

**Athletic & Activities Handbook**  
**Lovejoy Technology Academy**  
**Lovejoy Middle School**  
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**BROOKLYN UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #188**  
**800 Madison Street**  
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August, 2021

Dear Students and Parents:

The Brooklyn Unit School District #188 Board of Education, administration, and staff are pleased to have your child participate in the activities sponsored by the school district. We hope that the experiences gained through this participation will be valuable to them now and also later in life.

Activities are an integral part of our educational program. It is the district's philosophy to create an active partnership with parents and community and to promote excellence in an environment in which all students learn and grow. This partnership shall empower all students to develop a strong self-esteem and to become responsible learners and decision-makers. The district's activity program has been established to address this philosophy – that all students will be expected to do their very best, shall participate in activities designed for their learning and growth potential, and that as an end result, these students shall take responsibility for their own actions. It is the school district's desire that the activities sponsored by the district would awaken each student's self-confidence and promote respect for self and others along the way.

We expect that our students will act as ladies and gentlemen at all times. The reputation of the entire school district may sometimes rest on people's opinions based on how they see our students act. In other words, as others see our students, so do they "see" the entire district (and community). We believe we have good students who will represent our school in the best possible light and expect them to act accordingly.

Included in this handbook are rules and other standards of conduct that each student who participates in a school activity should acquaint themselves with. Students will be held to the guidelines found herein and will be expected to first be **STUDENTS**, then a participant in the activity (for example, a basketball player would be considered a student-athlete). The handbook should be read thoroughly and the permission slip signed and returned before the student will be allowed to participate in any activity.

We are looking forward to a great school year! Please feel free to contact us if we may be of service to you or your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Raelynn Parks  
Interim Superintendent

Dr. Connie McCartney  
Principal

Mr. Carlos Stanford  
Athletic Director

Mr. Kim Haywood  
Academy Basketball Coach

Mr. Jesse Woolfork, Jr.  
Asst. Academy Basketball Coach

Mrs. Janie Walker-  
Girls' Volleyball Coach

Mr. Chuck Mosby  
Middle School Basketball Coach

## Mission Statement

Brooklyn Unit School District #188 / Lovejoy School is committed to offering students the opportunity to develop their talents by sponsoring as wide a range of athletic and extra-curricular activities as is fiscally possible. When students choose to participate in these activities, they must realize that their involvement as a representative of the district / school is a privilege – not a right. While all students are expected to maintain certain decorum and performance level while at school, for those invoking the privilege to participate in extra-curricular activities the district expects actions and decision-making at a higher level.

## Philosophy

The objectives of the Brooklyn Unit School District #188 activity / athletics program are:

- to promote intra- and inter-scholastic activities as integral parts of the school's total curriculum and develop a balance between academics and those activities;
- to encourage student participation in sound activity programs that contribute to the development of health, happiness, physical skills, emotional maturation, social competence, moral value, and self-discipline of the district's students;
- to develop a sound activity program that teaches the participants the values of cooperation and competition, and in which the participant, school, and community can be proud;
- to promote a spirit of pride, a sense of accomplishment, and the desire to excel while maintaining the integrity and ethics of that activity;
- to allow each participant to learn to experience both victory and defeat in a gracious and sportsmanlike manner;
- to promote a drug / alcohol / tobacco free environment for all students who attend school.

## Opportunities

ACTIVITY	Boys	Girls	Fall	Winter	Spring
Basketball	X			X	
Volleyball		X	X	X	
Cheerleading	X	X	<b>X</b>	X	
Student Council	X	X	X	X	X

Brooklyn Unit School District #188 does not discriminate with regards to extra-curricular activities participation or coaching / sponsoring assignments based on race, color, gender, religion, national origin, or handicap.

This activity / athletic handbook covers grades 6-12, **all activities and sports**, in and out of school hours from the first day of practice through the termination of the student's high school career, 12 months per year (in or out of any specific athletic season).

## Eligibility for Participation

### Age Requirement

No student over the age of 19 may participate in competitive school athletics.

