

**2021-2022 Student/Parent**

**Athletic Handbook**

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**Our Mission:**

To enhance the quality of life for our student athletes by creating a competitive setting that both challenges their Academic and Athletic capabilities, in which will provide a life experience like no other through their preparation of going and completing college.

**Our Vision:**

To provide equitable access and opportunities to participate in a well-rounded athletic program that will directly impact our communities, as part of the immersive exposure for our students and their families at IDEA Public Schools.

**Our Core Values:**

We will align our Athletic Program with the core values emphasized throughout our district by consistently emphasizing growth in their character and in their approach towards athletics by becoming stronger leaders in their communities.

* We Act with Integrity
* We Build Team and Family
* We Achieve Academic Excellence
* We Deliver Results
* We Ensure Equity
* We Bring Joy
* We Sweat the Small Stuff

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**IDEA ATHLETICS GOVERNANCE**

IDEA Public Schools are governed by the TCSAAL, UIL, LHSAA, & FHSAA for eligibility and discipline of

student athletes.

Resources

**Texas Charter School League -** [**https://texascharter.rsportz.com/**](https://texascharter.rsportz.com/)

**UIL League -** [**https://www.uiltexas.org/athletics**](https://www.uiltexas.org/athletics)

**Participation Required Forms for Athletes –**

[ DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS\_Official Participation Documents (1)21-22.docx](https://ideapublicschoolsorg-my.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/g/personal/kerry_villarreal_ideapublicschools_org/Ee7Ojj6GkRJNlGe15JI_90EBR8k7S2ior-dKBDkRADVCDQ?e=5RZ6xF)

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Student Athlete Requirements

**Requirements to Participate -** The following items must be turned in to the Athletic Coordinator **before** participating in any extracurricular athletic activity. (practice/games)

1. **Physical Examination** - **Student Athletes Documents (Physicals, Concussion, etc)**
* Must be complete to tryout
* Need to be renewed every year
* Applies to both MS & HS Athletes
* The physical form is available from the campus coaching staff and school clinic
* Only the most currently approved U.I.L. medical sports physical examinations forms are acceptable
* Club or organization forms will not be accepted.
1. **Athletic Department Forms Packet** - This packet includes the following 8 forms: **Student Athletes Documents (Physicals, Concussion, etc) (You will receive at the parent meeting)**
* Physical Exam form/medical history form
* Rules of Acknowledgement/Parent or Guardian permit
* parent/student illegal steroid use form
* Concussion acknowledgement form
* Sudden cardiac arrest awareness form
* District Student Random Drug testing form
* Student Emergency Info. Form
* Student Athlete and Parent Handbook
* District Athletic Coordinators and their staff can add any further documents as needed in their program
1. **Acknowledgement of IPSALC Athletic Handbook** - The student-athlete and the parent/guardian should sign the Handbook Acknowledgement sheet that verifies everyone agrees/understands the expectations set in the Athletic Handbook.
2. **Academic Eligibility** - A student in grades 9-12 may participate in extracurricular activities on or off campus at the beginning of the school year only if the student has earned the cumulative number of credits in state-approved courses:
	1. Beginning the ninth-grade year - must have been promoted from the eighth to the ninth.
	2. Beginning the tenth-grade year - must have at least five credits towards graduation.
	3. Beginning the eleventh-grade year - must have at least 10 credits toward graduation or during the preceding 12 months, he/she must have earned five credits.
	4. Beginning the twelfth-grade year - must have 15 credits toward graduation or during the preceding 12 months, he/she must have earned five credits.

IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 2021-2022 ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

POLICIES AND STANDARDS

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| **1** | District Wide Standards |
| 1. **All Compliance Requirements must be completed prior to tryouts (Coaches/Students)**
2. Coaches must have a Parent Meeting before the first game on the schedule
3. All Campuses must have a Sports Banquet
4. Eligibility must be enforced **– NO Pass, NO Play**
5. At the completion of their respective season – players return all uniforms to their coach
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| **2** | ELIGIBILITY |
| **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY**All student-athletes, whether in middle school or high school, are required to complete grade checks on designated IDEA Public Schools Eligibility Grade Check dates (On the HUB). All student-athletes will have grade checks at both the 9-week and 3-week check dates. This allows the student-athlete, coaches, and campus administrators to know their current academic standing.  |
| **General Eligibility Requirements:** |  |  **Report Card Check: LOSE / REGAIN ELIGIBILITY*** If passing ALL classes on Report Card – academically eligible all term until the next 9-week check
	+ If a student-athlete is **failing** a class on a designated 9-week IDEA grade check date, he/she will **not** be allowed to participate in athletic events until the grade is brought up to passing level (70% or higher) in ALL classes at the next designated 3-week grade check.
* **If failing** – academically ineligible for 3 weeks
	+ Said student-athlete is not allowed to play in interscholastic games.
	+ Said student-athlete will still be allowed to practice; however, after-school tutorials should take priority

