentally and physically
2. Ways to help their child improve
3. Concerns about their child's behavior

#### **Inappropriate concerns to discuss with the coach**

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student athletes

## **AWARDS**

### **The Athletic Department will grant the following awards:**

Freshman athletes shall receive a freshman certificate of participation after successfully completing their first season of competition in that sport

Junior Varsity athletes shall receive a certificate of participation after successfully completing their season.

#### Varsity

\* Any athlete who successfully completes a first season of varsity level competition, and meets any other requirements determined by the head coach, shall be awarded a chenille varsity letter.

\* Any athlete who has already been awarded a varsity letter who then successfully completes another season of varsity competition in a DIFFERENT SPORT, shall receive a varsity certificate.

\* The Athletic Department/High School will honor a senior athlete for each of the following awards: Male Athlete of the Year, Female Athlete of the Year, Male Academic Athlete of the Year and Female Academic Athlete of the Year. The Athletic Department

also recognizes the top Male and Female Junior athletes. Criteria for the awards are available in the buildings.

**Kensington Valley Conference Awards:**

All League Certificates and medals to first, second, and in some sports third team All League selections.

Championship Certificates to all Varsity team members of a KVC Championship team.

Academic All League Certificates to VARSITY letter winners with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**MHSAA Awards:**

The Michigan High School Athletic Association will present championship medals and individual medals during all phases of their state tournament competitions. These awards are presented to District, Regional, and State Championship and State Runner-Up teams.

**Huron Valley Schools**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, if you are unable to reach us please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your answer by circling YES or NO for each of the following:



2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask Huron Valley Schools to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal [or appropriate official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. The district also forwards education records to other agencies or institutions that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

#### **Compliance with State and Local Laws – Reporting to Local Police**

Huron Valley Schools will comply with all laws and acts within the state of Michigan. In compliance with MCL 380.1308 and the Michigan School Safety Response Guide, Huron Valley Schools will report certain incidents of student misconduct to local police agencies within the limits of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

#### **The Huron Valley School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

It is the policy of the Huron Valley Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity.

# Acknowledgment Form Athletic Code of Conduct

*Please Print Full Name*

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
of: \_\_\_\_\_ Last First Middle (Year of Graduation)

*Statement to be signed by student and parent/guardian:*

I have received a copy of The Athletic Handbook and I have read the Athletic Code of Conduct covering participation in athletic programs offered by the Huron Valley Schools. I understand the guidelines and I accept my personal responsibility for following all rules contained therein. **I understand this code applies to my entire athletic career as a Huron Valley athlete.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature) Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge receiving The Athletic Handbook and the Athletic Code of Conduct covering participation in athletic programs offered by the Huron Valley Schools. I accept my responsibility for helping my son/daughter live up to the guidelines. **I understand this code applies to my son's/daughter's entire athletic career as a Huron Valley athlete.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature) Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**This form must be signed and placed on file in the Athletic Department office as a first condition of participating in athletic programs sponsored by the Huron Valley Schools**