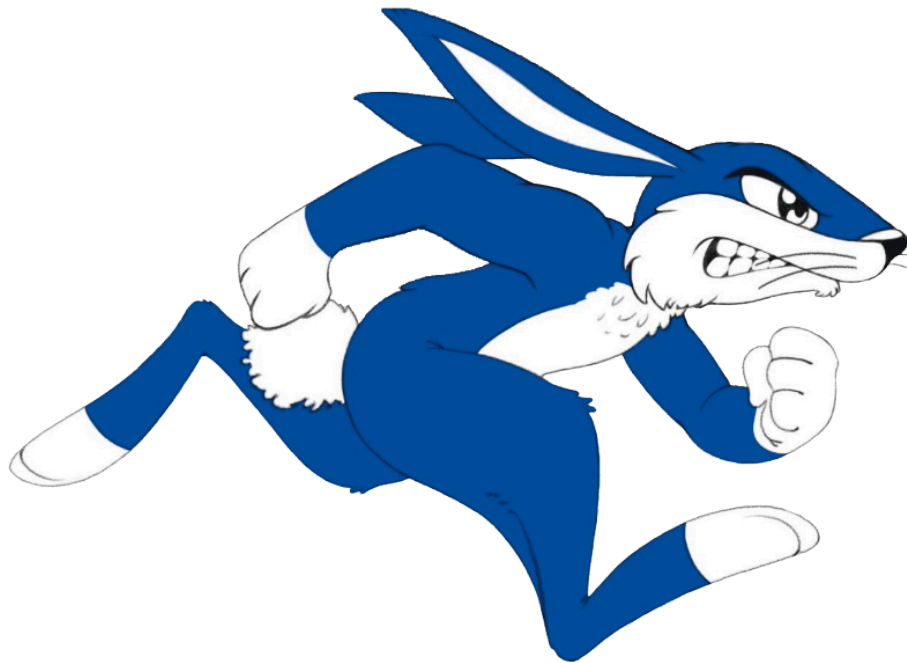




**Kansas School for the Deaf
Extra-Curricular Activities**

GUIDELINES

**For Students and Parents
2026-2027**

Extra-Curricular Activities

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GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide students and parents with essential information about the Kansas School for the Deaf Athletics and After-School Activities Programs. These guidelines address frequently asked questions and highlight key topics identified by the Athletic Director and the team.

We hope these guidelines serve as a vital component of ongoing communication among those involved in Kansas School for the Deaf Athletics and After-School Activities, helping everyone have fun and achieve success throughout the year.

SPORTS OFFERED:

Fall Sports

- Youth Soccer
- Youth Flag Football
- Youth Volleyball
- Youth Intramural Sports/Activities
- Middle School Football
- Middle School Cheerleading
- Middle School Volleyball
- High School Cheerleading
- Middle School Cross Country
- High School Cross Country
- High School Varsity Football
- High School Varsity Volleyball
- High School Junior Varsity Volleyball
- Special Olympics Bowling
- E-Sports

Winter Sports

- Youth Basketball
- Youth Intramural Sports/Activities
- Middle School Cheerleading
- Middle School Girls Basketball
- Middle School Boys Basketball
- High School Cheerleading
- High School Varsity Boys Basketball
- High School Junior Varsity Boys Basketball
- High School Varsity Girls Basketball
- High School Junior Varsity Girls Basketball
- Special Olympics Bowling
- E-Sports

Spring Sports

- Youth Volleyball
- Youth Soccer

Youth Intramural Sports/Activities
Middle School Girls and Boys Track and Field
High School Girls Track and Field
High School Boys Track and Field
High School Boys Volleyball
High School Girls Flag Football
Special Olympics Bowling
E-Sports

AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OFFERED:

Middle School

ASL Bowl
Battle of the Books
Math Bowl
Robotics

High School

Academic Bowl
ASL Bowl
Robotics

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

KSD is an approved school member of the Kansas State High School Athletic Association (KSHSAA). Additionally, we are affiliated with several other athletic associations, enriching our sports programs and offering diverse athletic programs.