### Duration of Eligibility

Students are only eligible for participation for four years, i.e. 8 semesters, beginning with their freshman year of high school. No student whose grade assignment is not at least at the ninth grade level may participate in any high school sports. Any deviation from this rule may result in a loss of eligibility as determined by the Illinois High School Athletic Association.

### Residency Requirements

Athletes must meet the same residency requirements as any student to attend Lovejoy Technology Academy in Brooklyn USD #188.

### Academics - No Pass/No Play

All academic subjects will be used to determine eligibility for extra-curricular activities. These activities include all athletic teams, cheerleading, student council, and any other activity which is extra-curricular in nature.

For high school students, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Participation in co-curricular activities is dependent upon course selection and successful progress in those courses. In order to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school-supported athletic or extracurricular activity, a student must maintain an overall 2.0 grade point average. Any student-participant failing to meet these academic criteria shall be suspended from the activity until the specified academic criteria are met, whichever is longer.

- **2.0 GPA** Students must maintain a minimum "C" average **for all subjects with no failing grades** in order to retain eligibility. A failing grade will automatically result in suspension from the activity.
- **Weekly Grade Check** The coach / sponsor is responsible for checking on the eligibility of all participants. Faculty members have the responsibility for promptly notifying the coach of all students doing borderline or failing work. Grade checks will be conducted weekly by the coach or sponsor. A student's grade noted for eligibility is a cumulative one (in other words, if the student were transferring to another school at this moment in time, would the district certify this grade for inclusion on the permanent transfer form?)
- **Ineligible students** Ineligible students may not participate in activities or athletic contests until academic eligibility is reinstated. This reinstatement will only occur after the next eligibility check is conducted. Students who are judged ineligible shall lose their right to participate on the Monday of the following week and can be reinstated no earlier than the Monday following the next grade check. **Mid-week reinstatements shall not be allowed.** It is the duty of the principal to confer reinstatements. With permission from the principal, ineligible students may be allowed to practice with their team for up to one week.
- **An ineligible student may not travel with the school team / group on the bus.** When the principal and coach / sponsor are satisfied collectively that the student's class work, attendance, and/or behavior is again at an acceptable level, the student's eligibility will be restored.
- **Eligibility of Special Education Students** No student will be excluded from participation in athletic activities due to his/her enrollment in special education programs offered through the joint agreement with East St. Louis Public Schools.

**Physical Examination**

A physical examination by a qualified MD or DO is required for participation in any sport.

**Student Insurance**

Student school insurance (for school hours only) is available free of charge as a secondary insurance against this school year. Parents must fill out the required insurance application in order to be eligible for 24-hour coverage (at parent's expense). Students who are injured while at school are not covered for medical expenses by the district's insurance. All students who participate in the athletic and/or after-school program are required to have either school insurance or provide proof of personal insurance.

**Equal Educational Opportunities**

Equal athletic and activity opportunities shall be available without regard to race, color, gender, natural origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, language, religious beliefs, physical and mental handicap or disability, or economic and social conditions.

## Responsibilities

The privilege of participating in activities provided by School District #188 is extended to all students enrolled in the district. However, both the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) must be willing to assume the following responsibilities:

- Comply with the **minimum grade eligibility** guidelines;
- Demonstrate **acceptable school conduct** and good sportsmanship;
- Be in **attendance for classes and for practices** on a regular basis;

If participating in athletics or cheerleading:

- submit written proof of a valid, current **physical examination** from a medical doctor (M.D. or O.D.) which must be obtained after June 1 of the current school year;
- submit **evidence of current school insurance coverage** or sign the waiver of insurance liability;
- submit a completed **medical emergency form**;
- submit a signed **parent/student permission and pledge sheet** acknowledging that the handbook has been read;
- attend a **pre-season meeting** with the coach, dean of students, principal, and superintendent to review expectations, rules, procedures, and consequences.

