

Clovis North Area

ELEMENTARY



ATHLETIC CODE OF PARTICIPATION

2024-2025

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CN Area Vision Statement

To be a quality educational system providing the opportunity for all students to reach their potential in Mind, Body & Spirit.

Athletic Programs Offered to 4th, 5th & 6th Graders

Fall Season

<i>Football (Boys/Girls)</i>	<i>5th & 6th Grade Only</i>
<i>Girls Volleyball (Girls)</i>	<i>5th & 6th Grade Only</i>
<i>Cross Country (Boys & Girls)</i>	<i>4th, 5th & 6th Grade Only</i>

Winter Season

<i>Boys Basketball (Boys)</i>	<i>5th & 6th Grade Only</i>
<i>Girls Basketball (Girls)</i>	<i>5th & 6th Grade Only</i>
<i>Wrestling (Boys & Girls)</i>	<i>4th, 5th & 6th Grade Only</i>

Spring Season

<i>Softball (Girls)</i>	<i>5th & 6th Grade Only</i>
<i>Baseball (Boys)</i>	<i>5th & 6th Grade Only</i>
<i>Boys Volleyball (Boys)</i>	<i>5th & 6th Grade Only</i>

Late Spring Season

<i>Track (Boys & Girls)</i>	<i>4th, 5th & 6th Grade Only</i>
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CN Area Athletic Code of Participation

The Clovis North Area Athletic Programs will provide opportunities for students in 4th- 6th grade to be involved in athletic programs and become members of teams at each site. By allowing students to participate in and experience athletics at a variety of levels, we will provide the students with many valuable life lessons and opportunities. Students will be able to participate at the level of their ability while challenging themselves to be better athletes and teammates. All schools have a “no-cut” policy which allows all students, if eligible, to experience our athletic programs. We encourage each & every child in 4th-6th grade level to participate in as many sports as they desire throughout the school year.

We do have a “code of participation” that we ask all of our student-athletes and parents/guardians to follow in order to enjoy the student- athlete experience fully in the Clovis North Area. We appreciate the support and believe many valuable lessons can be taught through the “team” experience. We also want to give our student-athletes an opportunity to develop their skills to enjoy athletics at the next level if they desire.



Guidelines for Clovis North Area Student-Athletes

***Listed below are the guidelines for all of our student-athletes. Please take the time to review these requirements with your student-athlete.*

#1. Attendance at Practice & Games

Students must let their coach know in advance if they will be unable to attend practice/game (Communication is Key). Missing practice time will affect playing time in the games. Students must be present at school in order to attend practice. Please communicate with our coaching staff in the event of an absence. Students must also be present at school for a majority (3 hours of instruction) of the school day to be eligible to play in the game. The student athlete must also take the bus with the team to the game.

#2. Trying Out and/or Changing Sports

Try-outs will determine placement of student-athletes on a Varsity, JV/B or C team. Head Coaches will make the determination as to the placement of each student-athlete. Students going out for a sport are allowed a “one-week” grace period to determine if this is the right choice for them or not. A student may change sports anytime during this one-week grace period that starts on the first official practice that season.

#3. Academic Requirements

Students must be in good standing in our classrooms, which includes music, PE, and school-wide behavior including attendance, to participate in athletics. Students must also maintain a 2.0 GPA to participate on our teams.

A student-athlete will be placed on academic probation if they are below a 2.0 at any point during the athletic season. The student-athlete is required to attend academic study hall after school in order to remain eligible and have the opportunity to raise their grades to the 2.0 GPA minimum. If a student-athlete has two consecutive grade checks below the 2.0 GPA, they will be ineligible to participate in athletics until the next season.

#4. Care of Equipment and Uniforms

Students are required to take care of all school issued equipment and uniforms. Team uniforms & school equipment are the property of each school site. Students who are negligent with their uniforms and cause damage or lose their uniforms/equipment will be charged to replace the uniform/equipment. (Each School will determine replacement cost of each item lost/damaged)

Student-Athlete Code of Ethics/Conduct

All Student-Athletes participating in the Athletic Program will...

- A. **Be Respectful** - of his/her teammates, opponents, all supervising adults, coaches, officials & spectators. Encourage others in their efforts towards our team's successes. Win with dignity and lose with grace. Put your team first while working hard to be successful as a student-athlete.
- B. **Be Safe** - by practicing and playing hard, use the sport equipment in a safe manner, follow the rules of the game, play fair and be competitive without personal antagonism towards the other team or your own teammates.
- C. **Be Responsible** – learn the rules of the game, take care of the equipment & uniform, be on time to practice, communicate with your coach effectively, take pride in what you do inside & outside the classroom, take care of your teammates, always do the right thing...even when no one is looking.