- Great Plains Schools for the Deaf
- Great Plains Athletic Conference
- Kansas Approved Schools Championship
- National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association
- Kansas State High School Athletic Association Approved Schools

CONDUCT

Student-athletes/team members will at all times demonstrate respect for fellow team members including managers, coaches, Athletics Department personnel, other schools/team members, officials, and anyone involved in interscholastic sports. It is expected that the student-athletes/team members will conduct themselves in a manner that will be positive for the school.

Spectators:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.

- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game or practice.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes/participants.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

Players:

- Uphold personal integrity and sportsmanship.
- Treat all players, officials, and coaches with respect.
- Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.
- Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.
- Represent KSD with pride in appearance, conduct, language and sportsmanship, both on and off the playing field.
- Value the contribution of each team member and prioritize the team over individual achievements.
- Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.
- Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids or any substance to increase physical development or performance that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, Surgeon General of the United States or American Medical Association.
- Know and follow all state, section and school athletic rules and regulations as they pertain to eligibility and sports participation.
- Win with character, lose with dignity.

PRACTICE CONDUCT AND TEAM EXPECTATIONS

Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and disciplined manner during all practices. Disruptions, including but not limited to inappropriate behavior, lack of focus, or interference with team activities, will not be tolerated.

Student-athletes are encouraged to develop skills in handling conflict and personal issues in a mature and appropriate manner. Team members should respect boundaries and understand that issues arising during the school day should be addressed during school hours through proper channels. Practice time is designated for skill development, teamwork, and focus.

If a conflict or issue arises during practice, student-athletes are expected to report the matter to the coaching staff so it can be addressed appropriately.

PRE-PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Each student-athlete team member shall have their parents/guardians fill out, sign, and date the Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form. A yearly pre-participation booklet and physical examination is required. The student-athlete shall submit the pre-participation booklet and physical examination form, completely filled in and properly signed, attesting that they understand the risks of possible injuries while participating in sports and have been examined and found to be physically fit for athletic competition, to the athletic trainer prior to becoming a member of any athletic squad or team.

The pre-participation booklet and physical examination covers all sports for the entire school year. The pre-participation booklet is good only for the current school year. The physical examination shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

Age Eligibility: According to Kansas State High School Activities Association policy, any student who reaches the age of sixteen on or before September 1, shall be ineligible for any middle/junior high school competition.

A seventh or eighth grade junior high school student in a two-year junior high school, who has reached the age of 15 on or before September 1, or a ninth grade junior high school student, may participate on a senior high school team with the approval of both principals provided both schools are under the same board of education or school board. A student who moves up under the regulation shall be ineligible for further middle/junior high competition in that sport.

A student-athlete who becomes nineteen (19) before September 1st shall be ineligible for any high school interscholastic competition. A student-athlete who becomes 19 on or after September 1st shall remain eligible for the entire school year.

Playing Eligibility: To be eligible for athletics, students must be in compliance with the Kansas State High School Activities Association as follows:

- Student-athletes may play up to a total of eight consecutive semesters, or four years, of sports after entering the ninth grade of a four-year high school.

- Student-athletes who never entered the ninth grade, but were placed into tenth grade, may play three consecutive years from their first entry into tenth grade.

ATTENDANCE

Each student-athlete/team member is responsible for attending all practices, team meetings, and games unless excused by the head coach. Unexcused absences can jeopardize a player's position on the team.

Student-athletes may not miss more than six practices per season unless extenuating circumstances warrant a waiver approved by the Principal and the Athletic Director.

Students who are absent from school past 10:00 AM will be ineligible for any practice and competition that day unless circumstances warrant this rule being waived by the Principal and the Athletic Director.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Student-athletes/team members are required to have parent/guardian's permission one week before they are allowed to participate in competition on a weekend. No out-of-state trip is granted if the permission form has not been signed by a parent/guardian.

ROSTER SIZE

In competitive interscholastic athletics, maintaining a manageable roster size is essential to ensure participant safety and provide meaningful experiences for all participants.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES TRAVEL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Student-athletes traveling for contests, tournaments, or other school-sponsored activities during the instructional day are expected to follow all Kansas School for the Deaf electronic device policies. Cell phones and personal electronic devices may not be used during instructional time unless specifically authorized by school personnel. After the conclusion of the school day, coaches may establish reasonable expectations regarding device use during team travel, meals, practices, and competitions.

TEAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

Student-athletes are expected to join a team within two (2) weeks of the official start of the season. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility for participation unless a waiver is granted.

