

Sullivan County High School

Athletic Handbook

2026-2027

Sullivan County School District Athletics

The purpose of the handbook is to give student athletes and their families an understanding of the general rules and guidelines regarding athletics within the district. In case of conflict between a Board Policy and the provisions of this handbook, the Board Policy most recently adopted by the Board will prevail. This handbook is a supplement to information that is published annually by the Mid-Penn Conference and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA).

Student athletes and their families should be aware that this document is reviewed annually since policy adoption and revision is an ongoing process. These changes will generally supersede the provisions found in the handbook, which will become obsolete by the newly adopted policy. The handbook is not a contract between the school and coaches. It can be amended at any time at the discretion of the district. If policy changes are enacted during the school year, the administration will communicate those changes to students, staff, coaches, and parents/guardians.

Mission Statement

The mission of Sullivan County School District is to Educate, Engage, and Empower our Griffin Family.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Sullivan County School District is to instill in all students the desire to learn, create, and apply critical thinking for a lifetime through just, fair, and caring quality instruction and leadership while reflecting community values.

Philosophy of Interscholastic Athletics

Sullivan County School District believes that a diversified program of student activities is vital to the educational development of the student. Interscholastic Athletics should provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of both positive habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for life well beyond high school.

Athletics should function as an integral part of the total curriculum. It should offer opportunities to serve the school, to assist in the development and encouragement of good citizenship and to promote self-realization and all-around growth. Leaders should be of the highest quality and exemplify and model desired behaviors which develops citizenship among all athletes within the athletic program.

Everyone involved in the delivery of athletics possesses a unique opportunity to teach positive life skills and values. Therefore, this educational experience demands highly qualified coaches. Desire, dedication, and self-discipline need to be developed in order to ensure the commitment and personal sacrifice required by athletes. Making such a commitment helps to nurture integrity, pride, loyalty and overall character. The final outcome results in carrying these values throughout their life.

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2026 - 2027 School Year Calendar

July 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	03 : Independence Day Observed
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	04 : Independence Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
						1	17 : Inservice Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	18 : Inservice Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	19 : Clerical Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20 : First Day of School
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

September 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	03 : Inservice Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	04 : Fair Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	07 : Labor Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

October 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
				1	2	3	12 : Inservice Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	27 : End of Marking Period
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	*27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	25 : Early Dismissal
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	26-30 : Thanksgiving Vacation
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30						

December 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
		1	2	3	4	5	01 : 1st Makeup Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	23 : Early Dismissal
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	24-31 : Christmas Vacation
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

January 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
					1	2	01 : New Year Vacation
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	13 : End of Marking Period
10	11	12	*13	14	15	16	18 : Clerical Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31							

February 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	12 : 2nd Makeup Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15 : Inservice Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28							

March 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	22 : 3rd Makeup Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	23 : 4th Makeup Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	24 : 5th Makeup Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	25 : 6th Makeup Day
28	29	*30	31				26-29 : Easter Vacation
							30 : End of Marking Period

April 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
						1	28 : No School
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	31 : Memorial Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31						

June 2027

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	
		1	2	*3	4	5	03 : Last Student Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	03 : End of Marking Period
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	04 : Clerical Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	04 : Graduation
27	28	29	30				

Makeup Days	Marking Periods	Inservice Days	Clerical Days
December 01, 2026	August 20, 2026 - October 27, 2026	August 17, 2026	August 19, 2026
February 12, 2027	October 28, 2026 - January 13, 2027	August 18, 2026	January 18, 2027
March 22, 2027	January 14, 2027 - March 30, 2027	September 03, 2026	June 04, 2027
March 23, 2027	March 31, 2027 - June 3, 2027	October 12, 2026	
March 24, 2027		February 15, 2027	
March 25, 2027			

School Attendance	Students	Teachers
August	8	11
September	19	20
October	21	22
November	18	18
December	16	16
January	19	20
February	18	19
March	17	17
April	22	22
May	19	19
June	3	4
Totals	**180**	**188**

Early Dismissal Dates/Times	
November 25, 2026	12:00 PM - Students / 1:00 PM Staff
December 23, 2026	12:00 PM - Students / 1:00 PM Staff
June 03, 2027	12:00 PM - Students / 1:00 PM Staff

Testing Dates	
PSSA Testing & Makeups	April 26, 2027 - May 02, 2027
Keystone Exams	December 07, 2026 - December 18, 2026
	May 17, 2027 - May 28, 2027

Calendar approved by Sullivan County School Board : 01/20/2026

District Events/Athletics Calendar:

Sullivan County Calendar

School Events/Athletics Calendar

Seasonal Practice and Event Dates:

Please use the link below to access practice and event start dates per sport:

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Admission into Athletics

Student athletes must have a physical completed by a physician prior to participation in practices and games. A PIAA Certificate of Consent and UPMC consent form must both be completed each season. If a student athlete is injured in a previous season, they must provide clearance from a physician prior to participating in an upcoming season.

A completed PIAA physical examination form or recertification form must be submitted by the student prior to participation in practices or games. The coach is responsible for verifying that each candidate has submitted the proper form prior to the beginning of practice. It is only necessary to submit one examination each year. Physicals are valid from June 1st through May 31st. Additional forms will be completed by parents and students to compete in other athletic seasons.

Students in grades seven (7), nine (9), and eleven (11) or new students must complete an impact test before the first scrimmage. The test is used as a tool to measure a concussion or concussion symptoms after a student has a head injury.

Forms are available from the athletic trainer or website.

Every student who participates in interscholastic athletics must be protected by insurance. Every student must have the signature of parent or legal guardian as proof of insurance.

View Board Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics

Academic and Extracurricular Eligibility

To be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition or any extracurricular activity, the pupil must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full-time curriculum. Where required, this curriculum or its equivalent must be approved by and conform to, the regulations of the State Board of Education and the Pennsylvania School Code, as well as any local policies established by the local school board. PIAA's minimum eligibility requirements state the pupil must be passing at least four full-credit subjects, or the equivalent. Each school is allowed to set procedures for stricter eligibility requirements.

Sullivan County High School's procedures for determining eligibility will be as follows: Students in grades seven and eight will be ineligible to participate in-interscholastic and extracurricular activities upon failing a second course. Students in grades nine through twelve will be ineligible to participate in interscholastic and extracurricular activities upon failing their third course, regardless of the credit value of the course. Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period, and shall be reported on a weekly basis, and shall be filed in the principal's office. Ineligible students are not allowed to participate in team or club activities until their ineligible status is removed.