**Progress Report Check: (REGAIN ELIGIBILITY ONLY)*** ALL athletes, regardless if passing at 9-week check, will complete the 3-week grade check.
* Players **cannot** lose eligibility due to progress reports.
* Was failing, now passing = regain eligibility
* Was passing, now failing = academically eligible to participate in athletics

**GUIDELINES FOR INELIGIBLE STUDENT-ATHLETES** * Student-athlete is expected to attend offered tutorials and/or seek extra help in particular subject.
* Student-athlete should attend all practices and games to support team unless attending tutorials or other requirement on established action plan.
* Student-athlete *is allowed* to practice with team.
* In-eligible student-athletes should never miss class for any athletic-related event.
* AC may implement Academic Eligibility Trackers to support ineligible student-athletes.
* **Any student-athlete who fails two consecutive 9-week (RC) grade check dates will be removed from athletics for the remainder of the season.**
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IDEA Public Schools - Athletics Expectations

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| 3 | **DRESS AND APPEARANCE** |
| **Student Athletes should be the role models/ambassadors for all IDEA Public Schools:*** Model the proper school uniform usage during school hours
* Maintain a neat appearance
* Athletic Uniforms should match/coordinate as a team
* No jewelry will be worn during practice/games

 **Coaches & Athletic Coordinators should also exemplify this level of professionalism:*** Minimum of business casual attire at an athletic contest/game
* School Polos/related apparel that is professional positively represents your campus well
* Professional shorts (ex: dri-fit golf like shorts) are acceptable for outdoor sports
* Jeans, t-shirts, cargo pants/shorts, sweats, warm-up suits, flip- flops, slides are NOT acceptable
* Hats are encouraged for outdoor sports only, unless otherwise approved
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| 4 | Expectations – Student Athletes Standards |
| 1. **Quitting** - If an athlete quits a sport, they cannot start the next sport until the one they quit is completely over. This means no practice or travelling with the team.
2. **Tobacco/Alcohol/Illegal Drugs** – any student athlete involved in such activities are at risk of adhering to TCSAAL & UIL violations, as well as any sanctions adhered by their individual campuses.
3. **Criminal/Cyber-Bullying –** Any illegal activity or cyber-bullying/social media misuse will not be tolerated, and student athletes will be at risk of removal from athletics or suspension.
4. **Hazing** – it’s against the law and will not be tolerated within the district(any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off school property directed against a student, by one person alone, or acting with others, that endangers the mental or physical health or the safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are to include other students.)
5. **History of Disciplinary Behavior** - Excessive Tardiness/Absences, ISS, DAEP placements, etc. may also affect the outcome of squad selection.
6. **Physical Aggression** towards another individual, either verbally or physically, could result in implementing the due process and accountability standards set in this handbook.
7. **Best Practices:**
* Oral Correction
* Counseling by coaches
* Home-visits by head coach
* Parent-coach conference with Athletic Director
* Behavioral contracts
* Withdrawal of privileges, such as participation
* Techniques or penalties identified by individual coach of sport
* Dismissal from team or program
* Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

o Depending on the severity of the infraction, players ejected are subject to further suspension for additional games as deemed appropriate by league administration. o Teams and fans committing persistent Unsportsmanlike Conduct infractions will be subject to forfeiture of the game result, as deemed appropriate by officials.* Teams not adhering to the League or District Handbook Guidelines that pose substantial risk to the safety of others, as determined by league or district administration, may have the remainder of their season forfeited.
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| **5** | IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PLAYER, COACH AND PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY PROTOCOLS |
| **Player’s Sportsmanship and Integrity Consequences***Failure to adhere to District Athletic Policy Handbook will result in:*

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| **1st Degree Violation** | One game suspension |
| **2nd Degree Violation** | Two games suspension |
| **3rd Degree Violation** | Dismissal from sports team in current season |

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| **Coach’s Sportsmanship and Integrity Consequences***Failure to adhere to District Athletic Policy Handbook will result in:*

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| **1st Degree Violation** | One game suspension |
| **2nd Degree Violation** | One-week suspension including practice and games |
| **3rd Degree Violation** | Suspension for the remainder of the season including practice and games |

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| **Program’s Sportsmanship and Integrity Consequences***Failure to adhere to District Athletic Policy Handbook will result in:*

