

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK



**Oak Grove School District 68
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I. Statement of Philosophy

The philosophy of the Athletic Department, interscholastic and intramural programs is in direct correlation to the overall philosophy, aims and objectives of the Oak Grove School District 68. We believe that athletics are an important part of the educational process and to that end; we encourage all students to participate. We view coaches as teachers first, providing instruction in the skills and strategies of their activity. In addition, the goals of the Athletic Department are:

- To foster the development of good sportsmanship and team work
- To develop the necessary basic sport specific skill set
- To stress the necessity for maintenance of academic proficiency
- To instill a sense of personal discipline and pride
- To establish an increased level of academic and personal accountability

II. Athletic Eligibility

- a) In order to tryout and participate an athlete **MUST** have a current physical examination by a physician on file in the nurse's office. Fall athlete's physical must be current from Aug 1 to October 31. Winter athlete's physicals must be current from November 1 through March 31. Spring athlete's physicals must be current from April 1 through June 31. Physicals are good for 395 days as explained by the Principal Health Consultant from ISBE. Please contact the nurse's office with any questions or concerns.
- b) Coaches will establish and communicate specific rules that govern their team prior to the beginning of the season. Coaches will also communicate a practice schedule.
- c) The student must attend school for at least half the day in order to participate in games or practices. A half-day consists of four (4) classes not including lunch.
- d) An athlete may not practice or participate in any contest while suspended from school, including an in-school suspension.
- e) Weekly academic evaluations will be sent to all of the student's teachers for their input on the student-athlete's progress. A student must remain eligible according to the District 68 academic achievement policy in section III. Academic achievement will correlate directly to students IEP goals.
- f) Athletes are to exhibit good sportsmanship at all home and away contests. Behavior, which is detrimental to the reputation of Oak Grove School, will not be tolerated.
- g) Athletes are responsible for any equipment issued to them while participating in athletics. Failure to return equipment in acceptable condition will result in replacement, at the athlete's cost, of damaged or lost articles by the student.
- h) Failure to comply with ANY of the guidelines set forth in this handbook, or by the individual coach may result in athletic ineligibility or dismissal from the team. The coach may, at any time he/she deems necessary, remove an athlete from the team for disciplinary reasons. Coaches will inform the administration and parents of any situations that are occurring that may be detrimental to the athletic program.

- i) Each student is eligible to play on only one Oak Grove team per sport season.

III. Eligibility for Interscholastic Competition

- a) **Academic Achievement** - If a student athlete is receiving below a C average in any two classes during a given week, they will be placed on academic probation for the following week, and will remain eligible to participate in extracurricular athletics. If after the second week the student continues to have below a C average in any two classes, they will be ineligible for the following week.

- b) **Behavior** - If a student athlete receives two or more Oak Grove Discipline Notices in a one-week period, that student will be declared ineligible for a period of one week. If the student receives a third detention during the season, they are then declared ineligible for the following week. A fourth detention during the season will result in ineligibility for the remainder of the season.

- c) **General** – Participants are expected to attend all games and practices. An unexcused absence may result in suspension from the team for a minimum of one (1) game.

Any student receiving an academic accountability notice will be expected to serve on the assigned day whether or not it is a practice or game day. Students need to make necessary arrangements to attend that practice or game. It will be up to the individual coach how this will affect the athlete's playing time.

Please sign and return the following:

My child _____ has my permission to participate

(Please print child's name)

in Interscholastic Athletics at Oak Grove School.

Parent's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

FEES:

\$50 one time fee for all sports.

Based on past year's participation, this will cover approximately 10% of the cost of athletic and club programs. Scholarships will be available to those unable to pay.

We are proud of the large numbers of students who participate in all of the Oak Grove School extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

Please remit your payment online at www.ogschool.org. Online payments through RevTrak are preferred. Checks should be made out to Oak Grove School.