

The Student Participation Code and the Adult Coach/Sponsor Code carries the force of rule. Member schools violating any of the provisions of these codes will be subject to penalty.

- A. ACADEMIC, ART, AND MUSIC PARTICIPATION CODE. The general Participation Code requires that one:
1. **Observe all rules, both in letter and intent;**
 2. Coach without resorting to unethical tactics, trickery that attempts to skirt the rules, or any use unfair tactic, which detracts from sound educational principles;
 3. Accept decisions of officials without protest, and without questioning their honesty or integrity, and extend protection and courtesy to contest officials;
 4. **Win without boast and lose without bitterness;**
 5. Not provide inducement for academic, art or music purposes. Inducement means to encourage a student to change schools for the purpose of participating in TAPPS activities by offering the student or the student's parent/guardian cash, waiver of tuition, board or lodging, transportation, a job, or other valuable consideration to induce the student to enroll in a participant school.
 6. SUNDAY PARTICIPATION. TAPPS member schools shall not sponsor nor shall students compete in TAPPS contests on Sunday. **Exceptions:** TAPPS district and state competitions may be held on Sunday due to unavoidable circumstances which cause hardship to participating schools, provided they are approved by all of the following:
 - a. TAPPS director,
 - b. A majority of administrators involved,
 - c. The meet director, and
 - d. The host school.
- B. COACH/SPONSOR CODE. This code includes the principles described in Section 199 and the purposes listed in Section 198. Further, the code requires that the coach/sponsor:
1. Be aware of, understand, and follow all rules governing the competition for which the coach/sponsor is responsible;
 2. Treat contestants fairly and professionally for the general welfare of the student based on what is best for the general welfare of the student;
 3. Respect other coaches/sponsors;
 4. Adhere to policies that do not force students to specialize or restrict them from participation in other activities;
 5. Allow students to participate in one school activity without requiring, as a prerequisite, participation in another school or non-school activity;

6. Abstain from any practice that makes a student feel pressured to participate in non-school activities.
 7. Utilize the best and most current teaching and coaching methods through affiliation with professional associations and publications;
 8. Abstain from any practice that solicits teachers to modify a participant student's grade for eligibility purposes.
- C. **CONFIDENTIALITY CODE.** Coaches, contest directors and contestants are responsible for maintaining confidentiality of contest materials. Transfer of information contained in the materials will be considered a violation of the Academic, Art and Music Meet Code and subject to penalties up to and including disqualification.