

LEGACY ACADEMY ATHLETICS HANDBOOK

For: Students & Parents

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Roles and Responsibilities:

Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations on your child's involvement with the Legacy Academy athletics program. The success of your student in the classroom, at home, and during sports will be a team effort. Rest assured that the team assisting you in this endeavor is Legacy Academy's charter school staff as a whole. We are excited to have you as a part of our athletics here.

Please understand that without your support, this athletic experience cannot be successful for your child. Working and communicating with your child is essential for their development in athletics at Legacy Academy. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to create habits of independence, self-advocacy, and responsibility. Time management, responsibility to self and others, dedication, and perseverance are crucial life lessons that we want your child to become familiar with when participating in our athletics program.

Please make sure that you are reading the announcements, using the athletics page on the school's website, and signing up for our team apps. These are the best methods to stay abreast of happenings and changes.

The attendance of parents and fans is a positive and encouraging aspect of Legacy Academy athletics. Your attendance and support is needed for the successful growth of your child, his/her teammates, and the program as a whole. Please come and support our teams every chance you get.

Just as each student will celebrate accomplishments, growth, and joy through their participation in our athletics program, so, too, will they experience disappointment and frustration. The process for communicating* the frustrations, concerns, and grievances arising out of your child's participation in Legacy's athletics program are set out below. In order to build the appropriate rapport with players, coaches need to be able to communicate with them directly. Self-advocacy is key when it comes to your child's athletic and character development. While your role as parent remains valuable, we ask that you trust in the coach's ability to do their job competently and all realize that your premature involvement may negatively impact the lesson that your child may be learning at the time. You are expected to respect the process that we have in place and we appreciate your support.

***Process for Communication / Grievances:**

Student Athlete talks to the coach: This should always be the first line of communication. We are trying to teach our players self-advocacy and most issues can be resolved at this level.

Parents/Guardians talk to coach: Any and all parent/guardian concerns should be brought to the attention of the coach only after the student athlete has had a discussion with the coach. Parents should not approach a coach during a practice or immediately after a game. We ask that parents observe the "24 hour" rule and wait that amount of time to let emotions settle prior to contacting a coach with a grievance.

Athletic Director: If, after consultation and discussion with the coach, the parent/guardian feels the matter has not been satisfactorily settled, the parent/guardian may bring the matter to the attention of the athletic director.

School Administration: If, after consultation with the coach and athletic director, the parent/guardian feels the matter has not been satisfactorily settled, the parent/guardian should refer to the Governance and Grievance policy as outlined in the

Legacy Academy Parent & Student Handbook to escalate their grievance to school administration and, if necessary, the Board.

Student Athletes:

Congratulations on the courage you've shown to accept the added responsibility of becoming an athlete for Legacy Academy. As a student-athlete here at Legacy Academy, it is your responsibility to balance your schoolwork, homework, family responsibilities, and sports schedule. It can be quite an endeavor and can sometimes feel overwhelming.

With athletic participation comes the knowledge of how to work as a member of a team and help lead your teammates in competition. You will learn how to apply new skills to your everyday lives, but more importantly you will be a part of something very special and something that you all can take pride in being a part of. Playing sports for a school is an experience you will remember for the rest of your life.

Always strive to improve and give your best effort - success in athletics is generally measured by the ability to learn a skill and apply the skill in games. You represent Legacy Academy and should behave in a manner consistent with the school's purposes, visions, and goals. Students are expected to respect authority, accept responsibility, respect the rights of others, and take care of their own, the school's, and other's property.

Athletes may be required to leave early during the school day to travel for school-sponsored athletic events. It is the students' responsibility to talk to their teachers and discuss making up any work that is missed. Athletics are not an excuse for late or missing schoolwork.

Additional details about student eligibility are set out below but two facts must be highlighted – 1) student-athletes are, first and foremost, students and therefore must meet certain academic standards and 2) behaviors both on the field and in the classroom can impact a student's ability to participate in the Legacy Academy athletics program.

Coaches:

Background checks are mandatory for Legacy Academy coaches. Coaches are accountable to the Legacy Academy athletic director. Coaches will be provided a coaching checklist and responsibility form ahead of each athletic season for which he or she is coaching. Please email the athletic director for available coaching positions.

