

Cherryland Middle School Athletic Department

Athletic Philosophy

Our goal in the middle school is to teach our athletes the value of good sportsmanship, school representation, importance of team work, and to give their best each and every day in the classroom, in practice, and during competition.

Coaches at the middle school level do not “cut” students from a team. They may need to place players on two or three different teams due to the number of participating students, knowledge of the game, and/or skill level.

This is the time for athletes to learn to respect coaches, accept discipline and abide by team rules. Athletes will also be learning the fundamentals of the game and growing to the next level.

What is Important in Sports at Cherryland Middle School?

1. Sportsmanship
2. Learning fundamentals of a sport
3. Preparing for the next level of play
4. Players receiving similar playing time
5. Athletes giving their best at all times and having fun

Athletic Eligibility

In order to be eligible for participation:

1. Students must have at least a “D” grade in all classes. Grades are checked on Mondays and one week probation begins immediately for those athletes with a D- or E in any class; this is the warning week. The following Monday those athletes that again have a D- or E in any class (not just the same class as the previous week) are ineligible for competition for the entire week. Students are only allowed one warning per class per semester. They become eligible again if at grade checks the following Monday, their grades are all “D” or above. The athletic office communicates probation and ineligibility to coaches, staff, and on Mondays.

Please see the CMS Athletic Handbook for a more detailed explanation and other situations that may make you ineligible to participate in sports contests.

2. Students must not be suspended. Calendar days of suspension will cross sports’ schedules.
 - First Suspension: 30 calendar days of ineligibility
 - Second Suspension: 60 calendar days of ineligibility
 - Third Suspension: Student is no longer eligible for sports participation for the rest of the school year

I, _____, understand the Cherryland Middle School Athletic Philosophy and Athletic Eligibility Policy. I understand that I am responsible for understanding the contents of the CMS Athletic Handbook and that it is available in the office or online at the Cherryland Middle School website. I understand that my grades and behavior are my responsibility and not the responsibility of my parents, my teachers, or the administrators.

Athlete’s Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please fill out both sides of this form.