

**Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship for Athletic and Co-Curricular Events**

**It is the intent of the Lake Pend Oreille School District to promote mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among district employees, parents/guardians and the public at athletic and co-curricular events. It is not the intent of the District to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression. The District will not tolerate offensive actions or behaviors by parents or spectators during events.** Any person, ~~including an~~ **minor or adult**, who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner during an athletic or co-curricular event may be ejected from the event ~~the person is attending~~. The person may **be** denied admission to school events for up to a year after a Board hearing. Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct, **offensive actions and behaviors** include, but most certainly are not limited to:

1. Using vulgar or obscene language or gestures (**verbally or physically abusing, mocking, intimidating or harassing any player, coach, official, parent, spectator, LPOSD employee or visiting opponent**);
2. **Refusing to abide by an official's decision**;
3. Possessing or being under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance **at any LPOSD event**;
4. Possessing a weapon;
5. Fighting or otherwise striking or threatening another person;
6. Failing to obey the instructions of a security officer or school district employee; and
7. Engaging in any activity which is illegal or disruptive of the educational process.

The Superintendent may seek to deny future admission to any person by delivering or mailing a notice, sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, containing:

1. The date, time, and place of a Board hearing;
2. A description of the unsportsmanlike conduct; and
3. The proposed time period that admission to school events will be denied.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 18-916 Abuse of School Teachers  
I.C. § 18-6409 Disturbing the Peace  
I.C. § 33-205 Denial of School Attendance  
I.C. § 33-512 Governance of Schools  
I.C. § 33-1222 Freedom of Abuse

Policy History

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