

MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Education-based athletics are an inherent part of the total educational program for students in the Mayfield City Schools. When properly organized and conducted, interscholastic athletics provide numerous opportunities for students to participate in activities which promote growth and development, teach social and recreational skills and develop leadership qualities. These values are more readily attained when professional leaders base the program upon accepted standards and practices.

The major emphasis on interscholastic athletics should be skilled play and good sportsmanship. When possible, competition should be equitable in order that learning and enjoyment may be realized from game and practice participation. Every attempt should be made to provide favorable playing conditions in order that the competitive experiences of the athletes may be wholesome and result in the attainment of desirable attitudes and conduct. The rules, regulations, and supervision of the program should ensure the maximum protection of the health and safety of the players. The athletic program will constantly strive for the development of a well-rounded individual capable of taking his or her place in society.

The Mayfield City Schools are members of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Western Reserve Conference. We are expected and strive to comply with the provisions of the constitutions of these organizations. In addition, the athletic program should always be in conformity with the philosophy and general policies of the school district.

OBJECTIVES

The Mayfield City Schools' interscholastic athletic programs are centered around student-athletes. The programs provide meaningful learning experiences that compliment the learning experiences derived from the classroom. Therefore, the athletic program must be educational and:

- Must contain desirable learning experiences.
- Must fit harmoniously in the overall educational program.
- Must be controlled by the established school authorities, both local and state.
- Must be supervised by Board approved coaches that are capable of developing good school, community, and individual citizenship.

With regards to the above mandates, the main objectives of the program are:

1. To develop and promote a coordinated, sequential, diversified, and balanced program in grades 7-12.
2. To provide the opportunity for all students, who are athletically motivated, to become team members.
3. To encourage each student to excel athletically and scholastically to the best of his/her ability.
4. To develop and promote the values of physical fitness and sound physical and mental health.
5. To teach student-athletes that participation in athletics is a privilege as well as a responsibility.
6. To learn and practice good sportsmanship.
7. To promote fun and enjoyment for all participants.
8. To develop the athlete's knowledge and skill level of the sport.
9. To provide favorable playing conditions in order that the competitive experience of the athletes may be worthwhile, resulting in the attainment of desirable habits, attitudes, and conduct.
10. To ensure the maximum protection of the health and safety of the players by providing the necessary rules, regulations, and proper program supervision.
11. To promote school spirit and morals within the student body.
12. To educate and inform the community regarding the purposes and place of interscholastic athletics.
13. To maintain a positive and cohesive relationship between the coaching staff and the athletes.