Conduct at Athletic, Activity, and Special Events

Over the years Burke’s student body and athletes have enjoyed an excellent reputation for their sportsmanship and fair play. It only takes a few students to tarnish this fine reputation. The athletic program, the student body, and, above all, YOU are judged by your actions. The focus of spectators should be on the game. Booing or other acts of poor sportsmanship are definitely out of place at any Burke activity. Themes or special attire must be approved in advance by the Athletic or Activities Director.

All Burke activities are an extension of the regular school day so regular school policies should dictate behavior. Any student who has been suspended from school is ineligible to attend any school related special events for the duration of that suspension.

Once a student leaves a school activity, he/she may not return to the contest or event.

Class Release

Students enrolled in a Business or Marketing Internship course may be released from school to report to the job following 3rd block. Parental approval is necessary. Class schedules may not be changed to accommodate class release requests. Registration information is the basis for deciding teacher needs, textbooks/computers, room assignments, class size, etc. for the coming school year. Class scheduling and students’ educational opportunities take priority over leaving.

Final Examinations

Final Examinations are given at the end of both semesters in nearly all courses. Students are expected to take final assessments at their scheduled date and time. If an exam is not taken at the scheduled time, the final course grade may be affected. Taking finals prior to the scheduled date and time is prohibited. Semester exam schedules will be posted on the school website and communicated to students by teachers. A student who makes up an exam for which they were absent must take the final exam during the scheduled make-up time as posted in the school bulletin. Final Exams do not have a re-take opportunity.

Fundraising

All fundraisers or any selling of products in the building or on school grounds must have approval of the Activities Director. Approval will be given only for Burke related activities. No fundraising materials should be distributed or sold during class time.

Hands-Off Policy

There is no such thing as . . . . “Playing, Messing Around, or Play Fighting”. Violations of the Hands-Off Policy include:

- Slapping
- Punching
- Wrestling
- Striking with or Throwing Objects
- Flicking or Popping with Fingers, Rubberbands, Balloons, or other such objects
- Use of Karate or other types of Martial Arts
- Any Verbal Act (e.g. Name Calling, Teasing, Taunting, etc.) which by its very nature tends to initiate/escalate a situation.

Fighting will not be tolerated and will result in an immediate suspension.

Compliance with the Student Code of Conduct is expected of all students.

Lockers

Your locker combination should be kept strictly confidential. A locker should not be accessed by students not assigned to it under any circumstances. Sums of money or other valuables should not be kept in your locker. Keep your locker in good order. Keep your materials and personal belongings in the locker assigned to you; this includes the gym locker assigned to you. Your gym locker is for your gym clothes only. Use your school/hallway locker for your personal items such as a bookbag, coat, etc.