

# **WILLIAMSBURG WOLVERINES ATHLETICS**

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## **Student-Athlete Handbook 2019-2020**

### **Student-Athlete Philosophy**

For all WCHS student-athletes, academics take priority over athletics. Student-athletes are encouraged to have fun, work hard, and compete with their teams providing they are aligned with the Athletic Department mission statement, the 5 Core Responsibilities of a Williamsburg Wolverine, and all of the guidelines mentioned in this 2019-2020 Student-Athlete Handbook.

### **Classroom and School Attendance**

- Student-athletes may NOT participate in practices, games or other contests on a day when the student is absent from school.
- Student-athletes who are excused for medical reasons from a physical education class may NOT participate in a practice, scrimmages or contests on the same day.
- Students who demonstrate problems with frequent absences or lateness, either excused or unexcused, are subject to suspension and/or dismissal from the team. Athletes are expected to get to school on time, and make a commitment to classroom attendance.
- Students who cut class will be suspended for one game.
- Students who are written up for behavioral misconduct will be suspended for at least one game.
- Students who are suspended either “in or out of school” may not practice or compete during the suspension period.

### **Eligibility**

- Grades
  - Student-Athletes are held accountable for their own grades.
    - 1. Student-Athletes need to check their grades 72 hours (3 Days) before a game to insure they are passing their classes.
  - Student-Athletes that are failing 2 or more classes are not allowed to participate in their teams games.
    - If a Student-Athlete is failing (below 70 class average) two or more classes, they need to reach out to their teacher through email at least 48 hours (2 Days) before a game and copy their coach and Athletic Director (Mr. Hagen) explaining they are a scholar-athlete, taking ownership of their work and asking if there is anything they can do or provide to ensure they are passing on the day of the

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game.

**For example**, the teacher may not have graded a test or homework may be missing.

- Students cannot play unless his or her teacher confirms through the same original email thread that they will be passing their class on the day of the game.
  
- Physicals and Permission Slips
  - Before a student-athlete is allowed to participate in any team function, an updated physical and a parent signed permission slip must be turned into their coach or athletic director.

### Team Study Session

- Once a week coaches will hold a mandatory team homework session with their student-athletes for 1 hour.
- If a student-athlete does not attend their team's homework session or is more than 20 minutes late, they are not allowed to participate in their teams games for that week (unless the athlete had an excused absence from school and/or a parent note turned in to the coach or Athletic Director).
- If a game is scheduled for the day on a teams homework session, it is up to the coach if they want to reschedule the study session to another day that week.
- During these sessions, student-athletes are to be doing homework, studying for assessments, or assisting fellow teammates with homework or studying.

### Travel & Behavior (Practice & Games)

- The Williamsburg Charter High School Community Covenant is applicable to any actions of student-athletes whether on or off campus and at all times practicing and playing in games and competing.
- Student-athletes are to act as school ambassadors and are to demonstrate professional behavior while at and traveling to and from games and practices.
  - Behaviors that will not be tolerated include but are not limited to yelling, arguing, using inappropriate language, playing music or videos outloud, disrupting the peace, dancing, and any physical or verbal confrontations.
- All student-athletes must remain with their coach when leaving to and from an athletic event and during the athletic event.
- Coaches' responsibilities for their athletes end once a previously verified guardian picks them up or communicates with the coach via a phone call or written note saying their child is allowed to travel by themselves, or once the

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coach provides the athlete with access via the teams travel pass to their subway(s) that takes them home.

- Coaches must provide all their student-athletes with access into the subway station (via the schools travel pass) in which the team is travelling and be present on the subway train until it arrives back at the school's subway station.
- If a student-athlete is ejected from a game they must remain with their coach.

### **Injury**

- Student-athletes are required to alert their coaches if they are ever injured during a practice, a game, or at anytime during the season.

### **Hazing and other illegal activity**

- Hazing of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and legal manner, especially when representing the Williamsburg Charter High School and the Williamsburg Charter High School Athletics Department.
- In accordance with school codes of conduct, smoking, or the use of tobacco and consumption of alcohol products is prohibited on school grounds and at school sponsored events.

### **Turn in uniforms**

- At the end of each season, student-athletes are required to turn in any school owned uniforms and equipment to their coach immediately. In the result of any unreturned, lost, stolen, or intentionally damaged uniforms and/or equipment, student-athletes will be responsible for paying for a replacement of equal value of when that item was new.

### **Disciplinary Actions**

- Student-athletes are to follow all aspects of this student-athlete handbook. In the event that a student-athlete does not follow any part of the student-athlete handbook, disciplinary actions can and will be taken.
  - All violations will be handled by the Athletic Director, School Administration, Legal and/or Human Resources. Disciplinary actions can result but are not limited to warnings, suspensions, or removal from the team.

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## **Miscellaneous**

- Any/All parts of this document are subject to change/revision by Athletic Director, School Administration, Legal and/or Human Resources.

If you comply to follow the above guidelines/requirements listed above, sign below.

**Sport Played:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student-Athlete Name (Printed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student-Athlete Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian of Student Athlete Name (Printed)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian of Student Athlete Signature** \_\_\_\_\_