

**PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**117 CENTRAL PARK ROAD PLAINVIEW, N.Y. 11803**  
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH, ATHLETICS, RECREATION AND DANCE**

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**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT/PLEDGE**

Congratulations! You have achieved a great honor by being selected for a District team. Many try out; only a few are chosen. Please read the agreement below and sign to attest that you have read this document and pledge to abide by the conditions set in same.

This agreement between student-athletes, parents of student-athletes, and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Athletic Department is to insure that those who choose to participate on District teams and their parents understand and accept the policies, rules, requirements, commitment, behavior and conduct which are necessary to provide the District with a successful athletics program. If athletes are to realize the benefits of athletic participation, then a clear understanding of expectations, code of conduct, academic responsibilities and values must be inherent in the athletics program's educational goals.

**ATHLETE'S AGREEMENT**

As an athlete I agree and promise:

- ▶ To maintain the highest standard of academic performance in all my classes. My responsibility as a future adult relates to both my academic and athletic performance. I promise to remain in good academic standing, promote good citizenship in school, and attend all my assigned classes.
- ▶ To maintain my health and fitness levels by observing the training rules as prescribed by the athletic department and coaches. This includes full participation in physical education class, strength and conditioning training, and meeting with the District athletic trainer regularly to improve my physical ability.
- ▶ To reflect the knowledge that a commitment to victory is nothing without the commitment to hard work in practice. I understand that I am expected to attend all practices, meetings and games. I also understand that I am responsible for myself and my timely arrival to all practices, meetings and games. Practices will be held during holidays and vacations and every athlete is expected to attend without exception. (We understand that family emergencies may occur from time to time, and each case will be handled and evaluated on an individual basis.) I will always be properly equipped and ready to play at all team sessions.
- ▶ To demonstrate maturity and sportsmanship by showing my teammates, coaches, athletics department personnel, officials, opponents, and spectators proper respect. I will be a worthy representative of my school, teammates and coaches by abiding by rules and values of my team, school and community.
- ▶ To refrain from any participation in bullying or hazing both as an athletic team member and as a student of Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.
- ▶ To accept the responsibilities of team membership: cooperation, positive and mature attitude (even when things are not going exactly as I would like), shared responsibilities, loyalty to my teammates and coaches, mutual respect, support of my teammates during tough times, and my personal commitment to keep my promises.
- ▶ I will not blame others for my shortcomings, and I will work hard to correct them. I will take constructive criticism correctly and in the manner in which it was intended, to help my future performances and to improve as an individual.
- ▶ To abstain from the use of illicit drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

I agree to work hard to attain these goals and keep my promises. I realize that failure to do so constitutes a breach of promise on my part and I fully understand that disciplinary action, including suspension and/or dismissal from the team, may result.

(see reverse side)

**PARENT'S AGREEMENT**

As the parent of an athlete in the District, I promise:

- ▶ To support the work and efforts of the Athletics Department, school personnel, and coaching staff to assure a positive experience for all the children involved in the athletics program.
- ▶ To acknowledge the ultimate authority of the coach to determine strategy, player selection, playing time, and use of team personnel. These are judgment issues and not subject to discussion or any other review. The athletic department conducts official reviews of each coaching position with each assigned individual at the completion of the season. These are comprehensive reviews and not subject to public scrutiny as outlined by Board of Education policy not to discuss personnel issues in public.
- ▶ To assist my child in meeting all of his/her team obligations regarding attendance at practice, meetings and games. To further assist my child by requiring him/her to abide by his/her commitment to observe training rules, academic eligibility, school attendance requirements, and good citizenship.
- ▶ To promote sportsmanship by example at all contests I attend. I realize it is more beneficial to cheer for my child's team than to verbally abuse any opponent, coach, or official.
- ▶ To attend as many games, contests or matches as my schedule will permit. My showing an interest in my child's interests will go a long way toward promoting a positive relationship within the family.
- ▶ To work cooperatively with other parents to support the athletic program and assure a wholesome and successful experience for all athletes.
- ▶ To accept my child's performance abilities and limitations and to constantly encourage them to keep trying. I will accept a realistic assessment of my child's future as an athlete based on his/her coach(es) and the athletics department expertise.

**Please sign below to attest that you have read this agreement and will abide by its conditions, policies and regulations.**

Sincerely,

Kevin McDermott, District Director of Physical Education, Health, Athletics, Recreation and Dance

Parent's Signature	Date	Student-Athlete's Signature	Date
Coach's Signature	Date		

This agreement was approved and endorsed at the May 4, 1998 meeting of the Board of Education by: POB Board of Education, POB Athletic Booster Club, PCT Teacher/Coaches

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