In cases where a student’s cumulative work from the beginning of the grading period does not, as of any Friday, meet the standards provided by this section, he/she shall be ineligible from the

immediately following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday. When school is closed on Friday for any reason, the principal may, at their election, determine whether the student as of that day meets the standards provided in this section. The procedure is to run the report at 11:00am each Friday.

Any student in grades 7 and 8 who fails two courses for a marking period will be ineligible for 15 school days after the issuance of the report card for that marking period. Any student in grades 9-12 who fails three courses for a marking period will be ineligible for 15 days after the issuance of the report card for that marking period.

Students who are enrolled for the first time must comply with the requirements of the curriculum rules. The standing required for the preceding week, the preceding grading period, or the preceding year shall be obtained from the records of the last school which the student attended.

The athletic director will report the ineligible student-athletes to the coaches on Friday of each week. 7th and 8th grade students failing two (2) or more classes and 9th – 12th grade students failing three (3) or more classes are ineligible until the following Sunday. Contact will be made with parent or guardian informing them of the ineligibility. Eligibility will be run from a Sunday to Saturday basis, ineligible students will not be able to compete in interscholastic contests, scrimmages, or practices for that week. Although they are still eligible the parameters of the eligibility report will be expanded to any student failing one or more class or classes to keep the Athletic Director informed to get the student help before they end up being ineligible.

If a student is ineligible, the first week they are allowed to practice and travel with the team but they are not permitted to participate in competition.

If a student is ineligible for a second consecutive week, they will still be allowed to participate in practice, but they will need to complete 2 mandatory tutoring sessions on Monday-Thursdays for at least one hour. If there is a scheduled away game on a tutoring day in which they team bus will be leaving prior to 4:30 PM the student is allowed to travel with the team, but the student will be required to make that session up.

A student may be excluded from an activity because of bad habits or improper conduct that would not represent the school in a becoming manner.

To be eligible to participate in an extracurricular event or contest, a student must be in attendance on the day of the activity for the full day unless the absence is an excused absence for a required court appearance, death in the family, a physician's appointment, required testing for entrance into an institution of higher learning, a religious observance, or an unusual circumstance that has been pre-approved by the principal or designee.

Students in detention or special study hall may not participate in any extracurricular activities, at home or away, including practices, on the day of the detention or special study hall.

View Board Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities

Attendance & After-School Activity Participation Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in or attend interscholastic athletics and/or other after-school activities, including practices and/or rehearsals, students must be signed in to school no later than 8:40 AM at the Sullivan County High School. The principal or designee may take into account extenuating circumstances with regard to this rule. Detentions are not considered after-school activities with regard to these rules and students are expected to attend all detentions on the day scheduled.

On days when school must be closed due to inclement weather or other unexpected emergencies, announcements will be made as soon after 6:00 a.m. as possible from most local radio and television stations. Calls will also be sent out via the district's telecommunication service at approximately 6:15 a.m.

The following reasons constitute **excused** absences in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code:

1. Sickness of the student
2. Quarantine
3. Impassable roads or inclement weather
4. Attendance at funerals for up to three (3) days for members of the immediate family (father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent or others as determined by school officials) or for out-of-state services
5. Attendance at funerals for one (1) day for all others not listed above
6. Medical or dental appointments – half of a day should be sufficient in most cases; however, each situation will be reviewed individually
7. Family emergency – one (1) day limit per year
8. Educational trips – ten (10) days total maximum; no more than two per year; requires written pre-approval by the principal; **count toward the 15 days of absences allowed by the Pennsylvania School Code**
9. Religious event
10. College visitations for seniors – three (3) days maximum
11. Scheduled court appearance – documentation required

The following reasons constitute **illegal or unexcused** absences in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code:

1. Truancy (absence from school without a legal excuse
2. Missing the bus – students are to be at the bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time
3. Trips not approved in advance
4. Shopping
5. Hunting, fishing, and attending sporting events
6. Birthdays or other celebrations
7. Gainful employment
8. Any reason not listed in the legal excuse grouping

Bullying/Sexual or Unlawful Harassment

The policy of the Sullivan County School District is to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from sexual or unlawful harassment and bullying.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any member of the district staff to harass a student through conduct or communications of a sexual/unlawful nature. It shall also be a violation of this policy for students to harass other students and/or staff through conduct or communications of a sexual/unlawful nature.
Bullying means an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students, which occurs in a school setting and/or outside a school setting, that is severe, persistent, or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:

1.) Substantial interference with a student's education.
2.) Creation of a threatening environment.
3.) Substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.

Bullying, as defined in Policy #249, includes cyberbullying.

Any reported cases of sexual/unlawful harassment or bullying shall be investigated under the guidelines of Policy #249 with the building principal being the first contact person. If the investigation results in a substantiated charge of bullying, the school district shall take prompt corrective action designed to ensure the bullying ceases and will not recur. Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with district policy. Persistent cases of bullying may result in suspension, expulsion, and/or State Police involvement.

View Board Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

Concussion

All coaches must take a yearly concussion in sports course to coach. Upon completion, send the certificate to the athletic director.

Any student who has a concussion or concussion symptoms will be sent to Dr. Gusick for an evaluation and a follow-up at Sports Medicine: 570-321-2020.

Once a student athlete has exhibited signs or symptoms of a concussion/TBI, he/she must be removed from participation. The student athlete cannot return to practice or play until he/she is evaluated and cleared for return to participation in writing by an appropriate medical professional (as defined in the Safety in Youth Sports Act) with training in the evaluation and management of concussions. All medical personnel authorized to make decisions on when the student athlete can return to play must complete, or have completed, training in evaluation and management of concussion.

Return to play:

After written medical clearance is given by an appropriate medical professional, the student athlete may begin a graduated, individualized return-to-play protocol supervised by an athletic trainer, school/team physician, or, in cases where the aforementioned medical professionals are not available, a physician or licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of sports-related concussions.

