



Bernice Knox Wiley Middle School Athletics & Pre Athletics Player/Parent Expectations

All student/athletes who receive the privilege of participating in our athletic program at Wiley MS are expected to follow all policies, rules, and procedures set forth in the Leander ISD Athletic Handbook. All athletes are also governed by the Leander ISD Student Handbook, all Leander ISD policies, Social Media Contract and UIL policies and procedures.

Goals

- The student/athlete will develop a positive attitude toward themselves, their teammates, competitors, referees and authority figures.
- The student/athlete will realize that winning is learning to set realistic goals and working to achieve them while maintaining positive behavior in both winning and losing situations.
- The student/athlete will develop skills that will benefit them for a lifetime in the areas of self-discipline, teamwork, time management, cooperation, and communication.

Practices

- Be on time, dressed out, and ready to start before practice begins. Being late will result in “opportunities for improvement” to make up for the time missed. Your class/team is relying on you to be there and contribute.
- Wear your Wiley Athletics uniform daily.. When it’s cold, it’s preferred you wear sweatpants/sweatshirt over the black shorts and maroon shirt. Not dressing out does not excuse you from participating.
- We, as your coaches, are not responsible for your athlete until 10 minutes before a morning workout and no later than 10 minutes after an afternoon workout or game. We ask that parents and athletes be respectful of coaches by making sure that rides are prompt before and after all athletic events. Communicate with a Coach if there is a concern or you will be late.
- For all AM workouts, drop off at the bus lane and athletes will walk to athletic doors for entrance.

Missed Practices

- It is important that all athletes be present at every practice. Please try not to schedule doctor or dentist appointments during practice times. If it is unavoidable, please have the athlete discuss with the coach when they will miss and why.
- The athlete will be required to make up the practice (check with the coach for best time).
- Extra-curricular activities for the school are excused absences as long as the athlete communicates with the coach about the absence.
- You must make up your missed practice before you can participate in the next game. (There are some extenuating circumstances that will be handled on a case by case basis)
- Athletes need to attend tutorials outside of their practice times. Athletes will not be allowed to miss the athletic period or practices to go in for tutoring.

Games

- For all games, athletes will be expected to sit with their teammates in a designated area of the gym/field to watch the other teammate’s game.
- Athletes who have finished playing are encouraged to stay and watch the next game/match.
- You may choose to take your athlete home after away games but they must be signed out before they leave. Transportation back to Wiley will always be available, we just ask that you are already at Wiley before the bus arrives so the coaches do not have to wait..
- All athletes are to show good sportsmanship to opposing coaches, opponents, officials, and all visitors at all times. Conduct yourself with class even if someone does not do the same to you. Players do not argue calls or show disgust at calls. If a call needs to be discussed, it will be the job of the coach.
- All athletes will be given playing time in every game as long as they are in good standing with the coaches and policies of the athletic program. Athletes are not guaranteed equal playing time. Playing time is based on the coaches’ discretion and can be impacted by attendance, attitude, and effort at practice. If there is a question regarding playing time, please encourage your athlete to come discuss ways they can improve and earn more playing time with their coach. Playing time will not be discussed with parents.



Missed Games

- It is important that all athletes be present at all games/matches/tournaments. If you miss a game for any reason, please discuss this with your coach as soon as possible. Athletes who miss a game for an outside sport will have to sit out for all or part of the next game.
- If it is a school-sponsored event, we will work it out with the other sponsor to make sure the athlete can do both events. Please remember to communicate with your coaches in this situation.
- Attendance and School Related Activities – If a student is absent (full or partial day) on the day of a school-related event (i.e. athletic event), the student may not be able to participate without a valid written excuse from a physician.

Tardiness

- Unexcused tardiness will not be tolerated because it takes time away from the team to complete the workout. Please try to instill punctuality values by having your athlete to morning practice on time. Being late could result in loss of playing time.

Do's and Don'ts While Watching Your Athlete Play their Sport

- During a game, encourage your athlete and teammates.
- Please do not expect the attention of your athlete once they get on the court/field for warm-up. They are trying to prepare mentally and physically.
- Don't try to coach your athlete or her teammates from the side. This is the coaches' job.
- At the end of the game, it is ok to talk to your athlete after they have shown good sportsmanship to the other team and after the coach has had an opportunity to talk to them.
- Please keep in mind that everyone is trying to do their best; our team, the opponents, the officiating crew, and the coaches of both teams. Please make sure you are aware of the time your athlete is done after playing their game. Please pick them up within 10 minutes of the game being over or returning to school.
- Model good sportsmanship towards the other team, coaches, opposing parents, and officials.

When a Problem Arises

- Please remember that coaches must consider the needs of the team as well as the individual. When there is a problem, please follow these steps toward resolution:
 - Have the athlete talk to the coach first. Quite often this can resolve the problem and the athlete learns responsibility and communication skills well.
 - Schedule a meeting with the coach, athlete and parent if the problem needs to be addressed further.
 - Contact the WMS Athletic Coordinator, Casey Shrader, if the problem is not resolved.
- Please do not approach a coach to discuss differences during or just after a game. Please wait until the next day to schedule a meeting.
- Finally, the coaches at WMS are dedicated to working with athletes and helping them grow.

