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# Public Schools of CLK Athletic Policies



## Home of the Calumet Copper Kings

Proudly offering Basketball, Co-Op Bowling, Cheer/Dance, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Hockey, Softball, Co-Op Swimming, Track, and Volleyball

## **ATHLETIC PROGRAM GOALS**

It is the goal of the athletic program to give as many students as possible the opportunity to participate in interscholastic sports; however, there may be a need to limit team sizes in some sports due either to state regulation or the need to maintain a manageable number of participants. In these cases, the coaches involved will make a sincere effort to give every interested student a fair try-out to make the team. Team selections will be based solely on the individual's abilities in that sport. Membership on a team does not guarantee participation in every competition.

The interscholastic athletic program shall:

- afford all students the opportunity to improve physical fitness through strenuous activities that are planned and supervised
- provide a controlled environment within which athletes will learn the significance of rules and regulations and to respect those who enforce them
- develop in athletes the high ideals of sportsmanship including fair play, poise and humility, pride and compassion in victory and defeat
- develop courage through challenge of competition
- emphasize teamwork, team identity, and the role of each participant as a team member
- teach athletes to strive to win utilizing strength and skill developed through rigorous self-discipline
- cause participants to develop self-awareness by helping them strive to reach their physical and mental limits
- teach participants to set goals and subsequently work to achieve them
- foster an appreciation of the role sports may play in enhancing the quality of life

## **ATHLETIC CODE AND CONSENT**

Athletes and their parents/guardians both must sign the "Consent & Athletic Code Acknowledgement" form indicating that they have read and understand the athletic policies, and will abide by and support them. In addition, athletes and their parents/guardians both must sign the concussion information sheet. These forms must be on file in the Athletic Director's office before the athlete is permitted to compete. The athletic policy is available on-line on the CLK District Web Site.

## **GENERAL CONDUCT**

An athlete whose attitude or actions in school, out of school, or while participating in athletics (in the school's judgment) is detrimental to the philosophy of the athletic program will be subject to the same disciplinary action as for the athletic rules (see below). When an athlete is suspended for disciplinary reasons that require a board hearing for reinstatement, the athlete will automatically be suspended from sports until the matter is resolved. If an athlete is suspended from school, the athlete will not participate or practice in sports until he is reinstated.

## **ATHLETIC AWARDS**

Because of the difference of one sport to another, the requirements and/or criteria for awarding athletic awards vary. The head coach of each individual sport should inform the athletes of the letter requirements. Senior athletic awards are presented only to those seniors who participate and letter in their senior year.

## **BANQUETS**

Calumet High School provides an athletic awards night after each sport. All athletes and their parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

## **BOOSTER CLUB**

The Calumet All Sports Booster Club is composed of community members that provide financial assistance to Calumet Athletics. Monthly meetings are scheduled to conduct Booster Club business. Parents/guardians are encouraged to join the Booster Club.

## **CANCELATION OF SPORTING EVENTS**

When school is canceled due to weather or other causes, decisions about athletic contests and/or practices will be made on a case by case basis.

## **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

All student/athletes who decide to participate in a sport must begin practicing with the team before the start of the first regular season contest. If an athlete reports later than the first regular scheduled team practice, they must practice a minimum of two weeks before entering into any interscholastic competition. The Principal, Assistant Principal, or Athletic Director must approve any exceptions to this rule. (Examples are: Medical reasons or transfer students)

An athlete who decides to switch a sport must do so before the first interscholastic contest or he/she will not be able to participate in another sport until the sport dropped completes its season. An athlete who quits or is dropped from a team automatically forfeits all athletic awards and honors for that sport.

## **TRANSFERS**

Student/Athletes who transfer in to, or out of the school district, or enroll under "schools of choice" are subject to all applicable MHSAA regulations regarding transfers.

## **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

Previous Semester Record: No student shall compete in any athletic contest during any semester who has not successfully completed twenty-five (25) credit hours of work for the last semester during which he or she shall have been enrolled in grades nine through twelve. Transfer students shall have met the academic eligibility standards of the school in which they had been enrolled during the previous semester.

According to the MHSAA regulation Section 7 (C), "deficiencies of the previous semester (not current semester), including incompletes, conditions, and failures from a previous semester may be made up during a subsequent semester, summer session, night school, by correspondence, on-line or by tutoring, as long as a school's policies are applied equally to all student athletes without regard to athletic performance or potential. Eligibility may be reinstated during the next semester when the school accepts the credit."

Current Semester Record: No student shall participate in any athletic contest or event who does not have a passing grade from the beginning of the semester to the Friday preceding the contest or event, in studies aggregating at least twenty-five (25) credit hours per week. An academic eligibility check will be conducted on a weekly basis. Ineligible athletes will not participate in athletics from Monday morning through Sunday evening of the week following the eligibility check.

## **AGE**

All athletes must be under nineteen years of age at time of contest unless their nineteenth birthday occurs on or after September 1 of the current school year, in which case the student is eligible for the balance of that school year in all sports. Students with special medical circumstances may petition the MHSAA for waiver of the maximum age rule.

## **EQUIPMENT**

In all cases, athletes will be provided quality equipment and uniforms. Each athlete is responsible for his/her equipment and uniforms. Athletes are financially responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged equipment and uniforms.