Perhaps the most important responsibility of any participant of a school activity is to be a credit to themselves, their parent(s) / guardian(s), the school (including the faculty and staff), and the community. It is further required that each participant:

- display proper respect to those in authority at all times (this includes any employee of the school both at home or away, and others who represent authority of their school / district)
- avoid socially unacceptable language and actions
- dress appropriately when attending activities (for example, pants should be at your waist, shirts should be tucked in, no one should wear a hat inside of a building, and so on)
- report to and leave from activities in a punctual manner (arrangements should be made prior to the activity for transportation home)
- ride the school bus or van to and from all away activities when transportation is provided by the school, unless the student's parent / guardian has made prior arrangements with the coach or sponsor. The parent / guardian must sign their child out at the time of departure from the activity.
- take proper care of all uniforms and equipment (return them clean and in a timely manner)
- do not use tobacco, alcohol, and non-prescription drugs of any kind (our district's position is to "just say NO")
- all student fees must be paid to the office before the student will be allowed to participate in any activity / sport

### Adherence to School Rules

Students are expected to adhere to all rules in the Student/Parent Handbook regardless of whether they appear in the Athletic/Activities Handbook.

### **Class Attendance**

A student must attend a minimum of 300 minutes of class time each day to be counted toward a full day of school attendance. On game or activity days, students must be in attendance for at least those 300 minutes. A student who goes home ill may not return to participate in any activity that day, either practice or games. A student who returns to school from an illness or doctor's appointment may participate only if he / she is considered in attendance at school for a full day. This attendance requirement applies to all extra-curricular activities.

### **Conduct when Traveling**

The school district has high expectations of students who represent the district. At all times, students are to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects integrity upon themselves and their parent(s) / guardian(s), their team, teammates, and coaches / sponsors, and the faculty / staff and Board of Education. Participants shall dress appropriately when attending any school activity.

### **Behavior in Classroom**

Participants are also to conduct themselves in a similar manner while at school. Students cannot act poorly at school and expect to be allowed to represent their school away from home. After a suspension or repeated lesser infractions of the school rules, the student may be dismissed from participation for a period of time determined by the principal. Participants may be dismissed for unexcused absences from school, practice, or games, or misconduct at practice, contests, or on the bus.

### **Elementary / Middle School**

For students in kindergarten through 8th grade, selection of members or participants is at the discretion of the teachers, sponsors, or coaches, provided that the selection criteria conform to the District's policies. Students must satisfy all academic standards and must comply with the activity's rules and the student conduct code. Students will be eligible for participation in middle school activities until the student graduates from the eighth grade.

# Lovejoy Technology Academy

## Code of Conduct for Co-Curricular Participants

We believe that interscholastic athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. We also believe that the highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship (the “Six Pillars of Character”). This Code applies to all student-athletes involved in interscholastic sports.

### Trustworthiness

- Trustworthiness - Be worthy of trust in all you do.
- Integrity – Live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor; do what is right even when it is unpopular or personally costly.
- Honesty – Live and compete honorably; don't lie, cheat, or steal or engage in any other dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Reliability – Fulfill commitments; do what you say you will do; be on time to practices and games.
- Loyalty – Be loyal to your school and team; put the team above personal glory.

### Respect

- Respect – Treat all people with respect all the time.
- Class – Live and play with class, be a good sport, be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity, help up fallen opponents, compliment extraordinary performance, and show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.
- Disrespectful Conduct – Don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash-talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- Respect Officials – Treat contest officials with respect; don't complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

### Caring

- Concern for Others – Demonstrate concern for others; never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to yourself or others.
- Teammates – Help promote the well-being of teammates by positive encouragement and by reporting any unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches.