Graduated return-to-play protocol to be followed:

1. Completion of a full day of normal cognitive activities (school day, studying for tests, watching practice, interacting with peers, etc.) without re-emergence of any signs or symptoms. If no return of symptoms, next day progress to:
2. Light aerobic exercise, which includes walking, swimming, or stationary cycling, keeping the intensity <70% maximum predicted heart rate: no resistance training. The objective of this step is increased heart rate. If no return of symptoms, the next day advance to:
3. Sport-specific exercise including running; no head impact activities. The objective of this step is to add movement and continue to increase heart rate. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:
4. Non-contact training drills (e.g. passing drills). The student athlete may initiate progressive resistance training. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:
5. Participation in normal training activities. The objective of this step is to restore confidence and to assess functional skills by the coaching staff. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:
6. Return to play involving normal exertion or game activity

If concussion symptoms recur during the graduated return-to-play protocol, the student athlete will return, at a minimum, to the previous level of activity that caused no symptoms, and the attending physician should be notified.

Utilization of standardized tools, such as symptoms checklists, and comparison of post-injury performance to preseason baseline cognitive and balance testing re suggested.

View Board Policy 123.1 Concussion Management

View Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet

Computers/Cellphones

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT – Laser pointers or any other electronic device seen as unsafe by administration are prohibited in school. The school district is not liable for the loss, damage, or misuse of any electronic device brought to school by a student while in the possession of the student. Violations shall result in confiscation of the electronic device and may result in disciplinary action. Exceptions to the prohibitions set forth in this policy may be made for health, safety, emergency reasons, and at administrative discretion based on their educational purpose when accompanied by written approval of the parent/guardian and with prior approval of the building principal or designee.

During times when cell phone or electronic device use is permitted, students may not, under any circumstance, do any of the following:

Access SCSD WiFi signals.
Use any photograph, video, or recording capabilities of the device.
Violate the SCSD acceptable use policy in any way.

Cellphones may be utilized on bus trips to and from away events in accordance with district policy.

All rules in the academic handbook apply.

View Board Policy 237 Electronic Devices

Discipline

To conduct him/herself appropriately in school, the student must learn the basic discipline guidelines from both the school and the home. Discipline must be looked upon as important and necessary by the student, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the school.

All discipline guidelines in the academic handbook apply.

View Board Policy 218 Student Discipline

DETENTION - Parents should understand that a detention is a supervised study hall in a classroom with a staff member from 3:30 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. Students should bring school work to be completed during detention. Students will be permitted to ride the activity bus home from afterschool detention if an activity bus is scheduled to run on the day of assigned detention. After school detentions will typically be scheduled on Thursday afternoon beginning at 3:30 p.m., but may be assigned on other days of the week dependent upon scheduling conflicts. Failure to attend an assigned detention will be considered a skipped detention and will carry further disciplinary penalty.

In-School Suspension (ISS) - A special study hall is a day spent in a room separate from the student's classmates. The room is supervised at all times, and students receive necessary help from the supervisor. During the day, students are **required** to do the work assigned by the supervisor as well as make up any assignments assigned from their regular teachers for that day. Failure to complete work assigned from the regular classroom teacher may result in an academic penalty.

For the entire day that a student has after-school detention or special study hall, students will not be allowed to attend practices, dances, or school events, at home or away, as a participant or spectator. Only the building principal may excuse a student from a day of assigned detention or special study hall.

In addition, students who have been assigned detention will have seven school days to serve the detention(s) in accordance with the previous paragraph. If the student has not served the after school detention within the assigned seven days, he/she will be assigned a day of special study hall.

During the entire duration of an out-of-school suspension, including weekends and the evening of the first and last day of suspension, no participation in or attendance at any school-sanctioned activity or event will be permitted as per the currently approved athletic and disciplinary policy.

If a parent/guardian chooses to keep a student out of school rather than to have the student in special study hall, any days missed will be considered illegal and the student will be required to serve a day in special study hall upon their return to school.

If the principal deems it necessary to contact a local law enforcement agency, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office may be the first contact. If the sheriff is not available, the principal may call the Pennsylvania State Police. The state police may be called first in situations involving drugs, alcohol, or imminent danger to students or staff.

In regards to the Code of Conduct, the Threat Assessment Board Policy will apply.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES - No child with a disability shall be punished for a behavior that is a manifestation of his or her disability. Positive strategies and consequences outlined in the district's board-approved Behavior Management Plan shall be utilized (Policy #113.1).

Students who exhibit severe, atypical, frequent, and persistent behaviors and who do not respond to re-teaching, classroom management strategies, or all of the discipline procedures stated above shall be sent immediately to the principal's office. Further referral to the SAP Team and other appropriate services will be employed as needed.

Dress Code

Students are expected to be fully clothed and dressed appropriately during the school day as well as during extracurricular and athletic activities. Student dress should be neat, clean, and not disruptive to the learning process.

Final decisions regarding appropriate school dress will be made by the building principal. Students who are inappropriately dressed may be given appropriate clothing to wear for the balance of the day, or may be withheld from class until an appropriate outfit is brought to the school for the student.

All dress code guidelines in the academic handbook apply.

View Board Policy 221 Dress and Grooming

Evacuation Drills

During an "Evacuation Drill", students will be safely escorted along a designated evacuation route to one of our predetermined evacuation sites. At the conclusion of the drill, all students will be escorted back to the school. If there is an evacuation of students after normal school hours, coaches will take all students and guests to the biomass building. Please call 911 if needed and call the athletic director or principal as soon as possible.

View Board Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response

Drugs/Alcohol/Drug Paraphernalia

The Board of School Directors recognizes that the misuse of drugs and alcohol is a serious legal, physical, and social problem.

For purposes of these procedures, "drugs" shall mean (a) all controlled substances prohibited by law; (b) any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission for use in school has been granted pursuant to school procedure; (c) any over-the-counter medication; (d) any steroid or other substance intended to enhance physical or athletic performance; (e) any volatile solvents or inhalants, such as, but not limited to, glue and aerosol products; (f) all "look-alike" drugs; (g) all forms of drug paraphernalia; and (h) all alcoholic beverages.

The Board prohibits: (a) the use or ingestion, possession, distribution or transmission of drugs; (b) being under the influence of drugs; (c) attempts to use or ingest, possess, distribute or transmit drugs; and/or, (d) assisting, aiding or participating in the use or ingestion, possession, distribution or transmission of any drug during school hours, at any time while on school district owned, leased, or sanctioned property or vehicles, or at any school-sponsored activities whether on or off school premises, or during the time spent traveling to and from school and school-sponsored activities.

