

NCCES Athletics Handbook

Athletic Program Objectives

- **To foster, through teamwork, a positive attitude toward life.**
- **To encourage winning, but not winning at all cost.**
- **To improve skills and confidence.**
- **To develop character, team spirit, sportsmanship and a sense of fair play.**

Eligibility for Activities and Sports

Our school is a new member of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and must follow the rules of this association. The mission of MIAA is to promote life-long learning in athletics and in life. We take that mission to mean that academics and learning is the most important purpose of students' participation.

Here are the requirements:

Academic Eligibility

- 1. All high school students must pass four out of five core classes. Core classes include English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish. A passing grade must be a Satisfactory or better for all efforts grades and at least a Just Beginning. Any student who does not meet these criteria will be illegible to participate in any Athletics Events.**
- 2. All High School rules apply expect a student must pass three of the four core class. The core classes are English, Math, Science, Social Studies.**
- 3. Fall Sports Eligibility is based on the Spring Semester grades**
- 4. Winter Sports are based on the second progress report. Sports may become eligible to play at the end of the term grading period which is January 20th**
- 5. Spring Sports are based on the second semester's first progress report.**
- 6. Eligibility will be determined within two weeks of the start of a season. Academically ineligible students can become eligible only at the next report card or progress report.**

- 7. Ineligible students may not participate in games. Any game in which an ineligible student participates must be forfeited.**
- 8. Any student who transfers into the school is not eligible to play varsity sports until the next year. Ineligibility follows a student from one school to another. That student might apply for a waiver.**
- 9. Eligibility runs out at the end of 4 years. The clock starts when a student begins 9th grade and is not altered by years out of school or accident or illness.**

Expectations of Coaches

To reach the objectives of our program, coaches should have the following qualities:

- Must have the necessary free time to devote to the sport in order to accomplish the goals of the program.**
- A genuine concern for the well-being of athletes, parents and colleagues, etc.**
- An excellent knowledge of the game: rules, fundamentals and strategy.**
- A working knowledge of First Aid and CPR.**
- An organized person, whose practices are well planned, making sure everything is accomplished during each session.**
- As an extension of the academic program, a coach will be aware of and participate in the academic progress of his/her athletes on a regular basis.**

Coaches Responsibilities

Administrative duties are a part of all coach's jobs.

- Coaches are responsible for all uniforms and equipment issued to them for their sport. They should record the name and number for each uniform issued and records the return of the same.**
- They must keep track of all equipment issued to their team and keep it in good condition.**
- Coaches are responsible for their players during their designated practice and game times. They must know where their players are at all times.**

- **No coach will leave any player (s) unattended after a game or practice while the players are waiting to be picked up by their parents. Coaches will not leave any practice or game site until all players have been picked up.**

Parents Responsibilities

To support the objectives of our Athletic Program, we ask that all parents commit to the following:

- **Recognize and emphasize the importance of participation and sportsmanship.**
- **Realize that it is up to the coach to determine game plans and handouts playing time not the parent.**
- **To pay a \$100 user fee per sport expect reduced lunch is \$50 and free lunch is waived of any sports fee.**
- **To pick up your child on time after every game or practice**

Students Responsibilities

- **To attend all practices and games**
- **To support your teammates**
- **To return all equipment and uniforms at the end of the season. If equipment or uniform are not returned the player will have to purchase the items and will not be allowed to play another sport until the fee is paid.**
- **Smoking and Smokeless Tobacco: Smoking is detrimental to your ability to perform, and therefore hinders both you and your team, in addition to your personal health. Smoking is not an acceptable activity for students who wish to represent NCCES. Coaches will set their own rules in this area.**
- **Alcohol and Drug Use: The use of alcohol or drugs in a non-medical fashion will not be tolerated under any circumstances, and will result in immediate dismissal from the team. Reinstatement to the team will be at the discretion of the coach.**
- **Practices: Team members must demonstrate a commitment to the program by attending practices. Athletes must realize the importance of game preparation. Failure to attend practices or games, without just cause, may mean loss of player status with the team structure. Regular practice attendance includes being on time and assisting with equipment needs.**

- **Equipment: I agree, that I will return all equipment and uniforms after the last game of the season. If equipment or uniforms are not returned you will be responsible for paying full price for each item not returned.**