### Responsibility

- Importance of Education – Be a student first and commit to earning your diploma and getting the best education you can. Be honest with yourself about the likelihood of getting an athletic scholarship or playing on a professional level and remember that many universities will not recruit student-athletes that do not have a serious commitment to their education, the ability to succeed academically, or the character to represent their institution honorably.
- Role-Model – Remember that participation in sports is to represent your school, coach, and teammates with honor, on and off the court.
- Self-Control – Exercise self-control; don't fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration; have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.
- Healthy Lifestyle – Safeguard your health; don't use illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco, and drugs or engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight.
- Integrity of the Game – Protect the integrity of the game; don't gamble or associate with or deal with any kind of gamblers.
- Sexual Conduct – Sexual contact or sexual harassment of any sort between students and/or coaches is improper and strictly forbidden.

### Citizenship

- Play by the Rules – Maintain a thorough knowledge of and abide by all applicable game and competition rules.
- Spirit of Rules – Honor the spirit and the letter of rules; avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship techniques that violate the highest traditions of sportsmanship.

### Fairness

- Be Fair – Live up to high standards of fair play; be open minded; always be willing to listen and learn.

## **Policies and Regulations** **(Athletics / Cheerleading)**

One of the major objectives of formal education is to teach citizenship and responsibility for one's actions. The Board of Education, the community, and the staff of Brooklyn Unit School District #188 believe this to be of primary importance in today's society. Therefore, any student representing Lovejoy School in any activity is obligated to adhere to the following the Code of Conduct with full knowledge of the consequences any detrimental actions may bring on themselves, their school, and their community.

The acceptance of participation in athletics or activities involves a commitment by the student-athlete to the following training code. It is the responsibility of the coach and school staff to inform the student-athletes and parents / guardians of the Code and to enforce the Code in a fair and consistent manner. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to be aware of the Code and to adjust his/her behavior accordingly so that it becomes unnecessary for a coach or staff member to invoke punitive measures.

Certain rules will apply to all participants in all extra-curricular activities. This Code of Conduct shall be enforced on a year round basis. Disciplinary consequences for violations when a student is "out of season" or during the summer months shall be levied at the beginning of the student's next period of competition or performance. Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the student's participation in extra-curricular activities while enrolled at Lovejoy School. All activities beyond the normal scope of the instructional day shall be covered by this Code.

Points of emphasis:

- The student must begin serving the consequence on the first day it is assigned.
- The student must complete the consequence activity in full for it to be considered "served".
- "In-Season" violations will be dealt with during that sport season and carried over to the next year (if necessary).
- "Out-of-Season" violations will be dealt with during the next sport / activity in which the student is involved.
- Under IHSA rules, any student who transfers into or out of District #188 must serve his / her remaining consequence **prior** to participation in a new school system. It is the principal's duty to identify code violations for incoming or exiting students.
- The principal shall be notified of all code violations / consequences in writing if imposed by the coach / sponsor or dean of students. Conversely, all violations / consequences or other information known by the principal shall be communicated to the coach / sponsor so that appropriate action may be taken in a timely manner.
- A student who is on athletic or activity suspension shall be listed on a weekly list and distributed to the teaching staff. This list will serve as notification to all staff that the student is not to participate in athletics or covered activities for the week designated.
- Once a student has successfully served the consequences meted out (as determined by the principal, dean of students and coach / sponsor), the code infraction will be considered adequately served and the student may begin participating at the appropriate level.

A student who is suspended out-of-school shall not be allowed to practice with the team during the duration of the suspension. Suspension days are considered unexcused absence days (in which school work may not be made up for a grade). Absence from practices may adversely affect playing time.

### **Sex Equity Policy and Grievance Procedures**

No student shall, based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities.

Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using Board policy, Uniform Grievance Procedure which is available in the district office. A student may appeal the Board's resolution of the complaint to the Regional Superintendent and, thereafter, to the State Superintendent of Education.

### **Sexual Harassment Prohibited and Grievance Procedures**

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. Any person, including a district employee or agent, or student, engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and engages in other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that:

- \_\_\_ 1. Denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status; or
- 2. Has the purpose or effect of:
  - a. Substantially interfering with a student's educational environment;
  - b. Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment;
  - c. Depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or

Students are encouraged to report claims or incidences of bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, or any other prohibited conduct to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Manager. A student may choose to report to a person of the student's same sex. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.

