Handbook 2025-2026

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Current portion of Athletic Handbook:

I. Middle School Students Playing on A Varsity Team

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are expected to try out for the middle school team. They may try out for the JV team if there isn't a middle school team, or are instructed to do so by the coach.

Sixth and seventh grade students interested in participating in football are encouraged to participate on the local Pop warner or AYF football team.

To replace with this:

Sports Participation Guidelines

6th–8th Grade (Middle School Students)

- All middle school students (grades 6–8) are expected to participate in middle school sports as their primary placement.
- At the discretion of the coach, and with approval from the Athletic Director and Principal, a middle school student may be considered to try out or attend evaluations at the JV level if rosters are not full.
- Parent/guardian notification and approval are required before a middle school athlete participates in JV tryouts.
- Varsity participation is generally not expected for middle school students; however, under rare and exceptional circumstances by coach determination with administrative approval, 7th and 8th graders may be considered.

Playing Up (JV or Varsity Eligibility)

- Decisions about “playing up” (grades 6–8 moving into JV or varsity consideration) are made first by the coach, and approved by the Athletic Director and Principal.

Tryout Process

- JV and Varsity tryouts are first open to high school students.
- If, at the conclusion of registration, coaches know that a JV or Varsity team does not have sufficient numbers to field a roster, tryouts may be opened up to all middle school students.
- When appropriate, an open evaluation process (grades 6–12) may be conducted so that all student-athletes are assessed fairly and consistently.
- The coach must consult with the Athletic Director and Principal before extending invitations to middle school students.
- Parent/guardian approval is required prior to participation in JV or Varsity tryouts.

Roster Protection

- No upperclassmen (grades 9–12) may be cut from a JV team to make room for middle school students.
- High school athletes will always be prioritized for JV placements, with middle school students considered only when roster needs require expansion.

Flexibility & Team Needs

- We recognize that roster sizes and program demands may shift from year to year. Coaches, in partnership with the Athletic Director and Principal, will make thoughtful and transparent decisions that maintain program integrity and provide fair opportunities for athletes across all levels.

GENERAL EDITS that do not need SC approval: (Lisa Mair has already made these)

<u>Edits for the 2025-2026 Student Handbook</u>

The original document for the Student Handbook ‘lives with’ Lisa Mair for proper formatting purposes. All updates and edits need to be completed by Lisa Mair at this time.

1. Dates on the Handbook to reflect 2025-2026 school year in all areas
2. Page 7 - replace Renee's name with Joe Barnas
3. Page 8 - replace Nicole Bilotta's name with Jennifer Fortune
4. Page 9: replace Mrs. Legendre with Mr. Barnas, Ms Tefft with Ms. Lamoureux
5. Page 13 - Class dues have been raised to $40 dollars from $25 dollars due to inflation and not having been adjusted for more than 10 years.
6. Page 14- please put "Parking is only available to eligible seniors." in BOLD
7. Page 19 - to replace 2:40pm with 2:50pm per new contract (extra help - see below)
8. Page 27 - Attendance will be addressed at a later date with wording that aligns with Massachusetts General Laws
9. Renee Legendre to replace Sally Stukuls as Director of Curriculum and Grants
10. Julie Lee to replace Matt Porcaro as Athletic Director
11. Athletic Handbook - please see attached.

Pg 19 reference:

Extra Help

Teachers are available one day per week until 2:40 PM. Students who desire assistance in any subject area are encouraged to avail themselves of extra help sessions. Extended time for extra help may be arranged through consultation with the individual teacher.