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| **1st Degree Violation** | Forfeiture of game(s)\* |
| **2nd Degree Violation** | Forfeiture of season |
| **3rd Degree Violation** | One-year athletic probation for sport season/level\*\* |
| **4th Degree Violation** | One-year athletic probation for program\*\*\* |

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| **\*Includes any games involving players in question.****\*\* Sport Season/Level can participate in games but will not be a contender for District or TSCAAL titles for the following academic school year.****\*\*\*Program can participate in games but will not be a contender for District or TSCAAL titles in all levels and sports for the following academic school year.** |

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| **6** | Recommended Disciplinary Actions Steps |
| If a student athlete faces disciplinary action which could result in suspension or dismissal from an athletic team, the following due process will be utilized:1. The coach or staff member shall meet with the student and inform him/her of the reasons for the disciplinary action. Parents will be notified, and the student shall have the right to present his/her version of the situation
2. The parents shall be notified if the disciplinary action will lead to possible removal from the team and the reasons for the action.
3. If the student or parent wishes to appeal the action, he/she will meet with the coach, the Regional Athletic Manager, the Athletic Coordinator, or the staff member involved to help resolve the situation.

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IDEA Public Schools – Game Day Expectations

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| 7 | **Game Day Expectations – Host Campus** |
| 1. If you are going to have a cheer team/sprit club/band member present, they must be on the same side of the field/court as your team. (Same for visitors)
2. Music or school band performances can be played during pre-game, half-time, and time outs; **However, it will Not be permitted at any time the game is in live play.**
3. Special Events (Senior Night, Homecoming, etc. - Please inform opposing team ahead of time out of courtesy (should not be longer than 15-20 min)
4. **Only** students who are officially dressed in Team uniforms or Team Personnel can lead or participate in any activities on competitive surfaces prior to, during, or after the games.
5. Staff and Parents are both encouraged to manage their environments in a mature and positive way.
6. **Music from the stands/artificial noise makers are prohibited at athletic events**
7. **Highly suggest to seat Home & Visitors on opposite sides of either the gym or field**
8. **For safety reasons – no fans should be directly behind the goal, basketball rim, nor volleyball net**
9. Each IPS school has their **own** set of campus facility (gym/field) rules.
* Please Post these for spectators to see
* Please remind the spectators as needed
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| **9** | **Game Day Entry Fees** |
| **District or Non-District Games: Adults**: $3.00 & **Students** $1**.**00 (18 or younger) |
| **Playoff Games: Adults**: $5.00 and **Students** $3.00 (18 or younger) |
| **Individuals Exempt from Paying the Entry Fee:** | 1. **Support Teams (Cheerleaders, Dance, Drill, Spirit, Band Members)**: **Must be** **in Uniform** and/or with **Instrument**
2. **Coaches:** Head Coach; 2 assistances; 2 Manager; Bus Driver (Also, these are the only allotted persons on Team sidelines…due to limited space and safety concerns)
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| **Game Forfeits/Tardiness:** |
| * If a team arrives 20 minutes after the scheduled start time, the Host Athletic Director may rule it a forfeit.
* If a team arrives within 20 minutes of the scheduled start time, both the A.D. & Officials will agree upon a possible time change to ensure events conclude at the allocated timeframe. This will be communicated to the visiting team prior to the start of the game.

IF a team fails to show-up for a game without any prior communication, they will be referred to the Regional Athletic Manager & will take responsibility of all official fees. |

**General District Disclaimer:**

The IDEA Public Schools Athletic Handbook contains a general statement of the administrative regulations governing the overall athletic program.

Provisions of this Athletic Handbook may be expanded, modified, or revoked only by action of the Principals, Superintendent, or the Board of Education; and/or \*As per district preference within IDEA Public Schools.

If any of the provisions of this Athletic Handbook conflict with federal or state laws, and regulations, or Board policy, those provisions are superseded by applicable law or Board policy.

The provisions of this Athletic Handbook are severable, and the invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision will not affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of the other provisions.

**IDEA Public Schools – Athletic Handbook**

Acknowledgement Form

**Parent/Guardian & Student-Athlete Handbook Agreement**

We, the undersigned, have received a copy of the IDEA Student-Athlete Handbook, have read it

carefully, and we accept the policies and expectations contained within it.

I, the IDEA student-athlete, understand that my failure to comply with the expected rules stated

within this handbook, as well as any school and team rules set forth by the coach & Athletic Coordinator, may result in disciplinary action and my ability to abide by these standards of conduct will be a factor in whether or

not I am invited to participate in IDEA Public Schools Athletics in the future.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student-Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student-Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact Info:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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