Violation of these rules will result in suspension from school and all school activities. A formal Board hearing may be held which may result in the student being expelled from the school district.

Students in violation of these rules will be reported to local law enforcement for appropriate legal action.

In each case, questionable substances found in the possession of any student will be forwarded to the State Police for analysis.

View Board Policy Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia

Fundraising

All fund-raising, for any purpose, must be approved by a committee of the student government advisors, athletic director, and principal. Fund-raising events will be limited to a specific time period. These forms can be found in the main office.

Coaches must get preapproval from both the student government and the athletic director to run a fundraiser. Each sports team can host one (1) fundraiser per year which does not include day events. After December 1st an additional fundraiser may be held. Please allow 1-2 weeks for approval. When choosing dates for the fundraisers, please choose up to two weeks starting from a Sunday. This will allow for more fundraisers to fit on the calendar. If there is still room on the fundraising calendar as of December 1st of each year, it will be open to any groups for additional fundraisers.

Coaches and teams should arrange with the treasurer of the Booster Club to keep track of the team's financial records and transactions. All deposits of a team's funds will be made through the Booster Club. A separate account will be kept by the Booster Club for each team. When a withdrawal is needed, an invoice will be presented to the Booster Club and a check will be issued.

Any monies collected by individual student athletes selling product to the greater community should be returned to the coach on the final day of the fund-raising activity.

View Board Policy 229 Student Fundraising

Hazing

The school district does not condone any form of initiation or harassment, known as hazing, as part of any school-related student activity. No student, coach, sponsor, volunteer, or school district employee shall plan, direct, encourage, assist, or engage in any hazing activity. If a

student believes that he/she has been subject to hazing, the student shall promptly report the incident to the building principal. The school district will investigate all complaints of hazing and will administer appropriate discipline to any individual who violates this policy.

View Board Policy 247 Hazing

Inclement Weather

School Early Dismissals, Delays and Closings
If schools must be dismissed early, delayed or closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, an announcement will be made via:

Thrillshare/Apptegy phone message
Sullivan County School District's Website and Social Media
TV Media: WNEP, WBRE/WYOU
Radio Media: WILQ, KISS FM, WGRC, WHLM, WHGL

In the event of a school closing, we will make the decision as early as possible to provide adequate time for notification. Decisions are based on the current and anticipated forecast as well as road conditions. Parents and guardians should plan to provide a place for children to stay when school closes or an early dismissal is necessary. Understand that two hour delays may turn into school cancellations if factors for the delay do not improve.
2 hour delays: Students report time 10:15
Cancellations: Make-Up Days are posted on the school website and on the school calendar.
All after school activities will be cancelled on early dismissals.

Lightning and Thunder

Lightning and thunder are safety hazards for all those involved in interscholastic athletics. Coaches should remove all participants from outdoor playing and practice fields as soon as thunder is heard or lightning is seen. The coach should take the lead role in ensuring safety for all those involved in his/her program. Teams may not return to the fields until thirty (30) minutes have passed from the last seen bolt of lightning or rumble of thunder.

Heat Advisory

Suggested Heat Advisory Guidelines with Humidity Readings Above
90%: ● Under 82.08F
- ○ Normal Activities: Provide 3 separate rest breaks per hour of minimum duration 3 minutes each during workout.

● 82.0-86.98F
- ○ Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise. Watch at risk players carefully. Provide 3 separate rest breaks per hour of minimum duration 4 minutes each.

● 87.08-89.98F
- ○ Provide 4 separate rest breaks per hour of minimum duration 4 minutes each.

● 90.0-92.08F

- There must be 20 minutes of rest breaks provided during the hour of practice.

- Over 92.18F
  - No outdoor workouts, cancel exercise, delay practice until a cooler WBGT reading occurs.

For further information related to prevention of heat illness, please reference the link
PIAA Sports Medicine Guidelines

Air Quality Index

The higher the AQI value, the greater the level of air pollution and the greater for health concern.
For more information regarding air quality, visit : https://www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/

AQI Basics for Ozone and Particle Pollution

Daily AQI Color	Levels of Concern	Values of Index	Description of Air Quality
Green	Good	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Yellow	Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Orange	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Red	Unhealthy	151 to 200	Some members of the general public may experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Purple	Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.
Maroon	Hazardous	301 and higher	Health warning of emergency conditions: everyone is more likely to be affected.

Intramurals

Intramural sports run for 3 weeks (15 days) or at a rate determined by the athletic director, principal, and coach.

The dates should be chosen according to the availability of the gym and when the activity bus is running.

A signed permission slip is required for participation in intramural sports. Slips should be provided to the elementary school office at least 2 weeks prior to the start of intramural season. An announcement can be made in the morning to let students know the permission slips are available and will include the dates of the intramural practices. Permission slips will be returned to the elementary school and a list provided to the coach.

Coaches are to meet participants at 3:15 PM in the elementary school cafeteria.

Students must participate in 50% of the activities in order to "get credit" for participation. At the conclusion of the intramural activity, please provide a copy of attendance to the elementary school office. The attendance record will help to make award certificates for the end of the year Awards Ceremony. Additionally, if possible, please plan to attend 6th Grade Recognition to distribute certificates to those that participated.

Lockers

Students who have athletic materials may place them in their gym lockers in the morning between 8:15 AM. and the beginning of first period. The locker rooms will not be available at any other time for this purpose.

All locker guidelines in the academic handbook apply.

Medications/Supplements

Coaches may not recommend, make available, or administer dietary supplements, pain relievers, medications, or substances that purport to enhance growth, strength, stamina, or athletic performance. This restriction does not include water or sports drinks that are used primarily for fluid replacement (for example: Gatorade, Powerade). Coaches with concerns about a student's diet or physical comfort may advise parents to consult their child's physician.

MEDICATIONS

Parents are advised to give medications at home and on a schedule other than during the school hours. Medication that is ordered by a physician to be given once a day must be given at home. If ordered twice daily it should be given before and after school, and three times daily should be given before and after school and prior to bedtime. If it is necessary that a medication be given during school hours, the following regulations must be followed:

1. **All** medication, **including over the counter**, must be accompanied by a written order from the attending physician.

