

Athletic Code of Conduct

Our athletic program goals are to teach and develop proficiency in the skills associated with each sport, to develop the personal qualities of self-discipline, team commitment, sportsmanship, and to exhibit school pride.

All students must have parent permission, insurance verification, and abide by the Athletic Code of Conduct to participate. All teams are coached by staff members and/or walk-on coaches. The maximum number of hours of practice per week for all sports during the season shall not exceed three (3) hours per week, but not to exceed more than 1 ½ hours per day. All students must practice at least three (3) hours prior to a competition. Football and wrestling require six (6) hours of practice prior to a competition.

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As a participant in a Buchanan Area co-curricular program, I recognize that I have assumed certain responsibilities and obligations to the coach/advisor, to the other members of the activity, and to myself. As such, I understand and agree with the requirements of this code of participation.

- I. I must maintain a certain level of scholarship (2.0 GPA minimum) with no failing grades.
- II. Athletic eligibility is determined on 9/29, 10/20, 11/9, 12/22, 1/19, 2/23, 4/6, and 5/4.
- III. Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria at one grading period are placed on probation. They may practice and compete with site intervention to address the academic concerns until the following grading period.
- IV. Students who do not meet the eligibility criteria at two consecutive grading periods will result in the student being ineligible. Ineligible students may tryout and practice, but may not compete or join team activities.
- V. I will be a student of good character. I understand that getting in trouble during the school day impacts my co-curricular activity and consequences may be added by my coach. A suspension from school will result in 5 days of non-privilege where I will not be allowed to participate in practice, games, and all co-curricular events.
- VI. I will abide by all practice, meeting, rehearsal, and game schedules for the activities I participate in during the school year. When possible, I will inform my coach in advance if I must miss a practice, meeting, and/or game.
- VII. I will participate in the activity with a positive attitude and strive to learn the skills necessary to contribute to the effort of my team and/or group.
- VIII. I will respect and care for all property and/or equipment issued. A fee will be charged for lost or damaged items.
- IX. If a student quits before the 1st league competition, he/she may pursue a spot on another team but may not play on that sport's varsity squad. If a student quits after the 1st league competition, he/she is not to join another team until the sport's season has ended.