

CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Athletic competition for high school student/athletes should be fun and be a significant part of a sound educational program. Everyone involved in our sports program has a duty to assure that the program demonstrates important life skills and promotes the development of good character. Essential elements of character building are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the six core ethical values: *trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship (the Six Pillars of Character)*. The highest potential of sports is achieved when all involved consciously teach and enforce these values and commit to the ideal of **Pursuing Victory with Honor**. Parents/guardians of student-athletes can and should play an important role; and their good faith efforts to honor the words and spirit of the Code can dramatically improve the quality of a child's sports experience.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

- *Trustworthiness* – Be worthy of trust in all you do.
- *Integrity* – Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and encourage players to pursue victory with honor. Do what's right even when it's unpopular or personally costly.
- *Honesty* – Don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest conduct.
- *Reliability* – Fulfill commitments. Do what you say you will do.
- *Loyalty* – Be loyal to the Valley Vikings and the team. Put the interests of the team above your son's personal glory.

RESPECT

- *Respect* – Treat all people with respect at all times and require the same from your student-athlete.
- *Class* – Teach your son to live and play with honor and to be a good sport. Be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity.
- *Disrespectful Conduct* – Do not engage in profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- *Respect for the Officials* – Don't complain or argue about calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

RESPONSIBILITY

- *Importance of Education* – Commit your son to the goal of 'being a student first'. Be honest about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship. Universities will not consider student-athletes who do not have a serious commitment to their education.
- *Prejudice* – Treat all players as individuals, appreciating their diversity in skills, ethnicity and race.