An allegation that a student was a victim of any prohibited conduct perpetrated by another student shall be referred to the Building Superintendent/Principal, Dean of Students or Mr. Wendell Marshall for appropriate action.

## **Violations of Policies and Regulations**

### **LEVEL ONE**

#### **Violations:**

- Violations of school rules that result in an out-of-school suspension of three (3) or fewer days.
- Unexcused absences from a contest, performance, or practice.
- Misconduct at a contest, performance, or practice.
- Swearing or abusive language at any time.

#### **Consequences:**

1. First Offense - Punishment will be determined / given by the coach / sponsor with prior notification given to the principal and dean of students.
2. Second Offense - Student will be suspended from the team / activity. Length of time will be determined jointly by the coach, dean of students, and principal.
3. Third Offense - Repeated offenses will be referred to the principal directly for appropriate action and may be referred to the superintendent for further review / action.

### **LEVEL TWO**

#### **Violations:**

- Possession or use of any tobacco substance or product.
- Stealing from the school or any individual (in or out of school).
- Vandalizing school or private property at any time.
- Being in an automobile where alcohol and/or illegal drugs are present.
- Attending a party where under-age drinking of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs are present.

#### **Consequences:**

1. First Offense - Student shall be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of ten (10) school days.
2. Second Offense - Student will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of thirty (30) school days.
3. Third Offense - Student will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the notification of the consequence.

### **LEVEL THREE**

#### **Violations:**

- Use, possession, being under the influence, or sales of a controlled substance.
- Use, possession, being under the influence, or sales of an alcoholic beverage.
- Hosting a party where under-age drinking or alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs are present.

#### **Consequences:**

1. First Offense - Student shall be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of thirty (30) school days.
2. Second Offense - Student shall be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of the notification of the consequence.
3. Third Offense - Student shall be suspended from all extra-curricular activities for the remainder of his/her high school career.

**Other unacceptable behavior will be dealt with by the school staff.** Some examples of such unacceptable behavior are: gross disrespect (verbal as well as physical); confrontation with a school official, coach, participant or coach from another school, game/contest official, or law enforcement officer. These are merely examples and are not meant to be all-inclusive. Disciplinary action may include suspension or removal from any activity for such misconduct.

### **Due Process**

A student will be advised of the charges against him/her and be given the opportunity to respond to the charges. The student and his/her parents/guardians shall be advised by the coach and/or principal of any disciplinary action taken as a result of the charges. The student should remember at all times, however, that participation in any extra-curricular activity is a privilege, not a right.

### **Review Council**

A review council (made up of the principal, dean of students, coach / sponsor, one teacher from the Academy staff, and the parent coordinator) will act in situations which do not have clear guidelines for appropriate action or will convene to hear appeals of the Code of Conduct. The person presenting the alleged violation/infraction to the Council shall not have a vote in determining the interpretation of the Code. A meeting of the review council shall take place within 72 hours of notification to all members, if possible.

### **Quitting the Team**

A student who quits an activity by giving verbal or written notice to the coach / sponsor before the season is completed shall not be allowed back on the team for any reason for the remainder of the season. Emotional decisions made by a student on the "spur of the moment" should be taken into consideration by the coach involved. However, the coach is under no obligation to allow the student back on the team.

### **"CUT" Policy**

Students may be "cut" from any activity at any level of competition. The selection of team members should be made on the following criteria:

- overall talent and ability
- character and personality of the individual student
- work habits and loyalty to the program
- positions needed on the team or activity
- academic eligibility

Coaches or advisors may "cut" students from the various squads based on the following criteria:

- evaluation of candidates' ability during pre-season workouts
- inappropriate attitude of the individual
- failure to adhere to the principles of team play and work ethic
- deficiencies in skill for the level of competition
- disrespect shown to the coaching staff or other team members

