



Explore Academy Athletics

Explore Academy strongly believes that student participation in extracurricular activities builds a positive school community and culture. We aim to continue building a student-centered and choice-centered athletic program that builds teamwork, self-discipline, self-confidence, appreciation of diversity, hard work, and fair play. Although we desire to participate and compete successfully in the greater community, our main goal is for students to have fun, engage positively, and spend meaningful time with their peers.

Participation in extracurricular sports activities is a privilege and not a right. Extra-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom, and our student-athletes are expected to adhere to grading and behavioral expectations.

2025 - 2026 Athletic Seasons

FALL

Flag Football (MS)
Volleyball (MS)

WINTER

Basketball (MS)

SPRING

Soccer, COED (MS)
Kickball (MS)

Note: Although Explore Academy plans for all sports listed above, due to student interest and/or resources, some sports may not be available.

Participation in Public School District Sports

Charter School students may be permitted to participate in their district's public school, provided they meet eligibility criteria. If interested, please contact the athletic director of the district school you reside in.

Weekly Highlights and Announcements

Fall Volleyball is coming to an end.

Come support Coach Evans and your Eagles Volleyball team while you can! They have had a great start to the season with a record of 2:2. Come cheer them on! For the season schedule, [click here](#).



Basketball sign-ups are starting. For more information, [click here](#), or to express your interest, please see Mr. McKinley or email him at darien.mckinely@explore.academy.

You can also sign up by [clicking here](#).



Eligibility for Participation in Sports

To be eligible for participation in Explore Academy Sports, the student must:

1. Have the entire Pre-participation packet submitted. Please see below for the links to each document and the submission form.
2. Have signed up for the sport (see sign-up links below)
3. Have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA (based on a 4.0 grade scale) and no grades below a 60%. Note: Although this is below the passing rate for EA, this is

consistent with other schools in our leagues for participation in sports. Grades are assessed at the end of each semester (two quarters).



WINTER SPORT SIGN-UPS

Click on the Sport to Access the Sign-Up Form.

[Boys and Girls Basketball](#)

Student-Athlete Participation Requirement

[Submission form for 2025- 2026 SY](#)

All students participating in any Explore Academy extracurricular activity must complete a physical packet (linked below).

- [Medical Examination Form \(AIA\)](#). Must be dated after 05/30 of the previous SY.
Please note that not all sports listed on this form are offered at Explore Academy
- [Medical Evaluation Questionnaire \(AIA\)](#)
- Student [Concussion awareness course through the NFHS and provide the certificate dated after 05/30/2024.](#)
- Explore Academy [Participation Agreement](#)
- Explore Academy [Code of Conduct](#)
- Proof of Insurance
- Students must provide their accident and health insurance information. Voluntary Student Medical Insurance information can be provided upon request and at the expense of the parent/guardian.

All Forms for Explore Academy athletics are digital. Please use the link below to submit the required forms. All forms must be present and in the student's file before the student can participate



in any practices or competitions. A clearance ticket will be provided to the coach when the packet is complete.

[Submission form for 2025- 2026 SY](#)

Sport Schedules

[2025 - 2026 Volleyball](#)

2025 - 2026 Basketball (coming soon)

Contact Information

Athletics

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- Darien McKinley, Coach and Athletic Coordinator
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Activities

Resources

- Explore Academy, Peoria Athletics, and Activities Handbook (link coming soon)