

Morgan Middle School Basketball



Welcome to the 2025 Boys Basketball Season at Morgan Middle School. We are excited about the upcoming season and developing the skills of these young men.

Coaches: Garrett Harris, Denny Clark, Dayne Ziegler, Thomas Lambert

Practices: Participation and attendance at our daily practices are imperative to the success of the athlete and the team as a whole. **Attendance at practice is mandatory.** Practice will begin at 2:30 and end at 4:20, Monday-Friday. Athletes need to exit the building no later than 4:35. If students leave campus on Wednesday after school gets out, they must reenter from the east side of the building by the football field. They should not be reentering the building through one of the main office entrances.

Attendance and Absences: Athletes must notify their coach of any absence through REMIND, email, or in-person. If your athlete has an injury and is not able to practice, their attendance to practice is still required unless worked out with their coach. **Being absent, whether excused or not, from practice may result in lost playing time for the upcoming game.** Being at practice, encouraging your teammates, continuing to learn the offensive and defensive philosophies, and the team set plays is crucial for success. Unexcused absences will result in consequences such as additional conditioning and lost playing time (as the coaching staff sees fit).

Discipline: Basketball is only half of being a student-athlete. Athletics is a privilege, and student-athletes are expected to maintain good grades and behavior. Discipline referrals may result in a suspension of game time (one or more quarters), as the coaching staff and school administration sees fit.

Philosophy and Player Development: Middle school basketball is an opportunity to help develop the players as athletes and basketball players, while providing opportunities to better themselves as young men. This includes being a model student and developing servant leaders: earning good grades, helping pick up the gym, sweeping the gym flooring, picking up the lockerroom, etc. The main priorities of Morgan Basketball is to create an environment that is safe, enjoyable, and challenges student-athletes. After those three priorities are met, we want to be a competitive and winning team.

Playing Time: Every eligible athlete will get playing time, with the aim for nearly half of the time in the first three quarters. In the fourth quarter, coaches will focus on playing the athletes who have demonstrated outstanding effort, who've made a positive impact on both offense and defense, and are displaying a great attitude. If an athlete receives a technical foul, puts down their teammates, or displays poor behavior/attitude, they may be benched for the remainder of the game; up to the coach's discretion.

Game Day Attire: Students are expected to wear nice clothing to school on game days. No sweatpants, crocks, or other relaxed attire. Failure to follow the team dress code may result in disciplinary actions.

Athletes Expectations for Games: For home games, athletes please be by the locker room entrance at 3:00. Between 2:15 and 3:00, players should either be at Homework Club or leave campus. Players on both A and B teams should help set up chairs and the scorers table before running through set plays and get shots up. It is the expectation that athletes on A team watch from the stands to support their peers and vice versa. If a player from B Team needs to head home because of homework or another commitment, please let their coach know.

Bus rides: Students are allowed to ride home with their parents. Parents just need to sign the release form with their athletes coach. Players must adhere to appropriate behavior on the bus.

Jerseys and Shorts: The school will provide the athletes with a reversible jersey that the players will use for games. The jersey's run very big! We will do our best to give your athlete a jersey that fits properly, but sizes are limited. We also have navy shorts we can check out to players, however they also run very big. Parents are encouraged to purchase their own pair of solid navy blue shorts to ensure they will fit the athlete properly. If the players chose to wear a shirt under their jersey, it must match the jersey color. We will wear white for home games and blue for away games (navy shorts for both games). Players must bring their jersey and shorts on game day. Failure to bring your uniform may result in not being allowed to play. We as coaches will do our best to bring an extra jersey and pair of shorts, but we cannot guarantee we will have an extra one.

Sharing a concern with a Coach: If a parent has an issue with playing time or an in game coaching decision, please allow for 24 before asking to speak to the coach. If there is a concern about bullying, harassment, or anything related to the safety of your child, please let me or your child's coach as soon as possible.

Remind:

Parents, please join the teams REMIND

Send a text to the number 81010, with the message @eburgbball

You can also contact me through email at garrett.harris@esd401.org

We look forward to coaching your child! Please reach out with any questions you may have.

MMS Coach Staff