



STUDENT ATHLETIC AGREEMENT

Philosophy

Interscholastic athletics supplement and support the academic mission of the school and assist students in their growth and development. We want WCA students to value their health and wellness, and this agreement is a reminder of our expectations towards that goal. Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. Dedication, desire, teamwork, effort, goals and commitment and good citizenship are essential personal characteristics, which are necessary for an athlete to participate on any team successfully. The goal of the athletic department is to nurture these traits. To assist the athlete to achieve these goals, the following "Athletic Policies" must be understood and agreed to between the school, student-athlete, and the parents.

A. Academics

A student that has a grade that falls below a 73% will be required to attend "Extra Help" sessions with his/her Learning Facilitators. Students earning less than a 70% in multiple courses will be ineligible for athletic participation and will be required to withdraw from the activity until the average in those classes improves to a 75% or above. The Upper School Principal will determine when a student is eligible to resume athletic participation. An athlete must maintain a full course load, a minimum of six classes which constitute a challenging academic program. Only the first eight semesters will count towards the student's G.P.A.

B. Attendance

Student-athletes are expected to be in school on time every day. A student is required to be in school by 10:00 AM to participate in practice or a game. If a student is repeatedly late, he or she may be ineligible to participate in sports after school. Students may not participate on the day a student has detention, suspension, is completing a probationary period or has an early dismissal due to illness. Exceptions will be made if the student has an approved medical or educational excuse scheduled before the date of absence. Students with high unexcused absenteeism (more than five days per quarter) will be required to withdraw from the activity until attendance improves.

C. Use or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages or Drugs

Use and/or possession of alcohol or narcotics or illegal controlled substances of any kind, at any time or place (24/7) is strictly prohibited and may result in a suspension from athletic activities and/or removal from the team.

D. Criminal Offenses

Students charged with and/or convicted of criminal offenses involving activities or behavior which in the judgment of the Administration and coaches represent a threat to the health, safety or morale of the student or other students on the team during a season may be suspended and/or removed from the team.

E. Code of Student Conduct

Participation in an athletic event, practice, games, and travel to and from school are considered an extension of the school day, and therefore all behavior is governed by the student code of conduct. Violations of the Student Code of Behavior that occur during athletic events will be disciplined as if they were a classroom action.

F. Reclassification, Also Known as Post Graduate Year

WCA has a strict policy that student reclassification is not permitted for athletic reasons. WCA only reclassifies for medical or academic reasons.

SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED TO INDICATE YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO WCA ADMINISTRATION before STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE WCA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.

Acceptance of Athletic Policy Agreement:

I, (The Athlete) _____ have read and understand the athletic policies, rules, regulations of the Student Athletic Agreement of WCA, and acknowledge that I have read the WCA Athletic Handbook, and agree to abide by their terms. I also understand that this agreement is in effect for the entire school year and applies to the current and subsequent athletic seasons. By signing the agreement, I will be responsible for my actions in and out of the school.

Athlete Signature

Date

Sport(s) that the student will participate

Grade

I, (The Parent) _____ have read and understand the athletic policies of WCA and agree to abide by the standards that are set for both myself and that of my child. By signing this form, I will be responsible for the actions of myself and of my child. I also understand that as an adult I am a role model for other individuals around me at sporting events and agree to conduct myself in a sportsman-like manner at all times at both home and away events. I also understand that it is a privilege to watch my child participate in an athletic event and can be asked to remove myself from an event if I cannot abide by the expectations of WCA regarding good sportsmanship.

Parent Signature

Date

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