

Athletic Code of Conduct

Athletic Philosophy: The school believes that interscholastic athletics **supplement** the curricular program and become a vital part of a student's total educational experiences. These experiences contribute to the development of learning skills and emotional patterns that enable the student to make maximum use of his/her education. **Student participation in any part of our activities program is a privilege which carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the activity, to the student body, to the community, and to the student him/herself.** Commitment, loyalty, comradely, discipline, citizenship and sportsmanship will be fostered through the activities participation experience. This participation will enable the student to develop physically, mentally, socially and emotionally.

Goals: The ultimate goals of the athletic program are: **1)** realize the value of participation without overemphasizing the importance of winning; and **2)** develop and improve positive citizenship traits among the program's participants.

Athletics Offered

Fall

Football 8th (B)
Volleyball 6th-8th (G)

Winter

Basketball 8th (B/G)

Spring

Track 7th-8th (B/G)
Soccer 6th-8th (B/G)

Summer

Softball 8th (G) North High
Baseball 8th (B) North High

Equipment for Athletics: In order to give the student a sense of responsibility and an appreciation of their equipment, each will be held accountable for the abuse or loss of it. **Any equipment lost or stolen must be paid for by the student in whose name it was checked out.** Students will adhere to the following guidelines to reduce the chances for lost or stolen equipment, or injury.

1. Do not exchange or loan any of the equipment checked out to you to another teammate.
2. Keep your locker closed and LOCKED at all times. This includes when you are in the shower.
3. Any loss of equipment should be reported immediately to the head coach.
4. Any protective equipment that does not fit properly or that has any defective parts should be reported to a coach immediately. Do not wear the equipment until the necessary adjustments have been made.
5. Athletes are not to wear athletic uniforms or warm-ups to school as if it were their personal clothing.

Exception: Game day only per coaches' discretion.

Notice in Advance for Absences

Middle school students who will be missing school for school related activities are expected to make up all work before the absence. If this is not possible, the teacher will decide on the make-up procedure. All assignments due or tests to be taken must be fulfilled immediately upon the return of the student. Any assignment given during the student's absence will be given special consideration unless advance arrangements were not made. If it is necessary to be absent from practice, the student is expected to notify the head coach **prior** to the scheduled practice. School sport practices are very important. Other activities or personal needs should be scheduled at times not in conflict with school sport practice times.

Participation: Middle school students who are not in school **all day** because of illness or un-excused absences cannot practice or participate in after school or evening activities but may attend the event. Going to the doctor for illness does not exempt one from this policy. Students may not have any failing grades to participate in athletic events.

Unexcused Absences: Athletes with three unexcused absences from practice/games will be removed from the team.

Suspensions: Any athlete receiving a level III referral will not be allowed to practice or compete until the referral is resolved. Coaches and the Vice Principal reserve the right for the final decision regarding student participation.

Transportation: All athletes are required to ride the bus to and from an athletic contest. Athletes may ride home with their parents if the parent issues the head coach a written note at the time of departure. Notes from athletes without the visible presence of their parent will not be accepted. Parents are not allowed to take home other athletes.

Physical exams and insurance requirements: Regulations of the Department of Education, IHSAA and the IGHSAA states: The school shall require of each student participating in athletics a physician's certificate stating that he or she is physically able to participate in athletic contests of his or her school. The medical certificate is valid for the purpose of this rule for one calendar year. This certificate must be on file before the student will be allowed to practice with any of the high school/middle school's athletic teams. Another regulation states: A student shall not be permitted to practice or compete for a school until it has verification that he or she has basic athletic insurance coverage. School district rule requires filing of an "Assumption of Risk" form by the student and parent/guardian before participation will be permitted.