Academic Eligibility and Suspension Guidelines:

Grade Checks:

A student representing Legacy Academy athletics will have his/her Academic Eligibility checked every Monday morning by 10am. The eligibility week begins on Monday morning at 8am and goes through the following Monday at 8am. Students should plan to turn in all missing or late work no later than Friday morning for the following week's eligibility report. This will give their teachers time to submit their grades before the eligibility report is due on the following Monday (see the Academic Standards section of the Legacy Academy Parent & Student Handbook for more information regarding grading).

Ineligible Students:

If a student athlete is failing one or more courses (including specials), or has a D in two or more courses (including specials), that student will automatically be academically ineligible to participate. Athletes on Academic Probation will follow the same steps outlined in the Parent & Student Handbook:

- **LEVEL ONE:** If a student has earned two D's and/or one F the student and parent(s) will be notified that the student is being placed on Academic Probation:
 - The student will have one week to raise their grade(s) on their own without attending after school academic probation with teacher and parent support.
 - *Student athletes will still be able to participate in games and practices during this time.*
 - If the student does not raise their grade within a week they will progress to level 2 of academic probation.
- **LEVEL TWO:** The student and parents will be notified that the student is on the second level of academic probation:
 - The student will be required to attend after school Academic Probation until they are removed from the D and F list.
 - *Student athletes will not be able to participate in practices and games with their team during this time.*
 - If the student does not raise his/her grades within two weeks of attending after school Academic Probation they will proceed to level 3.
 - If the student is cleared from Academic Probation, they will be able to participate in competitive events beginning the Monday following their clearance from Academic Probation.
- **LEVEL THREE:** If a student remains on Academic Probation for a total of 3 weeks and fails to progress, the teacher will fill out an MTSS referral and start the process of MTSS. The teacher will notify the parents of the next steps and the additional support that will be given through the MTSS process. A parent meeting may take place if the student requires an MTSS individualized plan.
 - *At this time, the student athlete will be removed from their team for the remainder of the season.*

Behavioral Detentions and Suspensions:

Assigned Detention

Students who receive a detention for behavior during the season will not be able to participate in the next practice or game after the detention is assigned. The student will be suspended from one competitive event for each additional detention received due to behavior during the season. If a student receives more than three detentions for behavior during a season, they will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season.

School Suspension

Out-of-school and In-School

Students may not attend or participate in any practices or games during their out-of-school or in-school suspension. Should the athlete be suspended for a second time during the season, they will be removed from their team for the remainder of the season.

Illegal Substances:

The possession or use of tobacco (includes chewing tobacco and vaping), alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substances in any form and at any time is prohibited. Coaches are required to report any use of controlled substances immediately to the Athletic Director and confiscate any contraband that is present. The Athletic Director will then notify school administration and legal authorities may be contacted. Disciplinary measures will be taken in accordance with school policy (see Parent-Student Handbook). Parents or guardians will be notified by school administration of all substance violations and discipline taken. This violation is subject to second level school discipline procedures as described in the Legacy Academy Parent & Student handbook. Additionally, consequences for student athletes will be as follows:

First offense: If a student is caught by the school or any outside person/agency, then the athlete will be suspended for one-half of the total athletic events for that sport. Suspensions that cannot be fully served during the then-current season will carry over to the student-athlete's next sport's season (or next year).

The following will occur on second or third offenses regardless of how the first offense was handled:

Second offense, same school year – the athlete will be suspended from all sports for a nine-week period (to be served next school year, if necessary)

Third offense, same school year – the athlete will be suspended from all sports for one calendar year.

Student Absences (excused and unexcused) and Illness

When a student-athlete is absent from school, they may not participate in athletic events that day. If the absence is excused, documented by a note from a practitioner confirming the student's appointment they can participate. Absences due to illness a student-athlete is NOT able to participate.

Excused Absences:

Excused Absences are those absences resulting from a temporary or extended illness, injury, or physical, mental, or emotional disability, family emergencies, absences excused by the Principal through prior written requests made by parents or guardians, and absences which occur when a student is in the custody of a court or law enforcement authority.

Unexcused Absences:

Student athletes are responsible to communicate with their coaches if they're not able to attend practices or games. Should the student athlete not communicate an absence it will be considered unexcused absences.

- Three unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the team.

Extended Absences should be communicated to their coach(es) by a sportsYou message a minimum of one week prior to the planned absence. Extended Absences may result in removal from their team. See Student/Parent handbook for more details.