Exceptions to this policy may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Principal or Athletic Director.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETIC TEAM WITHDRAWAL

Student-athletes/team members who choose to quit, resign from, or withdraw from a team will be granted a twenty-four (24) hour reconsideration period beginning at the time they notify the coach or athletic director of their decision.

During this 24-hour period, the student-athlete may reconsider their decision and request to remain on the team without penalty, subject to approval by the Athletic Director and Head Coach.

Once the 24-hour reconsideration period has expired, the student's decision to leave the team becomes final. The student-athlete will not be permitted to rejoin the team for the remainder of that season.

DUAL-SPORTS/ACTIVITIES POLICY

KSD seeks to provide quality athletic/extracurricular opportunities for our student-athletes/team members. Some students have talents and abilities that they wish to contribute to more than one team in a particular season, benefiting both teams. Additionally, participation in multiple sports/activities can help bolster teams with low numbers.

Student-athletes/team members should carefully consider the time commitment and schedule of each sport to avoid conflicts that could negatively impact themselves or others. Students are allowed to participate in two or more different sports/activities during the same season.

If any academic concerns arise during the sport season, the athletic director/principal may cancel the dual participation request, limiting the student-athlete/team member to one sport/activity.

PLAYING TIME

Kansas School for the Deaf Athletics is divided into three separate categories according to their nature. Those categories are listed below:

Developmental

Elementary school are developmental. Coaches allow each athlete an opportunity to play in every game as young athletes need the opportunity to develop.

Competitive/Developmental

Middle School/ Junior Varsity level sports are competitive and developmental. Coaches do their best to make sure each athlete receives some playing time; however, the amount of time is completely at their discretion and/or those who meet or exceed coach's expectations (commitment, dedication, loyalty, sportsmanship, etc.).

Competitive

Varsity level sports are competitive. Teams have the opportunity to win league, tournament, and/or national title. Playing time is awarded to students with a higher skill level and/or those who meet or exceed coach's expectations (commitment, dedication, loyalty, sportsmanship, etc.).

There are times when athletes may not get playing time.

(Unexcused absences and/or any kind of team rule violation will result in a loss of participation time)

ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONS

Grade screens are conducted on a weekly basis. Each Tuesday morning, student grades are screened to determine placement in the following zones. Students begin placement in zones on Tuesdays and remain placed in zones until the following Monday.

Green Zone

The Green Zone is for students who have Cs and above in all classes. Students do not need academic tutoring but may always opt to ask for tutoring if they wish.

Yellow Zone

The Yellow Zone is for students who have a D grade in no more than two classes. Academic tutoring is recommended, but not required, for these students.

Orange Zone

The Orange Zone is for students who have more than two D grades, no more than one F grade, or a combination of both. Tutoring will be required of students, but it is the student's responsibility to seek tutoring help from teachers. If a student remains in the Orange Zone for more than a week, a BEST Team referral will be made, and they will be moved to the Red Zone.

Red Zone

The Red Zone is for students who have two or more F grades. BEST Team referrals will be made, and students will be suspended from extracurricular activities. This includes athletics, student body council, competitions, clubs, teams, and organizations.

Tutoring is provided after school and during special activity periods. Teachers will provide support to students struggling with courses or academic concepts and assignments. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Students in the Orange and Red Zones are required to see their teacher(s) for assistance.

APR Status

A student placed on the APR list during a semester will automatically start the following semester with a clean slate.

Extracurricular Ineligibility

Any student who fails three or more unweighted subjects (or their equivalent) in a single semester will be barred from participating in extracurricular activities (including athletics, clubs, teams, and organizations) during the subsequent semester.

SEMESTER ELIGIBILITY

Any student that fails three or more subjects of unit weight, or its equivalent, for a semester will be ineligible to participate in athletics, participate in after-school activities, and/or be an officer for any organizations during the following semester.

Whenever the progress report is available, the school office will send the Athletic Director a list of ineligible student-athletes/team members. The Athletic Director will then share the information with all coaches.

EARLY DEPARTURE FROM CLASS

Student/athlete/team members are responsible for making arrangements with teachers to make up class work and assignments. They are not to use athletic events as an excuse for not completing assignments or not doing quality work.

SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

Students who are suspended from school (OSS) are ineligible during their suspension. Students who serve In-School Suspension (ISS) can practice with the team after school, but **cannot** participate in competitions. Students who serve In-Dorm Suspension (IDS) cannot practice with the team after school or participate in competitions. A coach may give an athlete with habitual incidents of disciplinary problems, a consequence.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

Athletic equipment and uniforms are loaned to team members and signed out at the start of the season. Athletic equipment and uniforms are to be worn only during practice sessions and interscholastic contests, or by permission of Athletics Department personnel. Varsity level teams may wear uniform tops or game jerseys during school on certain game days only if approved by the Athletic Director. Uniforms must be worn appropriately.

All student-athletes/team members will be required to return uniforms and gear to their coaches right after the season is finished. Theft, loss, or damage from abuse of any equipment, gear, or uniform is the student-athlete/team member's financial obligation. If gear and/or uniform is not returned, replaced, or paid for, the letter award shall not be awarded, nor will any gear or uniform be issued for the next sport.

LOCKER ROOM AND FACILITIES

It is the student-athlete/team members' responsibility to take good care of the locker room and facilities and to respect their own and other student-athlete/team members' belongings. Graffiti in the locker is not permitted. Horse playing and throwing towels or other objects is not allowed in the locker room. Equipment, gear, and uniforms **must be removed** from the lockers at the conclusion of each sports season. Items left behind will be disposed of.

Kansas School for the Deaf is not responsible for any missing valuables, money, or personal stuff. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you put your valuable things, money or personal stuff in the locker with a combination lock. Student-athletes are responsible to bring their own combination lock.

MEDICAL RELEASE TO PLAY AGAIN

All injuries that occur while participating in athletics should be reported to the Athletic Director. If a student-athlete is evaluated or treated by a doctor for any illness or injury, a written doctor's release is required before the student-athlete may return to practice or participate in any athletic contests.

MEDICATIONS/ EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:

If your child has plans to participate in after-school or weekend activities, parents/Guardians are responsible for arranging medication drop-off at least 48 hours in advance. Medication can only be released to a school nurse.

Emergency Medical Services- including but not limited to an ambulance, urgent care, and emergency room - will be used in emergency situations as determined by staff. The child's parent or guardian are responsible for the expense of these services. An out of town parent or guardian will be advised of a medical emergency as soon as possible by the school nurses, the school superintendent or other designated person. In the event that a student's length of stay extends beyond the team's expected departure—due to illness, injury, or other circumstances—the out-of-town parent or guardian will be responsible for arranging and providing transportation for their child. The school will assist in coordinating communication, but final transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation **TO** away competitions is provided by the school. Student-athletes are expected to ride to and from the event on school-provided transportation. However, under special circumstances, exceptions may be made to allow student-athletes to be transported **FROM** the event by their parents/guardians or other specified adult. If a student-athlete/team member wants to ride with another adult/parent after the game, a written note from the student-athlete's parents is required. If a student-athlete/team member joins their parent(s) right after the game, verbal communication between coach and parent is required prior to the student-athlete leaving the event.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY WAIVER, RELEASE AND PERMISSION FORM

Our athletic/extracurricular program provides lodging, supervision, and travel accommodations for student-athletes/team members during out-of-town and on-campus athletic events. Your decision to have your child not stay with the team or in school-provided housing requires acknowledgment that you, as the parent/guardian, assume full responsibility for your child's care, supervision, and well-being for the duration of the trip or athletic event.

STAYING IN THE DORM

It is considered a privilege for day students to stay at the dorm for various reasons. All day students are expected to be at their best behavior at all times.

Communication: If a day student is to be picked up by the parent at a different location other than the dorm, communication must occur by parent or student-athlete/team member to the dorm staff.

Staying at the dorm (overnight): A day student can stay at the dorm for only two reasons: an early departure and/or late arrival. If you feel that your child needs to stay at the dorm overnight for one or both reasons aforementioned, please fill out "Day Student Permission for Student-Athletes" form, signed by the parent/guardian. It needs to be submitted to the Athletic Director or Dean of Student Life one week in advance. You will be contacted by the Dean of Student Life once approved.

