

PANHANDLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2

SPORTSMANSHIP & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

According to Illinois School Code (Section 5/24-24), a school district may adopt a code of conduct and sportsmanship. The Panhandle School District Board Policy 8:30 provides further guidance for visitors on school grounds. Spectators who violate the code may be denied admission to school events for up to one year, provided that the individual receives a 10-day written notice of the volatile behavior and has the right to a hearing before the school board, if so requested. Nothing prohibits a school district from immediately removing a spectator from a specific game or event for disobeying rules or causing a disruption.

Any person who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic, extra-curricular event, or event held on school grounds that receives an ejection may be denied admittance to **ANY** school event for 50% of the current season or the next season if less than 50% of the given season remains. A second ejection offense will result in denial of admittance no less than the remainder of the school year to a maximum of a full calendar year. In addition, any fan ejected from a contest shall not be allowed to return to future contests until he/she has completed the NFHS Sportsmanship course online and has presented proof of completion to the school administration.

Examples of inappropriate behavior include, but are not limited to:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, a Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person.
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language.
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property or school property.
5. Violate any Illinois law, town or county ordinance.
6. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products or vape devices.
7. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or illegal drug; be present when the person's alcohol or illegal drug consumption is detectible, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
8. Use or possess medical cannabis.
9. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any school activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
10. Enter upon any portion of school premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Board.
11. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive.
12. Violate other District policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or District employee.
13. Refusal to pay admission.
14. Commenting or posting on the School District's social media (i.e. Facebook, twitter, etc.) in a manner that would be disruptive to any of the Panhandle School District athletic or extracurricular programs, including that which interferes with the rights of others, is profane, or which is threatening to others.