### **Behavior During Practice**

1. It is the student athlete's responsibility to learn and demonstrate proper behavior. Behaviors which promote cooperation and learning during practice, which encourage a consistent work ethic, and which result in good, competitive sportsmanship are expected at all times.
2. Coaches and sponsors, for the benefit of all team members, cannot allow individuals to show a lack of concern for the above attitudes and behaviors. If inappropriate behavior is observed during practices or competitive events, corrective disciplinary action shall be taken.
3. The coach will establish guidelines to explain program expectations, rules of conduct, and consequences for failure to adhere to those rules. An explanation of these guidelines should be explained fully to all students in the program before the season begins.
4. Any member of any school-related team who uses profanity, demonstrates gross disrespect toward any staff member, or who does not attend classes regularly or with the proper intent to learn shall be disciplined based on the punishments outlined in the Code of Conduct.

### **Uniforms and Equipment**

All uniforms and equipment issued to the student is the sole property of Brooklyn Unit School District #188 and must be returned in a timely manner after the last activity of the season or when requested by the coach or principal. Lost or stolen items are the responsibility of the student and he/she must pay the present day replacement cost for any item(s) not returned. Any returned item(s) which have been damaged, not as the result of normal wear and tear, must be replaced or repaired to the school's satisfaction. The replacement / repair bills become the responsibility of the student. No awards or other recognition is to be given to the student until all uniforms / equipment has been returned in acceptable condition and inventoried. No student will be allowed to participate in any further school extra-curricular events until all obligations have been cleared with the school.

### **Building Security Guidelines for Students**

After practices or competitive events, students are to leave the building as quickly as possible through the exit designated by the coach / sponsor. Students are not to loiter in the hallways before or after practice. Students should take books and personal belongings to the area they are to be in and not return to their lockers. Excessive noise and horseplay are not allowed. Unruly students who do not comply with a verbal warning are subject to disciplinary action.

## **Disclaimer**

Students participating in school athletics or other activities are expected to be responsible. Violations of the activities / athletic handbook shall result in some type of disciplinary action against the student. However, not all situations, penalties or combinations thereof are included in this handbook. Because the handbook is designed to be a guide in maintaining a positive school environment, no expectations of contractual rights should be assumed. If a situation occurs that is not covered in the handbook, the administration will make the final decision after consulting with the student and the parent/guardian in conjunction with the findings of the Review Council.

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As a participation in athletics/activities at Lovejoy Technology Academy, I have read the above Code of Conduct and pledge to uphold it to the best of my ability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please sign and return to athletic director or coach)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Parent Permission Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent / guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian name (please print) Student name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_, have read the Activities – Athletic Handbook for Lovejoy School and

give permission for my son / daughter to participate in the following activity: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(please print)

Further, I acknowledge the following highlights of the Handbook:

- the handbook covers a student's conduct throughout his/her high school career, 12 months per year, in and out of school;
- students must maintain a "C" average in school with no failing grades in order to maintain eligibility;
- students must come to school on a regular basis, and be in school all day the day of an activity or sporting event;
- students must be enrolled in the actual school for which they are participating;
- students must demonstrate acceptable school conduct and good sportsmanship;
- students must submit a current, valid physical examination;
- students (and their parents/guardians) must submit evidence of current school insurance coverage or sign a waiver of insurance liability;
- students (and their parents/guardians) must submit a completed medical emergency form;
- students shall not use tobacco, alcohol, and/or non-prescription drugs of any kind;
- students must dress appropriately when in school and when attending school events;
- students are responsible for all uniforms (and other school equipment) given to them and return them in acceptable condition;
- students (and their parents/guardians) agree to pay for lost or damaged items belonging to the school;
- the Illinois High School Association rules/regulations also govern and provide direction for the local school program;
- the right to participate in school activities beyond the normal school day is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked when rules/procedures are not adhered to properly by the student.

I freely acknowledge that I give my child permission to participate in the activity listed above, that I have read the handbook outlining the activities-athletic program expectations, and that my child's participation in this event is a privilege that can be revoked by the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent-Guardian signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_