Student-Athlete Participant Expectations

It is a privilege to represent the Clovis North Area as a student-athlete and wear the school uniform. We expect our student-athletes to represent our school, teammates, families and community with respect and dignity as they develop skills that will help them succeed in life as a citizen. We ask that student-athletes arrive at practice on time each & every day while maintaining a positive attitude and demonstrating a work ethic that allows them to grow in the sport mentally and physically. All student-athletes should demonstrate good character during practices and games. Each school site will determine the consequence(s) for the student-athlete.

Clovis North Area Uniform & Equipment Policies

Students and Parents/Guardians must agree to return the athletic uniforms and equipment in the condition they received it. When Uniforms are returned it must be washed, dried and placed into a plastic bag with the athletes first and last name on the bag. If the uniform is lost or damaged, students and parents/guardians will be responsible for the cost of replacing the uniform or equipment. Athletes will not be allowed to participate in the next season until the uniform and/or equipment has either been turned in or paid for and the obligation is cleared by administration. Thank you for your cooperation.

CN Area Varsity Team Parent/Guardian & Student Understanding

Please read this if your child(ren) has been selected to participate on a Varsity Team at a CN Area Elementary School. The Varsity “A” team plays competitively and plays for rankings in the district. If your child(ren) has been selected to participate on a Varsity team, it means that during evaluation the coaches feel that your child(ren) is well suited to play at this competitive level. It is important that both student-athletes and parents understand that we instill the importance of “team” and that their participation as a “team member” is a vital part of a successful program. Varsity athletes are not guaranteed equal playing time during the game or season. Varsity athletes must also be willing to maintain great character and teamwork despite the amount of playing time during competition & practices. It is an important part of life skills to be a good team member despite your actual playing time.

In accordance with the CUSD Elementary Athletic Handbook: ***“It is the policy of each school that every A team member who is in good standing shall participate in at least half of regular season games. For example, if the sport has six league games, an athlete should play in at least three games.”***

At the JV, “B” and “C” team levels, the teams are considered recreational teams which build our athletes’ abilities and knowledge of the sport. The coaches will do their best to ensure that athletes in good standing will receive playing time and, most importantly, that they will focus on developing athletic skills. The JV teams are a great building block for our student-athletes to gain the skills, if they desire, to compete at a varsity level in the near future.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to working with your child. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s coach or administration at the school site.

Please consider the different levels of teams. It is important that we best meet the needs of your child. If your child has been selected for the varsity team but you would be more interested in your child participating on our JV teams then please inform the head coach of the varsity team at the start of the season (prior to games beginning). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to talk with your school site regarding your thoughts and/or questions.

Thank You,

CN Area Elementary Athletics

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct & Expectations

The purpose of our athletic programs in the Clovis North Area is to develop well-rounded individuals that are able to work together for a common goal, to grow individually and collectively, to compete, to exhibit good character, to battle back through adversity when it happens, to promote physical, emotional and moral growth in all of our student-athletes. We realize that our parent community is an integral part of the entire process as our students develop as young adults. It is the expectation that our parent community support all student-athletes throughout the school year! Thank you for being a positive influence while allowing them to be the best they can be in Mind, Body & Spirit.

Clovis North Area Parents/Guardians will be asked to do the following;

- #1. *Read & Understand the Guidelines of our Participation Handbook.*
- #2. *Be a Positive Role Model who encourages all of our student-athletes.*
- #3. *Display a positive attitude and behavior to all student-athletes, coaches, supervising adults, officials, opposing players, coaches & parent community. Thank you in advanced for modeling proper behavior & sportsmanship.*
- #4. *Please sign your student-athlete out with their coach if they are not going to ride the bus back to their school from away games. Failure to sign a child out at an away game will result in consequences for the following game.*

District Rules & Regulations

The Clovis Unified School District has policies and procedures in place to ensure equality and fairness in all of our programs (see CUSD Board Policies). In addition, our district has an Elementary Athletic Commission (EAC), which represents all our elementary schools in the area of athletics and the policies and procedures that govern the programs. The commission meets multiple times a year to review, change and adjust policies and procedures as necessary. Each area has staff representation on the committee. If you ever have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to speak to your site's administration or athletic director. Thank You.

***Thank you in advance for being a positive support for all
of our student-athletes in the Clovis North Area!***

Clovis North Area Student-Athlete Agreement Form

I have read and understand the Student-Athlete Packet, which includes the expectations for student-athletes, parent code of conduct expectations, uniform and equipment responsibility and the Code of Participation information. I understand that being able to take part in the Athletic Program in a Clovis North Area Elementary School will be a privilege and that we will represent our school, teammates, coaches and community with pride while being a positive support.

Student-Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

*** By filling out your athletic permission slip online (Permission Click) you acknowledge, and will follow the expectations laid out in the Clovis North Athletic Handbook.*