BULLYING

KSD will not tolerate the harassment of others, whether the harassment is physical, sexual, verbal, or through the use of electronic devices. This section prohibits bullying on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation, or at any official school bus stop, through the use of the school's internet system while on or off campus, through the use of personal digital device on campus, or off-campus activities that cause or threaten to cause a substantial disruption at school.

HAZING

Abusive and/or humiliating behavior against another individual is contradictory to the KSD's major rules and will not be tolerated. It's also contrary to what teamwork is all about. Therefore, hazing in any form either mental or physical, will not be tolerated. No athlete, regardless of age or grade level, should be "initiated" or be asked to earn his or her sport on the team by submitting ridicule from other members of the team. It is the duty of the entire team to discourage this behavior. Any inappropriate behavior of which the coaches are made aware will be handed over to the athletic director to be handled as a disciplinary matter.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/HARRASSMENT

KSD provides a working and learning environment free of sexual harassment/harrassment of any kind. All complaints of sexual harassment/harrassment will be investigated promptly and fairly. any student-athlete who has a complain of sexual harassment/harrassment should report this immediately to the Athletic Director. Student-athlete are assured they will be free from any and all reprisal or retaliation for filing a complaint of sexual harassment/harrassment.

TOBACCO/VAPING

The athletic department and coaches do not support student-athletes smoking. If any student-athletes are found using tobacco, including smokeless tobacco and/or vape, disciplinary action will be taken, designated and decided upon by the athletic director.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Students participating in athletics and/or KSHSAA activities will not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, or substances that are dangerous to a student's health. Because the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and tobacco is detrimental to the health and welfare of any student and because the use of alcohol and illegal drugs and the purchase of tobacco is illegal for adolescents in the state of Kansas. Kansas School for the Deaf administrators, coaches and activity sponsors believe that the use or possession of the above substances is unacceptable.

The use, distribution or possession of tobacco (including electronic cigarettes and vaping devices), illegal drugs and alcohol, on or off school property, will be considered a violation of published policy during the time the student is a member of Kansas School for the Deaf athletic team and/or KSHSAA-sponsored activity.

Violation of this regulation may be reported by a school district administrator, a staff member from the student's school, the police, or upon verification by the parents of the accused student and/or admission of the student athlete or co-curricular student.

First Offense:

After confirmation by school officials of the first violation, the student will be placed on initial

probation from their athletic team or after school activities.

- For athletics, the period of initial probation shall be for not less than 14 calendar days. The student will not be allowed to compete within the 14-day probation period and will be required to miss a minimum of one competition. However, the student may be allowed to attend practice sessions with the approval by the coach and school administration.

Second Offense:

After confirmation by school officials of a second violation (less than 365 days of the first offense for the student regardless of activity/season), the student will be placed on a final probation from their athletic team, after school activities.

The period of final probation shall be for not less than 28 calendar days. The student will not be allowed to compete within the 28-day probation period and will be required to miss a minimum of 3 competitions. The student will also be required to attend a substance abuse program. However, if the student shows proof of enrollment and attendance in an approved substance abuse program, the student may be allowed to attend practice sessions or meetings with approval by the sponsor and school administration.

Third Offense:

After confirmation of a third violation by school officials, the student shall be suspended from all of their athletic or after school activities for 365 days. Prior to participation in any athletic or after school activities the subsequent year, the student will also be required to enroll in an intervention program for substance abuse, which is approved by the school administration. The student will be required to show proof of participation in the substance abuse program.

WEIGHT ROOM

Student-athletes/team members may train only with the supervision of an instructor, coach, or Athletics Department personnel. All team members must wear proper attire and work with a partner. There will be no loitering, improper conduct, horseplay, and equipment abuse during the workouts. The list of rules of the Strength Room that is posted on the wall must be followed.

CLOSED PRACTICE POLICY

Practices, which are considered as valuable instructional time, are closed to all parties with the exception of coaches, players, athletic director, administrators and invited or previously approved guests. Guests must receive permission from the coach or athletic director well in advance (preferably 24 hours in advance). Guests are expected to refrain from disrupting practice (instructional) sessions in any way, including conversing with the coach or players.

ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACCOMODATIONS

All students at Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Within the IEP, there is a section that discusses participation in extracurricular activities. This section describes the student's participation in non-academic and extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports, etc. and the

opportunity to participate in field trips, assemblies, special events, etc. This is discussed and agreed upon within the IEP process by the IEP team.

COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATION

A student-athlete/team member is expected to stay on that team until the season is finished. On occasion, however, a student-athlete/team member may find it necessary to drop a sport for a good reason. The following procedure must be followed:

1. Discuss issues with your coach and get approval before you leave the sport.
2. Coach will report your situation to the Athletic Director or Principal.
3. Coaches shall notify the student-athlete/team member's parents.
4. Return all gear and uniforms issued to you. If the student-athlete/team member doesn't follow these steps, they will lose their privileges of joining any sport the following season.

PROCEDURES FOR DISMISSAL FROM A TEAM

An athlete/team member who has been removed from or quits a team will not be permitted to participate in any other sport until the sport season is complete.

1. A formal meeting with the coaching staff to discuss the reasons for potential dismissal.
2. A formal meeting with the athletic director to discuss the reasons for potential dismissal, including communication with parents and the Student Life/Principal.
3. Contact the player's parent(s) for a meeting regarding the reason for the dismissal.
4. The Athletic Director will inform the dorm and school administrators of the player's dismissal.
5. Return all gear and uniforms issued to you. If the student-athlete/team member doesn't follow these steps, they will lose their privileges of joining any sport the following season.

COMMUNICATION

Communication from all parties is an essential component of a successful team and program.

Coaches should expect our student-athletes/team members to:

- Discuss any concerns or issues they may have regarding the team, playing time, or their role on the team. It is important to encourage student-athletes to speak for themselves and learn how to address concerns involving the team or coach appropriately.
- Notify coaches of any potential conflicts at the beginning of the season. Coaches and student-athletes/team members are encouraged to address and resolve these issues as early as possible.
- Speak with a Secondary Principal, Dean of Student Life or Athletic Director, if a meeting with a coach does not resolve the concern to the student-athlete/team member's satisfaction.

Parents are expected to do the following:

- We recognize that there is a lot of emotion involved in athletics and in parenting. Some of the student-athlete/ team member's most rewarding experiences will be experienced on the KSD Athletic fields. It is also important to recognize that there will also be times

when things do not go the way guardians or student-athletes/team members wish. At these times, discussion with a coach is encouraged.

- Encourage the student-athlete to communicate directly with the coaching staff if he or she has concerns or issues before getting involved. It is the student-athlete's responsibility to speak for himself or herself first. This is an important learning experience for our student-athletes and we would prefer not to have parents/guardians taking care of issues before their children have spoken with the coach.
- If parents/guardians believe further involvement is necessary after the student-athlete/team member has addressed the issue with the coach, they must communicate directly with the head coach to discuss their concerns. Concerns should be addressed during a private conference and should never be discussed publicly or directly before, during, or after a contest or practice. Parents/guardians may email the head coach to request an appointment.

PARENT/COACH COMMUNICATION GUIDE

This guide is intended to foster good communications between parents and coaches, and to help parents understand the channels available to them to discuss athletic issues concerning their students.

Communication to expect from Coaches

- Expectations
- Location & Times (Practices)
- Requirements
- Discipline

Communication Coaches Expect from Parents

- Illness/ Injury
- Concerns
- Notification of schedule conflicts well in advance

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss with Coaches

- Treatment of your child mentally & physically
- Ways to help your child improve
- Your child's behavior

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches

- Playing time
- Team strategy
- Play calling and game strategy
- Other student-athletes

Procedures to Use Discussing Concerns with a Coach

When you desire to discuss a concern or question with the coach, please be sensitive to that coach's responsibilities. Follow these simple procedures to arrange a conference.

- Email to set up an appointment.

- If you cannot reach the coach, contact Athletic Director to request a meeting to be arranged.

(Please do not confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. The coach has responsibilities to the entire team at these times. In addition, these times may often be emotional for coaches, athletes and parents, and therefore are rarely conducive to the positive resolution of concerns)

The Next Step

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

- Email and set up an appointment with the Athletic Director to discuss the situation further for yourself, your child, the coach and the Athletic Director.

At this meeting, further appropriate steps can be discussed and determined.

ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO HANDBOOK

The **Superintendent, Dean of Student Life, and Athletic Director** reserve the right to amend any portion of this handbook as deemed necessary.

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