

Centennial Middle School Athletics Handbook

Research has shown that athletics participation is associated with higher GPAs, lower dropout rates and stronger commitments to school compared to the non-athlete student. Because of this, we encourage every student to participate. The sports that we offer to all 7-8 grade students include the following:

Fall	Winter	Spring
*Cross Country (Sept./Oct.)	Boys Basketball (Oct./Dec.)	Track (April/May)
Football (Sept./Oct.)	Girls Basketball (Dec./Feb.)	
Volleyball (Sept./Oct.)	*Wrestling (Feb./Mar.)	

*6th grade students can participate in Cross Country and Wrestling.

The philosophy and goals of Centennial Middle School Athletics Program are:

Philosophy

The philosophy of Centennial Middle School Athletic Program is based on the belief that at this level the primary objectives will be skill development and participation. We have a no cut policy, because of this, all players that meet the eligibility requirements (see eligibility, academic eligibility, and attendance below) will participate.

Goals

- **Personal Growth**
Each student athlete will realize a continuing maturity and perfection in his/her personal virtues, character traits, attitudes and habits. Each athlete should work hard, stay positive, and achieve. If this happens, we are all winners. We want everyone to mature and become better people through learning self-discipline, cooperation, integrity, hard work, and teamwork.
- **Academic Growth**
Each student athlete would realize academic success by aiming high, show constant improvement, and being placed on the honor role.
- **Athletic Growth**
Each student athlete should reach his/her greatest athletic potential, and by doing so, he/she would not only contribute to his/her own success as a middle school athlete, but to the overall success of the **team**.

“Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while reputation is merely what others think you are.”

-John Wooden

Eligibility

A student must meet the following conditions to be eligible to participate.

- Prior to practicing, the following must be on file in the front office:
 - Physical Form
 - Consent to Treat Form
 - Insurance Form
 - Training Code
 - Athletic Handbook Signature Page
 - Use of Equipment Signature Page
 - Paid sports fee

Academic Eligibility

- A student may not be failing more than one class and no more than one D in their other classes at the time of eligibility check.
 - Eligibility will be pulled every Thursday afternoon at 3:35.
 - Students will be notified on Friday if they are not eligible to participate in games the following week.
 - Ineligible students are expected to participate in practice, attend Wednesday Study Hall, and sit with the team during home games.
 - Ineligible students will not travel!

Absences

- If a player is going to miss practice, it is their responsibility to make sure that the head coach knows in advance.
- A player may be removed from the team for two unexcused absences or at the very least have playing time reduced.
- Students must attend the last half of the school day to participate for that day's competition or practice.
- If a student is truant for any period that day he/she will not participate in that day's competition or practice.
- If a student is going to miss class because of activities they need to collect work before they leave and make it up in a timely fashion.

Transportation

- Students will ride the bus with the team to all away games.
- Parents can take their own child home from events by signing out with the coach.
- Students will not go home with anyone other than the custodial parent without clearing it with the coach and Athletic Director in advance. A permission note signed by the parent prior to leaving for the event will be required.

Uniforms

- In the event, that the uniform or equipment checked out to the student is lost, stolen, destroyed, damaged, or not returned, the athlete will be responsible for paying for that uniform or equipment.

Citizenship

- Each student/athlete will be expected to follow the citizenship code of Centennial Middle School and the policies of the MCSD RE-1J Athletic Handbook

Cost

Football is \$80.00, which includes \$25.00 helmet reconditioning fee plus a \$5 travel fee for the Parachute game. All other sports are \$50.00, with an additional once-a-year Athletic Locker Fee of \$5.00.

\$2.00 admission charge to football games

Admission to Football, Volleyball, and Basketball non-tournament games:

\$2.00 Adults

\$1.00 Students and Seniors

\$6.00 max per Family

Admission to Volleyball and Basketball tournament and game days:

\$3.00 Adults

\$2.00 Students and Seniors

\$10.00 max per Family

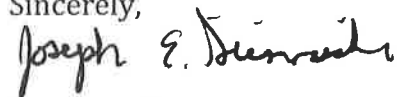
Admission to Wrestling:

\$6.00 Adults

\$3.00 Students and Seniors

\$15.00 max per Family

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Siennicki

Centennial Middle Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

PLEASE READ THE CENTENNIAL ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AND SIGN

Parent/Athlete Acknowledgement Form

Please sign and return to the main office.

I, _____, parent
of, _____ an athlete at Centennial Middle
School has received and read the Centennial Middle School Athletics Handbook. I
hereby agree to follow the guidelines of the handbook. I also realize that some
situations may occur that are not specifically covered in the handbook. If this occurs
we realize the coaching staff will handle the situation as well as possible, according
to what is best for the team, goals, and philosophies of the athletic program.

Printed Name of Athlete _____

Signature of Athlete _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____