

LMS Athletic Policy

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LMS student athletes have a responsibility to maintain academics and serve as positive leaders of Liberty Middle School. It is our goal to provide an athletic environment that contributes to the positive growth and development of our students. If a situation arises that is not in accordance to what is expected from our student athletes, we will follow the school and team discipline policies. As part of our policy, we want to emphasize the importance of being a part of a team and the responsibilities that goes with that privilege.

The player's commitment and accountability to our athletics program is crucial to maintaining our high standards in the classroom and on the field or court. This type of commitment emphasizes the self-discipline principles necessary for success, not only for sports, but for school, relationships, and life. With that being said, we cannot stress enough the importance for players to be present for school and practice. Please make every effort possible to ensure that your student is present during school hours and for practices.

Below are the specifics regarding expectations of our student athletes along with the policies and procedures for those expectations. Please make sure that you and your student become familiar with these guidelines prior to the start of the season.

Academics:

1. Student Athletes are required to maintain a minimum average of a 70 (C) in each class.
2. If a player's class average falls below a 70 they are required to make every effort to make up missing assignments or get additional support from that teacher in order to avoid team suspension.
3. If a student is unable to meet academic requirements they will be in danger of becoming ineligible due to academics.
4. In addition, coaches will be able to administer disciplinary measures at their discretion for students not maintaining academic expectations.

Attendance (Practice):

1. Player must be at practice for the entire duration.
2. If practice is held immediately following the school day, student athletes must report to their designated area immediately following dismissal. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. In addition, the student athlete must report to practice on time and have timely pick up arrangements following the conclusion of practice.
3. Excused Absence = missed practice(s)/absence(s) that have been approved by coaching staff.
4. Unexcused Absence = player misses a practice and has not given notice or gained approval to miss prior to practice starting.
5. In the event of 3 unexcused or 5 excused absences from practice, coaches can dismiss the player from team.
6. Excused and unexcused absences from practices will be required to be made up at the coaches' discretion.

Behavior:

1. School rules apply at all times while a member of an LMS athletic team.
2. Inappropriate language, attitude, or behavior will be handled in accordance to district policy in addition to disciplinary action deemed necessary by the coach.
3. Players are responsible for maintaining the athletic equipment issued to them, having the necessary equipment at each practice, and supervising their personal lockers.

School Discipline:

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1. Students who receive a referral that results in detention, ISS, OSS are subject to additional consequences with regards to athletic eligibility.
2. Detentions/ISS:
 - a. 1st offense = coach notification and additional disciplinary action as coach deems necessary.
 - b. 2nd offense = 1 game suspension.
 - c. 3rd offense = 2 game suspension with possibility of dismissal from team
3. OSS:
 - a. Student is prohibited from entering district property and functions during the duration of the mandated OSS
 - b. If the suspension date does not fall on a game day then student is ineligible to participate in the next competition date.
 - c. 2nd OSS will result in dismissal from team

Texting and Social Media:

1. Student athletes are encouraged to limit what personal and team information they share on the internet such as location and travel itineraries.
2. Team members may not send or post any content that is unsportsmanlike, derogatory, demeaning, or threatening toward any other individual, teammate, coach, faculty member, or entity (i.e. bullying and name calling, fighting, academic dishonesty, underage drinking, illegal drug use, nudity).
3. Consequence: A first offense will result in a game suspension; any further offenses will result in dismissal from the team.

I have received and reviewed the LMS Falcon athletic policies and procedures with my student athlete and agree to abide by these policies:

Parent or Guardian's Name (Print): _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Player's Name (Print): _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Parent/Guardian(s) Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____