

Parsippany Troy Hills School District

Middle School Athletics- Code of Conduct

Academics: Coaches will monitor the academic progress of their athletes in season. Extra academic help for athletes in need will take precedence over participation in practices and/or games.

Attendance at School: Any athlete that is absent from school may not practice or participate in a game on that day. An athlete will be considered absent from school if they sign in to school after 12:00 p.m. or sign out of school before 12:00 p.m. If there are extenuating circumstances, permission must be granted by building administration, and the coach must be notified in advance.

Commitment to the School Team: Once selected to play on the school team, the athlete's primary commitment is to practice and/or play in games for the school team. Athletes must attend all games for their team unless excused by their coach, or prohibited by another section of this code. Practice is an integral and necessary part of participation on the school team. Therefore, all athletes are expected to participate in all scheduled practices with their team and coach, or they may lose their privilege of participation in games.

Discipline: All members of athletic teams at BMS/CMS are expected to display acceptable behavior at all times. An athlete that receives a teacher or office detention is responsible for notifying the coach in advance of the day it will be served and will serve that detention before reporting to a practice or a game on that given day. An athlete that is suspended from school or receives In-School Suspension cannot practice or participate in a game on that day. Additional disciplinary action may be taken at the discretion of the coach.

Participation in Physical Education Class: Any athlete that is medically excused by a parent, nurse, or doctor cannot participate in school team practices or games until cleared by that parent, nurse, or doctor. Furthermore, any athlete that fails to participate in Physical Education class cannot participate that day in the school team practice or game.

Sportsmanship: It is expected that all members of BMS/CMS athletics teams will display good sportsmanship at all times. Any display of poor sportsmanship toward fellow team members, opposing team members, coaches, or officials may result in suspension from the team or other disciplinary action, to be discretion of the coach.

Substance Abuse: Any student involved in an extracurricular activity, including athletics, who is involved in the sale, consumption, or distribution of illegal drugs/alcohol will be dismissed from that activity. This penalty is in addition to the Board of Education policy governing substance abuse. The student may appeal to the principal within five days of such dismissal. The student may also appeal to the principal and an appointed committee for the right to participate in future activities.

Transportation: Every member of the team is expected to take the bus to and from games. A parent may take their child home from a game, but not any other child unless they have a note from that child's parent to the coach. After practice a student may take the 4:00 late bus. If a practice ends later than 4:00 the players are expected to get their own ride home.