## **INSURANCE**

Insurance obligations are the sole responsibility of the athlete and his/her parents/guardians.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

All athletes must have a physical exam card on file in the Athletic Director's office before he/she may practice or participate in a sport. One physical exam per year is required. Physicals must be completed after April 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be valid for the following school year. The physical card must be completely filled out and signed by the parent/guardian of the athlete. If an athlete is injured during the season, a medical release may be required before the athlete continues to participate.

## **SCHOOL DAY EXCUSE**

Athletes will be excused from class if it is necessary to leave for an athletic contest during the school day. The athlete must make arrangements for make-up work with the teachers for classes he/she will miss ahead of time. In order to practice or compete in athletics, athletes must be in attendance during the school day. The Principal, Assistant Principal, or Athletic Director must approve any exceptions to this rule.

## **LATE RETURN FROM A GAME**

All student athletes need to attend school the next day for the beginning of the day, regardless of the time they arrive home from an athletic event.

## **SEASONS OF COMPETITION**

Athletes are allowed to participate in one (1) interscholastic sport per athletic season. The maximum number of sports an athlete may participate in, in a school year, is three (3). (One in the fall, winter and spring.)

An athlete may not have more than four (4) first and four (4) second semester seasons of competition. According to MHSAA regulations (Sec. 5, #30), if a student who is enrolled in grades nine through twelve is ruled ineligible for any reason for one or more semesters, those semesters count as semesters of competition.

## **SEMESTERS OF ENROLLMENT**

Student athletes must not have been enrolled for more than eight semesters in grades nine through twelve inclusive.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

The practice of athletes riding home with parents/guardians from games is discouraged. If parents/guardians insist that the student ride home with them, they should present a note to the coach and personally receive the athlete from the coach. An athlete is never to come home with anyone other than his/her parents/guardians unless special permission has been granted.

## **BUS DROP OFF PROCEDURE**


Students will not be dropped off door to door. Parents/guardians will need to pick up their child at the school, football field, or Colosseum upon return from athletic contests.

## **ATHLETIC RULES**

The Athletic Code is in effect year round from the time of your first participation in high school athletics.

## **ATHLETIC SUSPENSIONS**

Students shall not possess, use, sell, distribute or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or illicit drugs, including performance enhancing compounds and drugs. Violations may be reported by the following: All coaches, advisors, teachers and administrators of CLK Schools and by law enforcement officers and parents/guardians of athletes involved. Upon knowledge of a violation, a statement as to the date and place of violation will be completed and given to the athletic director and/or principal. The student will be informed of the violation, penalty, policy and hearing procedures. The penalty for violating this regulation will include a suspension from participating in athletics. This suspension will be calculated as follows:

Sport	Regular season scheduled contests	1 <sup>st</sup> offense 10% of regular season contests	2 <sup>nd</sup> offense 25% of regular season contests	3 <sup>rd</sup> offense
Boys & Girls Varsity Basketball	20	10% x 20 = 2 games	25% x 20 = 5 games	<b>Suspension from all athletics for one calendar year from the date of the third offense</b>  
Boys & Girls Cross Country	9	10% x 9 = .9 = 1 meet	25% x 9 = 2.25 = 2 meets	
Football	9	10% x 9 = .9 = 1 game	25% x 9 = 2.25 = 2 games	
Golf	7	10% x 7 = .7 = 1 game	25% x 7 = 1.75 = 2 games	
Hockey	25	10% x 25 = 2.5 = 3 games	25% x 25 = 6 games	
Boys & Girls Track	8	10% x 8 = .8 = 1 meet	25% x 8 = 2 meets	
Volleyball		10% of scheduled matches	25% of scheduled matches	
Swimming		10% of scheduled meets	25% of scheduled meets	
Cheer/Dance	Fall 9 Winter 24	10% of scheduled games	25% of scheduled games	

Formulas will be applied in the same manner to junior varsity, freshman and junior high teams. Percentages will be rounded off to the nearest whole number. Example: 1.4 or below will constitute a one game penalty; 1.5 or above would constitute a two game penalty. Game suspensions carry into the next sport season or the next year if the violation occurs in a spring sport.

If an athlete participates in a sport with the intention of satisfying their suspension obligation and then quits prior to the end of the season, the fulfillment of the suspension will be nullified. The position of team manager will not fulfill suspension obligations. In order for an athlete to fulfill suspension obligations by participating in an athletic season, that athlete must participate in all obligations including practices and interscholastic competitions.

Violations build from year to year. (Example: if a violation occurs in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and another in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, it will be considered the second violation). Each individual violation will be counted toward the suspension guidelines. (Example: use of tobacco is a first offense and then an athlete receives another violation for use of alcohol, which would be considered the second offense.)

If an athlete is participating in a sport at the time of an athletic violation, and the suspension is for less than the remainder of the season, the athlete must continue to practice in that sport. The athlete shall not suit up for scheduled contest(s) and will not sit on the bench with the team.

The principal, assistant principal, or athletic director will notify the student's parents/guardians and coaches of the rule infraction.

Penalties/punishments for any athletic violation will be in addition to any applicable school discipline.