

MOORESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC INFORMATION FOR 2026 - 2027

Welcome to athletics at Mooresville Middle School. We are excited for the school year 2026-2027 and the athletic programs that we offer. **6th graders will be eligible to try out for all sports EXCEPT football.**

Questions: Contact Middle Schools Athletic Director annclark@mgds.k12.nc.us or Mooresville Middle Athletic Director alexishoppers@mgds.k12.nc.us

TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS AT MOORESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- **YOU MUST ENROLL YOUR STUDENT IN FINALFORMS:**
- **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 begins ON APRIL 10TH.**
- The Mooresville Graded School District's Middle Schools Athletic Department has partnered with **FinalForms**, an online forms and data management service.
- FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms and upload documents such as their athletic physical.
- This program includes all of the necessary forms you AND your student will need to read and sign **FOR EACH SPORT.**
 - These include - State required forms for participation and Concussion
 - MGSD Athletic Code of Conduct
 - Random Suspicionless Drug Testing Program
 - Code of Sportsmanship
 - Tryout forms for each sport.
- You will be required to sign your forms each year for each sport your child participates in.

If you require any support during the process, scroll to the page bottom and click "Use Support"

- Parents **MUST** do their part **BEFORE** the athlete can do theirs.
 - If you have a **high school student** and have already created an account, you do not need to create a second account. Simply log on and add your middle school student.

Please register at: <https://mooresville-nc.finalforms.com>

- **Parents of rising 6th Graders MUST select MOORESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- *When it asks for your child's email address **PLEASE enter their SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS - studentnumber@students.mgds.k12.nc.us**
- Follow the prompts to create your account
- Create your student(s) account and click on all sports they have interest in trying out
- Sign your forms. **PLEASE enter their SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS - studentnumber@students.mgds.k12.nc.us**
- **THERE MUST BE A PARENT'S EMAIL AND THE STUDENT'S SCHOOL EMAIL.**

*******PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT ALL OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED AND SIGN ALL OF THE FORMS PERTAINING TO YOUR CHILD'S SPORT. THIS IS REQUIRED BEFORE A STUDENT CAN PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS.**

If you need additional help on setting up your account click on this [link](#) for support

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL: annclark@mgds.k12.nc.us alexishoppers@mgds.k12.nc.us or loridenzel@mgds.k12.nc.us

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A VALID ATHLETIC PHYSICAL ON THE REQUIRED STATE FORM

- This form is available to print
 - On the MMS athletic web site
 - In your students' Final Forms account

In order to try out for any sport throughout the school year, or attend any summer or optional workout, you **MUST** have a **valid ATHLETIC PHYSICAL**.

- **This physical must be recorded on the State required form.**
 - On the top of the second page of the Doctor's form it MUST BE MARKED **ELIGIBLE FOR ALL SPORTS WITHOUT RESTRICTION**
 - Must include the Doctor's name, address, **SIGNATURE** and **DATE OF EXAM** at the **bottom of that page**.

ALL PHYSICALS MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE ATHLETES FINAL FORMS ACCOUNT.

- **We NO LONGER accept paper copies of physicals.**

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY:

- All Rising 6th graders will automatically be academically eligible for the **first** semester of the school year 2026-2027.
- 6th graders will become academically eligible for the **second semester of 2026-2027** (according to NC State regulations) by passing 70% of all their classes the first semester of 2026.
- They also must be making progress toward being promoted.
- This will be reviewed at the Semester (January's) report card. This means their SEMESTER grade, NOT the 1st or 2nd Quarter grades, will be used to determine eligibility.
- A student must attend school for 85% of a semester to remain athletically eligible. They cannot miss more than 13 days of school during the first semester.

PRACTICE TIMES:

- In August when school starts practice will start at 3:00 (right after school) and last until about 5:15PM. Each sport has their own practice schedule. In case of extreme heat we will move practice times to 6:00pm - 8:00pm.
 - Each coach will inform players of exact practice times

PLAYERS WHO MAKE A TEAM:

- A parent and the athlete **MUST** attend a Mandatory Team meeting once they make the team.
- The athletic director will schedule the meeting and go over Important athletic expectations
- Individual teams will then meet with the coaches to go over team expectations, schedules and more
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS TAKE PRIORITY OVER OUTSIDE SPORTS OR TEAM ACTIVITIES.** Please be sure before you try out that you can commit to the school practice and game schedule.

SPORTS TEAMS OFFERED AT MOORESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- There is no charge to participate in the middle school sports program other than personal gear and shoes.
 - We will offer optional apparel sales throughout the year.
- Dates and times of summer workouts and tryouts will also be on parent square, canvas, schools website and social media throughout the summer.