Eligibility Requirements

- All required paperwork must be on file before an athlete can participate in athletics.
- Wiley Middle School follows the UIL rules for no pass, no play. Athletes must maintain at least a 70 in all classes at each grade check. Please visit with your coach if you need further explanation.
- Per UIL, if a student loses eligibility, they are not allowed to sit on the sideline with the team during games, however they are expected to be at every practice.
- If a student receives OSS or a LEO placement, they will not be allowed to participate in practices or games until they have served the entire sentence. If a student is placed in ISS they will still practice but only outside of regular school hours. (Before or After)

Procedures for Injuries

- Athletes who are injured or sick must have a note to sit out of athletics. A parent note is good for 2 days. After the 2 days are up, the athlete will need a doctors or trainers note stating the injury/illness and time period to sit out. Doctors notes are required to include a specific time period and instructions as well as the doctor's signature.
- Athletes are allowed to see the trainer at Wiley MS or at their zoned high school for injuries. Please talk to the coaches and then contact the trainers to set up a time for you to go see the trainer (typically it is 7:00am).
- The trainer will then send the coach a report to let them know the status of the injury, what treatment is, how long the athlete will be out, and if the athlete needs further medical attention.
- Athletes are still required to be at all practices or games/tournaments dressed out in their work-out clothes or game attire when they are injured/sick (unless they cannot attend school).



Equipment

- Each athlete is responsible for any WMS Athletic gear or equipment issued to them. This includes but is not limited to workout gear, uniforms, sweats, or locks. It is the responsibility of the athlete to keep up with this equipment and keep it clean.
- If the athlete loses/misplaces anything issued to them, they must let the coaches know immediately. We also suggest searching the lost and found and asking the coach if they found any equipment or if any was turned in.
- Please discourage students from taking anything that doesn't belong to them and reporting it if they see something.
- If an item is unreasonably worn out, damaged/torn, or lost, the athlete will be charged the replacement cost of that item.
- Issued equipment must be promptly returned to the coaches upon request.

Grading Policy

- 80% Participation
- 20% Dressed out
- Even if a student is injured, they are expected to dress out and be engaged or doing PT, Return to Play Protocol, etc

Athletic Disciplinary Guidelines

In School Suspension (ISS)

- If an athlete is in ISS on the day of a game, match or tournament, they will not be allowed to participate in the event.
- The athlete will have limited playing time in the following game.
- While in ISS, the student may not participate in the athletic period or morning or afternoon.
- Other consequences may occur.
- ISS placement is also subject to removal from the athletic period.

Detention

- The athlete must attend any detention assigned. If a practice is missed, it will have to be made up prior to the next game.
- The coach and athlete will discuss if further actions will occur depending on the amount of times the student has been in detention.

Behavior and Poor Conduct

- Show respect to all teachers, staff members and fellow peers in and out of the classroom.
- Conduct yourself in a responsible manner that represents the values of our program at all times. Be aware that you are more VISIBLE and held to a HIGHER standard than regular students.
- Be cautious of what you put on the internet. Always set your online account to private. Anything that is posted that disgraces the WMS program or any member of the program will be dealt with very seriously.
- Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and theft have no place in our program. Punishment will be dealt with through our Code of Conduct policies and could result in suspension from the athletic program.
- Theft will not be tolerated and is grounds for removal from the athletic program.
- It is our philosophy that all athletes represent the athletic program at all times. We expect the athletes to remain on their best behavior throughout the day at school. Misbehavior or poor conduct at school or school-sponsored events will not be tolerated and could result in further consequences, including removal from the athletic program (This includes anything reported from a teacher or administrator).

Daily Responsibilities of Wiley Athletes

Athletes are expected to follow these basic rules at all times:

- Follow all LISD and WMS rules, policies and procedures.
- When responding to your coaches and teachers, use "yes coach", "yes ma'am", "yes sir", "no sir", etc.
- Show respect to others. Have good manners and be polite.
- Hustle everywhere you go.
- Be positive, enthusiastic and coachable.
- Wear your Coyote Athletic gear everyday to workout. Not having your workout gear does not excuse you from workouts. You will participate in your school clothes.



- NO jewelry will be worn during practice or games. This includes but is not limited to earrings, nose rings, lip rings, necklaces, watches, bracelets, or rings. NO EXCEPTIONS!! This is a safety precaution.
- Any unnatural colored hair is discouraged however, is acceptable
- Be on time to practice, games, to your classes, etc.
- Set high academic standards. You must pass all classes with 70 or above.
- No glass containers or aerosol sprays of any kind in the locker room or bus.
- Keep the athletic area clean. Keep your home away from home looking nice.
- Everything must fit in the athlete's locker. Keep your locker locked and do not give out your combination.
- No food or drink in the locker room except water.
- No phones out in the locker room.
- If you are hurt, gauge your pain. Work through soreness, but let your coach know if you are really hurt.

Social Media:

- Student athletes will follow the LISD Student-Athlete Handbook Guidelines for social media.