2. Students are not permitted to transport medication to and from school. It must be delivered to the school nurse's office by an adult.
3. All medication must be brought to school in the original container with the prescription label intact. **If medication is not properly labeled, and there is no physician's authorization & parent permission the medication will not be administered.**
4. **Students found to be in possession of medications without proper permission may be subject to disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion and/or state police involvement depending upon the nature of the infraction.**
5. Students are expected to come to the health room at the appropriate time to take their medications.

School personnel will not administer or dispense the first dosage of medication to a student. A new form needs to be completed every school year

During field trips, students may self-administer medication under adult supervision if permission is granted by the parent and attending physician according to the self-administration guidelines.

Self-administration of Medication by Students

The School Nurse will evaluate medications that are deemed appropriate for self-administration on a case by case basis.

As stated in Policy #210.1, students may carry an inhaler used for asthma upon completion of the medication form. Students shall not share their inhaler with another student.

Age-appropriate nonprescription medication including Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Pepto, and Benadryl (or their generic form) will be provided by the school and administered through the school nurse for those students who have parental permission granted on their student emergency form.

Students may carry and self-administer non-prescription cough drops and eye drops.

Herbal, homeopathic, vitamins, and other over-the-counter supplements or remedies, including but not limited to protein shakes, energy pills, energy drinks, nutritional supplements, etc., will require completion of the medication form. Students are not allowed at any time to carry and self-administer such products without this approval. Failure to follow proper procedures will result in disciplinary action. Consideration **MAY** be given to a student who immediately notifies the nurse or principal of the accidental possession of a medication or over-the-counter product.

View Board Policy 210 Medications

School Property

SCHOOL PROPERTY - Students shall attempt to keep the school campus, buildings and furnishings clean and in good order at all times. Students who deface the building, grounds, or equipment or destroy school property or the property of school district employees or other students in any way may be suspended from school for a period of up to ten (10) days and may be recommended for expulsion. The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will receive a bill for all damages. Payment for these damages is due within ten (10) days. In extreme cases or in the case of a repetitious offender, referral to law enforcement authorities may be initiated.

This policy includes the care of athletic uniforms and equipment.

View Board Policy 224 Care of School Property

Searches

School district personnel may lawfully search students or their belongings including but not limited to lockers, automobiles, electronic devices, purses, backpacks, clothing and other possessions, without a warrant if there is reasonable suspicion that there is a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the student or the school population. This policy applies whenever students and/or their belongings are in school, on school property, attending school-sponsored functions (including extracurricular or co-curricular activities on or off school premises), on school-sponsored transportation, or otherwise under school supervision. Additionally, the school district may lawfully conduct reasonable searches without specific suspicion in certain circumstances where there is a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the school population.

Examples of threats to the health, safety or welfare of a student or the school population include, but are not limited to, the following: reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of a weapon, drugs or paraphernalia; reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of stolen property; reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of pornographic or other inappropriate material; reasonable suspicion that a student has been "sexting" photographs of him/herself or others with his/her cell phone and/or other electronic device and/or is using his/her cell phone and/or other electronic device to bully another student and/or to send threatening messages.

The results of searches may be used as evidence against the student in disciplinary, juvenile, or criminal proceedings. The student generally will be notified and given an opportunity to be present during any search, unless there are exigent circumstances or it is impractical to do so. Parents/Guardians will be notified as soon as is practicable. Lockers, desks and other facilities made available to students are school district property and are subject to search. The school district will also cooperate with law enforcement and may, from time to time, partner with law enforcement to bring a canine on the premises to search for drugs or other illegal contraband.

View Board Policy 226 Searches

Sportsmanship

Throughout the course of the year, many students participate in extracurricular activities. Some of these activities occur within the confines of the school itself, while others are in localities away from Sullivan County Junior/Senior High School. Since participants and spectators represent not only themselves as individuals, but the school district as well, they must observe standards of good conduct. The following regulations should be followed at all times:

1.) Participants and spectators will refrain from the use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, narcotics, drugs, and other similar controlled substances.
2.) Participants and spectators will refrain from the use of profanity, not only among themselves, but also with opponents, referees, officials, and other adults.
3.) Participants and spectators will respect not only the property of their own school district, but also the property of the host school district or communities where they are participating.
4.) Participants and spectators are expected to exhibit the highest standard of honesty at all

times.

5.) All participants and spectators should exercise elements of restraint and good conduct.
6.) All participants and spectators should exercise good sportsmanship.
7.) All participants should adhere to training rules where applicable.
8.) All participants and spectators are expected to carry school spirit in the highest regard at all events.
9.) Visiting teams and fans should be treated as guests.
10.) Spectators should refrain from "booing."
11.) Participants and spectators should abide by the decisions of the officials.
12.) Students who leave an event may not return to the event without prior permission of the staff member in charge of the event.
13.) The student athlete should be informed that athletes shall not be deterred or discouraged from participating in more than one sport or other extracurricular activities.
14.) Student Athletes and Coaches should understand that attendance is a privilege, not a right.
15.) Student Athletes and Coaches should understand the seriousness of responsibility, and the privilege of representing his/her school and community.
16.) Student Athletes and Coaches should abide by the rules established by school administration and coaching staff.
17.) Student Athletes and Coaches should learn the rules of the contest thoroughly.
18.) Student Athletes and Coaches shall not indecently expose themselves.
19.) Student Athletes and Coaches shall not steal or unlawfully borrow any athletic equipment nor shall they wear any equipment outside of regular participation.
20.) Bickering/arguing/negative attitudes toward any member of the team or the team as a whole will result in a meeting with coaches. If a problem persists the player will be dismissed from the team.
21.) Abuse of any of the above rule of conduct may result in:
    a. Elimination of the individual(s) from the interscholastic sport for the remainder of that particular season.
    b. Forfeiture of awards for that particular sport.
    c. Banishment from any further interscholastic competition (on second offense).

OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES - The above eligibility requirements and Ethics Code shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property if:

1.) There is a connection between the student's conduct and the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.
2.) The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that a particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.
3.) Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.
4.) The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.

If a student appears to be a danger to himself/herself or others, an immediate intervention may be necessary. If it is an emergency please call 911. A report can also be made through Safe2Say at 1-844-723-2729.

Supervision

Employees are responsible for students during the instructional hours of the school day in school; during the instructional hours of the school day on school district property; on school district vehicles; and at school district events held before, during, or after school that are directly observed and supervised by school district staff.