CHEERLEADING -

- There will be a required parent/student meeting on **WEDNESDAY April 15TH** at 6:00pm in the MMS Cafeteria before tryouts to discuss the cheerleading program at MMS.
- Tryout workouts will be held **THIS MAY 11th & 12th** from 3:40 - 5:30pm and the actual tryout on **May 13th**. These will be held at the MMS GYM each day. **YOU MUST BE AN ENROLLED STUDENT AT MMS.**
 - 6th, 7th and 8th graders are eligible to try out.
 - Those students wanting to try out from MIS will be escorted as they walk to MMS after school..
 - Pick up will be at MMS at 5:30
 - Practice times will be communicated to those that make the team by the coaches

FALL ATHLETICS: Please note that tryouts for some teams will begin before school starts

FOOTBALL - 6th GRADERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FOOTBALL

- Tryouts **THESE DATES ARE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS**

- Optional Workouts July 27th, 28th
 - OFFICIAL TRYOUTS 29th, and 30th from 5:30pm - 7:45pm **Check in at 5:00pm in the Middle School Gym. Always have tennis shoes AND cleats, and a water bottle each day**
 - Football players (those that make the team) must have 8 days of practice before they can participate in a scrimmage or game (tryout days will count). First 2 days-helmets only, next 3 days full gear no body to body contact, next 3 days - full gear and body to body contact.
For those that make the football team(s), beginning on Wednesday, August 5th (first day of school) practice will be from 3:00pm - 5:15pm (**again this could change day by day to 6:00pm - 8:00pm due to heat**)
 - **CROSS COUNTRY** - Boys and Girls in 6th, 7th & 8th grade
 - Summer OPTIONAL workout dates and times - listed on the separate Summer Important Dates
 - Tryouts - **THESE DATES ARE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS** Wednesday July 29, July 30th from 3:00 - 4:30pm. ON WEDNESDAY JULY 30TH MEET AT the Middle School GYM to check in at 2:30.
 - Tryouts on July 30, and tryouts/practice on Monday August 3rd and Tuesday August 4th will be at Bellingham Park starting at 3:00pm. Drop off and pick up at Bellingham Park.
 - **TENNIS** - Boys Team and Girls Team - 6th, 7th & 8th grade
 - Summer OPTIONAL workout dates and times - listed on the separate Summer Important Dates
 - Tryouts - **THESE DATES ARE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS.** Monday July 27th - Thursday July 30th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.
 - ON JULY 27TH MEET AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM at 5:30 to check in.
- SOFTBALL** - Girls in the 6th, 7th & 8th grade
- Tryouts - **THESE DATES ARE BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS.** Monday July 27th - Thursday July 30th from 3:00 - 5:00pm
 - ON July 27th MEET AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM at 2:30 to check in.

TRYOUT DATES AND PRACTICES MAY BE MOVED TO A 6:00PM START DUE TO HEAT.

WINTER ATHLETICS:

- Tryout information will be available 3-4 weeks before tryouts.
- The following dates are approximate.
- Announcements will be made on social media, in the MMS Student Group in Canvas, on the MMS website and on Parent Square
- **WRESTLING**
 - 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in a combined team
 - Tryouts are usually right at the end of football - early to mid October before Fall Break
 - Season runs from late October up until Christmas break
- **VARSITY BASKETBALL**
 - 2 teams - Girls and Boys - combined 6th & 7th for JV and 8th grade for Varsity - a 7th grader could make the Varsity team but if they do they **CANNOT** tryout or play for the JV team.
 - Tryouts are usually right at the end of football - early to mid October before Fall Break
 - Season runs late October up until Christmas break
- **JV BASKETBALL**
 - 2 teams - Girls and Boys - **ALL** 6th & 7th graders
 - Tryouts will be held in October with the 8th graders but will not start practice until November 10th.
 - Season runs January to early March

SPRING ATHLETICS:

- Tryout information will be available 3-4 weeks before tryouts.
- The following dates are approximate.
- Announcements will be made on social media, in the MMS Student Group in Canvas, on the MMS website, and on Parent Square
- **BASEBALL**
 - A combined 6th, 7th and 8th grade team
 - Tryouts normally occur in the first week of February (2-3 days)
 - Season runs from March to early May

- **SOCCER**

- 2 Teams - Girls and Boys - combined 6th, 7th and 8th graders
- Tryouts normally occur in the first week of February (2-3 days)
- Season runs from March to early May

- **TRACK and FIELD**

- 2 Teams - Girls and Boys - combined 6th, 7th and 8th graders
- Tryouts normally occur in the 2nd or 3rd week of February (2-3 days)
- Season runs from March to early May

- **VARSITY & JV VOLLEYBALL**

- 2 Teams
- Varsity - a girls team of 8th graders JV - a girls team of 6th and 7th graders.
- Tryouts are usually in the first week of February (2-3 days) Season runs from March to early May

