

KARCHER MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

CODE OF CONDUCT HANDBOOK

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Burlington Area District recognizes co-curricular activities as an integral part of our students' education. Participation in these activities provides opportunities for personal growth, skill development, socialization, creativity, and competitive experiences.

It is the belief of the Burlington Area District that involvement in co-curricular activities is a privilege, which comes with certain expectations and responsibilities. It is in the interest of the school and community that standards be maintained concerning academic performance and personal behavior. It is also believed that failure to adhere to these standards should result in consequences according to the guidelines defined in this code.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person shall, on the basis of handicap, race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity in the school district.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Co-Curricular activities shall be defined as any activity which is not part of a class, and/or meets during non-school hours, and/or removes students from classes in order to participate, and/or takes students out into the community for performances where they are representing the school.

ATHLETICS:

| Fall Season | Winter Season | Spring Season |
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| Cross Country (Coed) • 6th - 8th Grade | Boys Basketball • 7th & 8th Grade | Track (Coed) • 7th & 8th Grade |
| Girls Basketball • 7th & 8th Grades | Wrestling (Coed) • 6th - 8th Grade | |
| | Girls Volleyball • 7th & 8th Grade | |

ATHLETICS: STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ELIGIBILITY

The right to participate in athletics is extended to all students at Karcher Middle School. However, continued participation is a *privilege* extended only to those students who meet the eligibility requirements and who are willing to assume the following responsibilities:

- 1) Be a credit to yourself, your parents, guardians, your school, and your community.
- 2) Display high standards of academic achievement and social behavior.
- 3) Display outstanding respect for the rules of competition.
- 4) Display respect to those in authority, including administrators, coaches, teachers, and officials.
- 5) Display a strong spirit of cooperation.
- 6) Use socially acceptable language.

Physical Examination:

All student athletes **must** have a completed physical examination card, signed and dated by the doctor's office, on file with the school nurse. Physical examinations are good for two calendar years.

Fees:

The Burlington Area School has established an athletic fee of \$75.00 per sport.

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes will comply with the rules, regulations, and standards set forth by the Burlington Area School District. In addition to these rules and regulations and the initial eligibility requirements listed above, student-athletes are expected to hold themselves to a high standard of academic performance, social behavior, and athletic commitment. Failure to meet the following standards will result in disciplinary action, which may include reduced playing time, suspension from the team for a limited time period, or complete removal from the team. **This Code is in effect twelve (12) months a year.**

1) **Academic Performance:**

Students must realize that participation in sports at Karcher Middle School is a privilege. As a result, academics must come first. All athletes must understand that satisfactory performance in the classroom is mandatory. Students must be passing **all subjects** to participate in interscholastic athletics.

2) **General Conduct**

Any student expelled, suspended, or received a major referral, missed detention, or any athlete who engages in disrespectful conduct of any kind toward athletes from other schools, whether home or away, may be subject to suspension or dismissal from the team. It is expected that athletes represent Riverside Middle School in a most positive manner, as they are a very visible representation of leadership at school, off school grounds, and at other schools.

3) **Social Behavior**

Minor Violations: All athletes will appropriately conduct themselves towards coaches, team members, opponents, game officials, and anyone else involved with the program. Minor violations may result in suspension or dismissal from the team. Improper conduct or behavior includes, but is not limited to:

1. Profanity
2. Disrespect to coaches and teammates
3. Outbursts during practice or games
4. Repeated disruptions during practices
5. Repeated tardiness or absences from scheduled practice

Major Violations

The following are **absolutely prohibited** and will result in immediate suspension from the team:

1. Tobacco of any kind
2. Alcohol of any kind
3. Controlled substances of any kind
4. Weapons of any kind
5. Intentional destruction of property
6. Intentional harm to others

4) **Practice**

Once the season begins, it is important that student-athletes make the commitment to be at all scheduled practices and games unless arrangements have been made between the student-athlete and the coach in advance. If unable to attend practice or games, please communicate with the coach. Injured players are encouraged to attend practice.

5) **Illness/Absence**

If a student athlete has been excused from Phy Ed class by their doctor, that individual will not be allowed to practice or play in games for the duration of the doctor's excuse. If a student athlete is absent from school, they may not participate in practice or games on that date.