Surveillance

SCSD is monitored by video cameras, both inside the building and outside the building.
View Board Policy 709 Building Security

Threat Assessment

In June of 2019, legislation was enacted to assist schools in creating safer environments. One of the acts, Article XIII-E, Threat Assessment was added to the Pennsylvania School Code. The law states that each school entity (school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, regional charter school, or cyber charter school) shall establish at least one threat assessment team. In accordance with the legislation, the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC), Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), and key stakeholders from across Pennsylvania developed model procedures and guidance materials to help local schools establish and operate threat assessment teams.
In accordance with 24 P.S. §1302-E - 1303-E, schools shall establish a Threat Assessment Team (TAT). For each building the Principal, School Police Officer, and the Guidance counselor are members of the TAT Team.
Working with other support teams in schools:

- Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) - PBIS is a proactive, multi-tiered approach to discipline that promotes appropriate student behavior and increased learning.
- Student Assistance Program - The Pennsylvania Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a systematic team process used to mobilize school resources to remove barriers to learning. The primary goal of the Student Assistance Program is to help students overcome these barriers so that they may achieve, advance, and remain in school.
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support - Pennsylvania's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) is a standards-aligned, comprehensive school improvement framework for enhancing academic, behavioral and social-emotional outcomes for all students.
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) - An IEP is the written plan for the education of a student who has a disability or is gifted.
    - The IEP is based on the individual student's needs and describes the special help that the student will receive in school.

View Board Policy 236.1 Threat Assessment

Title IX and Sex Discrimination

The U.S Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces, among other statutes, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Title IX states that:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

The Sullivan County School District is committed to the maintenance of a safe, positive learning environment for all students that is free from discrimination by providing all students course offerings, counseling, assistance, services, employment, athletics and extracurricular activities without any form of discrimination, including Title IX sexual harassment. Discrimination is inconsistent with the rights of students and the educational and programmatic goals of the
Sullivan County School District and is prohibited at or, in the course of, Sullivan County District-sponsored programs or activities, including transportation to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

Title IX Coordinator

Any complaint of Harassment or discrimination pertaining to education should be addressed to Sullivan County School District's TITLE IX Coordinator:

Dr. Randi Zwatty
Title IX Coordinator
777 South Street
Laporte, PA 18626
(570)946-8200
titleixcoordinator@sulcosd.k12.pa.us

View Title IX Training Materials
View Title IX Employee Form
View Title IX Student Form

Tobacco and Vaping

Students found using and/or possessing tobacco in any form are subject to the following disciplinary procedures.

- For a student's first offense, the student will be suspended for one day and receive a noncriminal complaint filed with the district magistrate by local law enforcement officials (if found guilty, subject to a fine pls costs or alternative form of adjudication).
- For a student's second offense, the student will be suspended for three days and receive a non-criminal complaint filed with the district magistrate by local law enforcement officials.
- For a student's third offense, the student will be suspended for five days and receive a non-criminal complaint filed with the district magistrate by local law enforcement officials.
- Upon a student's fourth offense there will be a hearing before the Sullivan County School Board with administration recommending expulsion for the remainder of the year.

Our school is a tobacco-free campus. There is no use of tobacco permitted at any school function or on school property. Electronic cigarettes are also prohibited on school grounds.

View Board Policy 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products

Transportation

STUDENT VEHICLES

The Board of School Directors has provided transportation for all students. Therefore, driving of private vehicles by students will be permitted only upon approval of the principal. Students may drive private vehicles to school under the following conditions:

1. A parental permission form has been completed and is on file in the office.
2. Vehicles must be parked in the back-parking lot in spaces provided for student parking.
3. Students may not be in the parking lot or their cars during the school day without permission.

Parents and students should be aware that buses in the Sullivan County School District may be equipped with video cameras that record the students and their activities on the buses.

All coaches whose teams will be using school buses should meet with the athletic director prior to the start of the season to determine departure. Departure times should be listed on the coach's calendar. Coaches should review expected behavior with the teams prior to the first away contest.

Upon returning from an away game, the coach should not leave until all students have left the campus. Each coach will have ride with/drop off forms completed prior to the season. Students must be signed out ONLY by persons on their approved 'ride with' form before departing with anyone from away competitions. **Students may not transport other students to or from school unless written permission is granted by the student driver parent/guardian. Extracurricular activities are an extension of school.** Students must have written permission signed by the office to travel to an approved location on the current bus route to meet the bus and be pick up/dropped off after the event. Only team members, managers, cheerleaders, and coaches may ride on the team bus.

Coaches must sign and turn in a Request for Driver Information to the district office before transporting students.

A. All buses will be scheduled by the athletic director. The coach and the athletic director will discuss the itinerary necessary for all trips. It is the responsibility of the coach to have members of his or her squad ready to board the bus at the designated time. All coaches must exercise control and maintain proper supervision of their squads at all times.

B. All team members must travel to events on the bus unless written permission has been obtained from the principal prior to the event.

Weapons, Look Alike Weapons and Hazardous Substances

In accordance with Pennsylvania Act 44 of 2018, the District shall notify law enforcement when a student is found in possession of a weapon on school property, at a school-sponsored activity,

or on school transportation, as required by state law. The Superintendent or designee will report incidents involving weapons to the appropriate law enforcement agency and comply with all required state reporting procedures.

In accordance with Pennsylvania Act 44, the District is required to notify parents/guardians and school employees when an incident involving the possession of a weapon occurs on school property, school transportation, or at a school-sponsored activity and constitutes a violation of state law or District policy. Unless circumstances require otherwise, notification will be provided within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident through a communication method reasonably designed to reach affected parents/guardians and employees. Notifications will contain general information regarding the incident while protecting the confidentiality and privacy rights of students in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. Personally identifiable student information will not be disclosed.

Possession of a weapon including, but not limited to: a knife, cutting instrument, cutting tool, nunchaku, firearm, shotgun, rifle and other tools, instrument, or implement's capable of inflicting serious injury are prohibited in the school, on the school grounds at any time, at school- sponsored events, or on school transportation. Look-alike weapons and hazardous materials are similarly prohibited.

Any student who is determined to have brought a weapon onto school property or who is in possession of a weapon on school property shall be expelled for not less than one year, unless the Superintendent recommends discipline short of expulsion on a case-by-case basis.

Possession of a look alike weapon or hazardous substances on school property shall be handled on a case-by-case basis with review by the Superintendent and may include an expulsion hearing.