Sports offered at Legacy Academy:

(If there is enough interest and we have enough to fill teams)

Fall Sports

Boys Soccer
Coed Cross-Country
Girls Volleyball

Winter Sports

Boys & Girls Basketball
Cheerleading

Spring Sports

Boys Baseball
Girls Soccer
Boys Volleyball

Sports Fees and Payments:

Sports fees are typically one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per sport; the specific fees for each sport are detailed on the Legacy Academy athletics website. Sports fees must be paid prior to attending the first practice or tryout. Payment can be made when registering online or you can pay in cash or check in an envelope with your student-athlete’s name on it. Paying over the phone or in-person at the front office with a credit card is possible; however, make sure you tell them whom you’re paying for and what sport or reason you are paying. If you or your student-athlete is going to physically turn in your payment, please give it to the Athletic Director or ask the office to put it in their box.

Legacy Academy will not issue refunds if a player decides he/she no longer wants to play after the season has started or becomes ineligible at any point in the season.

****Athletic Hardship Waivers are available; please select when registering or see the office for more information. These must be turned in prior to the first tryout or practice.***

Team Selection:

Legacy Academy athletics uses a try-out system for choosing our teams. If we cannot fill a complete team, we may open the sport up to fifth graders. If there are not enough student-athletes for a team or we are unable to find a qualified coach, then the sport may be canceled. We try not to make cuts, but in the case of having more athletes try out than is manageable we may have to either make cuts or form a “practice only” team. As a member of the South Metro Charter Conference (“SMCC”), Legacy Academy follows SMCC’s Handbook, including its designations of Varsity and Junior Varsity level teams.

Playing Time:

Each student-athlete's playing time is within the sole discretion of the coach and depends on the student-athlete's skill level, effort, attendance, improvement, academics, behavior, and attitude. Concerns about a student-athlete's playing time should follow the Process for Communications/Grievances set out in this Handbook. Parents and Guardians should support the direction given by the coach to the student-athlete to achieve more playing time.

Rules of Conduct:

Concepts learned through athletics include teamwork, integrity, sportsmanship, restraint, persistence, leadership, self-esteem, discipline and humility. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a commendable manner during all athletic practices and contests and to treat teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators with respect. A violation of these rules may result in disciplinary action at the administrative level.

Athletes must:

- Demonstrate respect for teachers, coaches, and fellow athletes at all times
- Consider all opponents and officials as guests and show them proper courtesy
- Accept all decisions of officials without unbecoming displays of emotions
- Not incite or make fun of players, officials, cheerleaders or anyone else
- Keep quiet when shouts and cheering might disturb a player
- Cooperate with the cheerleaders, sponsors and coaches at all times
- Show good sportsmanship and conduct yourself appropriately at all athletic events

Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an admirable manner at all times in the classroom and on the field/court. You are a Wildcat and are expected to maintain a high level of character to set a good example for future Wildcats. School-based discipline will be communicated to the athletic department and will be subject to discipline there, too – and vice versa.

Sportsmanship:

If a student is ejected from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be ineligible for the remainder of that contest and the next contest at any level. Any player ejected from a second contest during the same season for unsportsmanlike conduct will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season and prohibited for participating in any athletics at Legacy Academy for the remainder of their tenure as a student at Legacy Academy.

Equipment and Uniforms:

Players are responsible for all equipment and uniforms checked out to them. Players who lose, damage, or have items stolen are financially responsible for replacing the items. Cost for sports uniforms are fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Athletes are required to be in the appropriate uniform specified by the coach. Not adhering to the team's demands about uniforms can have an impact on playing time at the coach's discretion. Players with outstanding fees will not be able to participate in future sports activities until those fees are paid.

Dress Code for Athletes:

Students may be permitted to wear athletic uniforms during school on game days. The uniform must be visible at all times during school hours except during PE. Athletes are required to dress in their PE attire during that time. Those athletes who are not eligible will not be permitted the game day dress privileges. Failure to meet these dress expectations, or, if the athlete's judgment in attire falls under question, the athlete's eligibility may be taken away for that week. The head coach will collaborate with the athletic director on what athletes will wear to school on game days.

Approved Drivers and Transportation to Events:

Legacy Academy does not provide transportation for students. Guardians must provide or arrange travel for their students with an approved driver.* Please contact the coach or athletic director if a student-athlete needs transportation to/from an event. Each Guardian and approved driver must sign out the student-athletes they are transporting home after an event.

**** All approved drivers must have a copy of their current driver's license, auto insurance declarations page (\$300,000 per accident, \$100,000 per individual), completed background check, confidentiality agreement, and volunteer agreement on file with Legacy Academy. Please see the front desk for details.**