Threat Assessment process will be followed.

View Board Policy 218.1 Weapons

SECTION 2: INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Athletic Handbook and Code of Conduct

All athletes and parent/guardian(s) must sign a form indicating they have received and reviewed the Athletic Handbook prior to beginning of practice or tryouts. Handbooks will be posted to the school website. If needed, the coach will give a player a hard copy of the Athletic Handbook. The coach will make sure that a form is signed by both the student and the parent(s), and the coach will keep all records. Players will be held out of practice and events until the form is signed and the signature page is returned to the coach.

Awards

The Sullivan County School District has established awards that student-athletes can earn. Coaches must have written criteria for all awards before the season. If no criteria is given prior to the season, no awards except for the MVP plaque will be given.

- The head coach shall recommend the members of his or her squad who have met the requirements for a letter. The coach shall inform his or her squad at the beginning of the season of the requirements necessary to earn a letter.
- In special cases, the head coach may recommend awards to students who have not met the requirements.
- If a player is injured and due to that injury cannot letter, it is up to the coach and athletic director to determine if he or she would have lettered if not injured.
- If extenuating circumstances arise, a committee composed of the principal, athletic director and coach shall make the final decision if the requirements for a varsity letter have been met.

1. Types of Awards

Varsity teams can award the following:

Letter
Sport pin
Bar pin for each following year
Captain pin
Manager pin
Varsity certificate
1 MVP plaque
Other plaques – Coach's decision

Junior High teams can award the following:

Junior High Certificate

2. Awarding a letter:

- An athlete who qualifies for a varsity letter will receive a Chenille letter.
- The second time an athlete earns a letter; he/she will be awarded a pin.
- When an athlete is awarded a letter and a pin in a sport, he/she will earn a varsity jacket.

General criteria in meeting the requirements for a letter:

- Attendance: Athletes must attend all practices and games unless excused by the head coach.
- Athletes must complete the season.
- Sportsmanship: Athletes should realize that they are representing their school and community and should conduct themselves in such a manner that they are assets to both.
- Adherence to Training Rules: Athletes must abide by the training rules set forth by the coach and athletic department.

Specific criteria in meeting the requirements for a varsity letter:

- Golf (co-ed) - Participate in 50% of all matches.
- Soccer (girls and boys) - Participate in 50% of all quarters.
- Cross Country (girls and boys) - Complete 50% of all meets and be one of seven girl or seven boy runners with lowest placement among all runners competing on our school's team.
- Wrestling - Participate in 50% of all dual meets, or win sections, districts, regionals, or states.
- Basketball (boys and girls)- Participate in 50% of quarters.
- Baseball/Softball - Participate in 50% of all innings (Pitchers 25% of all innings or 1/3 of all games).
- Cheerleaders -Make a varsity squad and cheer at 50% of all games.

Special Situations:

- Managers who make in the 9th grade and above and fulfill the duties assigned by the coach will receive a recommendation for a letter
- Three years in the same sport: Any athlete who has participated in the same sport during his 10th,11th, and 12th. grade years and did not meet the specific requirements for a letter may be awarded a letter by his/her coach.

3. Most Valuable Player Award

- Each sport may award an MVP trophy based on the following criteria:
    1. Complete the season.
    2. Dedication.
    3. Leadership.
    4. Selected by coach.
- The MVP will receive a varsity jacket if he or she has not already earned a jacket.

No Co-MVPs will ever be awarded.

4. Special Coach's awards

- The head coach may recommend that special awards be given in each sport.
- All awards must be approved by the ~~principal and~~ athletic director.

5. Academic/Athletic All-Stars Award

- All athletes who have maintained Honor Roll Status throughout the school year will be awarded an Academic/Athletic Pin.
- No letter or award will be given to a student who leaves the team prior to the end of the season or who otherwise does not complete the season except for injury regardless of whether the student meets the criteria set at the beginning of the season.
- Junior High Academic All-Star Athletes will be announced at Awards Day.
- Varsity Honor Roll Athletes will receive a certificate.
- Varsity Distinguished Honor Roll Athletes will receive a certificate and pin.

6. Varsity Athlete of the Week Award

- At the beginning of each week (Sunday) all Head coaches for that specific season will submit their nominee for Athlete of the week from the previous week to the Athletic Director.
- Included in this nomination should be a short paragraph as to why this nominee deserves athlete of the week.
- Once the Athletic Director receives all nominations the Athletic Director and Principal will decide an Athlete of the week

7. Tri-athlete Award

- Must participate and earn a letter in three sports spanning over all three sports seasons (fall, winter, spring)

Mid-Penn Fan Ejection Policy

All confirmed ejections from a Mid-Penn League contest shall be sanctioned by the league or school principal. All confirmed student fan ejections will be referred to the principal of the school from which the student belongs for disciplinary action. Adult fan ejections will be handled by the league president in conjunction with the school principal of the school from which the fan belongs. All ejections from Mid-Penn League contests will be cumulative.

Confirmed Ejection – positive identification of individual(s); cause of ejection was verified and warranted.

All Mid-Penn schools will read the league sportsmanship message which outlines consequences for a league ejection. Additionally, the league sportsmanship message should be displayed in the lobby of all gymnasiums and posted at contest sites where possible. The consequences for a league contest ejection should be explained at all pre-season parent meetings, included in student-athlete handbooks, and displayed on the Mid-Penn League Website.

Sportsmanship message: "Ladies and Gentlemen, your paid or complementary admission to today's contest entitles you to view a demonstration of skills performed by athletes in an academic setting. Actions meant to demean players, coaches, officials or spectators are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. If your actions lead to an ejection from today's contest, a permanent ban from attending all Mid-Penn League contests is possible. We ask that you let today's contest reflect mutual respect."

<u>Steps for schools to take after a fan is ejected</u>.

1. Identify the individual that has been ejected.
2. League President needs to receive a report of the ejection. This should come from the AD or Game Manager of the event where the ejection took place.
3. The League President in conjunction with the school principal will determine if the ejection is merited. If so, the League President/League Secretary will send a registered letter from the League to this individual outlining the league's recourse. The letter shall be on Mid-Penn letterhead and specify all of the league schools involved in the Mid-Penn League as well as the sports which this affects (soccer, tennis, golf, wrestling, basketball, baseball, softball).
4. A picture of this individual will be distributed to all Mid-Penn League schools if possible.

<u>Mid-Penn League Ejection Consequences</u>

1. **<u>First time being ejected.</u>**
   a. **Fan will be restricted from attending any and all league contests until they have completed the NFHS sportsmanship course.**
   b. **After completing this course, the fan must provide this certificate of completion to the school where the ejection occurred or the school where their child participates.**
   c. **School will notify the League President upon receipt of the certificate.**
   d. **League President will notify schools that this ejected fan may return to League contests.**

2. <u>Second time being ejected or attending a league event before completion of sportsmanship course.</u>

a. The League President/League Secretary will send a registered letter from the League to this individual.
outlining the League's recourse for this second ejection.

b. Fan will be restricted from attending all Mid-Penn League events for a period of one year.

c. A picture of this individual will be distributed to all League Schools if possible.

3. Third time being ejected

a. Permanent ban from all Mid-Penn League contests.

b. A picture of this individual will be distributed to all League Schools if possible.

Sportsmanship Message - PIAA

The message below shall be read to the head coach and captains prior to each contest officiated by a registered PIAA official. This message shall be enforced by contest officials and its enforcement shall include a strict and swift enforcement when unsportsmanlike actions involve demeaning remarks or actions that may be related to the racial or ethnic background of any party.

"PIAA requires all registered sports' officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators, and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let today's contest reflect mutual respect. Coaches please certify to the contest official(s) that your contestants are legally equipped and uniformed according to NFHS rules and PIAA adoptions. Good luck in today's contest." Coaches must certify to the contest officials their team is legally equipped and in compliance with NFHS Rules. The reading of this message will have the coaches verbally confirm aloud their teams' adherence to compliance with equipment and safety rules. This confirmation is not only the adherence to contest rules, but also assists in alleviating the legal
liability concerns for the officials if the teams subsequently violate the proper
equipment provisions of the contest rules.

PIAA Handbook - Sportsmanship

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information

Coaching staff at Sullivan County School District are trained annually in sudden cardiac arrest awareness. Student athletes and families are encouraged to read both the board policy and the Pennsylvania Department of Health attachment that includes the warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest.

View Board Policy 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
View Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information

Team Rules

Coaching staff at Sullivan County School District have the flexibility to create their own team rules within the guidelines of the Academic and Athletic Handbook, as well as District Policy. Team Rules are submitted to and approved by the Athletic Director prior to implementation each season.

SECTION 3 - COACHING EVALUATION

Coaching Evaluation

Recently you/your child participated in an athletic activity at our high school. We ask that you please complete this survey regarding the coach who worked with you/your child. The names and actual evaluations will not be shared with the coach, but a summary of the information will be included with the end of the season evaluations. Please return this form within two weeks of the end of the season.

Coach's Name:_____

Sport: _____

Please circle one of the following responses for each statement about the above coach:

1— Always 2 —Sometimes 3 — Never NA — Not applicable (can't judge)

1. Appearance was appropriate for the sport.
   1 2 3 NA
2. Explained rules and regulations to the students.
   1 2 3 NA
3. Distributed and discussed athletic handbook.
   1 2 3 NA
4. Explained eligibility rules to students.
   1 2 3 NA
5. Was "well controlled" and professional during games.
   1 2 3 NA
6. Offered everyone a chance to play at JV or Junior High levels.
   1 2 3 NA
7. Was well prepared and professional during games.
   1 2 3 NA
8. Was knowledgeable in first aid and treatment of injuries.
   1 2 3 NA
9. Set high expectations for the team.
   1 2 3 NA
10. Motivated the students to meet high expectations.
    1 2 3 NA
11. Taught strategies and tactics to win through legitimate means.
    1 2 3 NA
12. Promoted positive self-esteem in students.

1 2 3 NA

13. Displayed a fair, unprejudiced relationship towards players.

1 2 3 NA

14. Discouraged profanity and obscene language.

1 2 3 NA

15. Encouraged good sportsmanship.

1 2 3 NA

16. Provided clear information on practices, general expectations, policies on absences, training rules, sportsmanship, conditioning and other items of importance to students.

1 2 3 NA

Please write any comments.

Parent Signature_____ Date_____

Student Signature_____ Date_____

SECTION 4 – EMERGENCY CARD FOR ATHLETES

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Emergency Card for Athletes

- Emergency card/authorization for each athlete must accompany the athlete at all times.
- The card for each athlete should be carried in the first-aid kit for each sport.
- The card for each athlete should be readily accessible to the Coach, athletic trainier, or emergency personnel.
- Prior to the start of each sport, the card for each athlete should be reviewed be the Coach/trainer/athletic director or any of medical personnel for completeness.
- Include emergency phone numbers or significant medical history.

Please complete the information below prior to participation in each sports' season:

Name:_____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Telephone:_____

Blood Type:_____

Incase of accident or emergency, please contact:

Parent's/Guardian's Name_____Relationship_____

Address_____Emergency Contact Telephone # ( )_____

Secondary Emergency Contact Person's Name_____Relationship_____

Address_____Emergency Contact Telephone # ( )_____

Medical Insurance Carrier_____Policy Number_____

Address_____Telephone # ( )_____

Family Physician's Name_____,MD or DO(circle one)

Address_____Telephone # ( )_____

Pre-Existing Circulatory/Pulmonary Conditions_____

Diabetes:_____

Inhalers:_____

Allergies or Allergic Reactions:_____

Medications Being Used:_____

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Date of Tetanus Immunization:_____

Have you ever had a concussion (i.e. bell run, ding, head rush) or head injury? ____ Yes ____No

Other Pertinent Information:_____

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Permission to Treat:_____Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Athletic Handbook Signature Page

Dear Student-Athlete and Parent/Guardian,

Please sign and return this page indicating your receipt and review of the Athletic Handbook that details important information regarding athletics, eligibility, awards, and specific sport content. Remember the handbook is only a guide. For further information, contact your coach or the athletic director. Any student-athlete who does not have this form completed cannot participate until it is turned into the coach. Please sing below and return to your coach.

I have read the Athletic Handbook and understand its contents. Any questions, please call Ethan Walker, Athletic Director, Sullivan County High School at 570-946-7391.

Student-Athlete Name:_____ Date:_____

Student-Athlete Signature:_____ Date:_____

Parent/Guardian Name:_____ Date:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ Date:_____