

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Athletics

The purpose of the Incarnate Word Academy athletic program is:

1. To assist the total educational process in developing well, sound citizens of the community.
2. To positively influence the habits, skills, and attitudes of both participants and observers at athletic events.
3. To build physical, mental, moral, and social character.
4. To instill a positive attitude, leadership skills, pride of accomplishment, loyalty to others, and self-discipline.

Taking part in the athletic program is a privilege, not a right. The coach and administrators shall have the authority to revoke the privilege when rules are not followed. Athletes are expected to maintain special standards. Athletes shall realize that Incarnate Word Academy wants all students/athletes to reach their maximum performance level, not only in athletics, but also in the classroom.

It is understood that even though protective equipment is worn by the athlete, whenever needed, the possibility of an accident still remains. Incarnate Word Academy does not assume any responsibility in case an accident occurs.

The following sports are offered if there are sufficient numbers/active participants to consist of a team and compete during their respective season:

Boys: Basketball, Swimming, Running Club and Baseball.

Girls: Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, Running Club and Softball.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Statement of Purpose

Academic eligibility procedures exist at Incarnate Word Academy schools to ensure student/athletes maintain satisfactory academic progress while dedicating significant amounts of time their sport or extracurricular activity. This proactive process is designed to provide students showing signs of academic difficulty with the timely direction and support needed to succeed in their studies. The intent of this process is not punitive in nature, rather it is designed to assist students in making a concerted effort to retain the eligibility and excel academically.

Eligibility Rules

Attitude, grades, attendance and other extenuating conditions may affect participation in competition at the discretion of the Coach, Athletic Coordinator, and/or Administration. Eligibility is determined as follows:

Attitude/Attendance/Other

1. Any student-athlete with excessive tardies and/or absences may be removed from the activity at the administrator's discretion. This includes, but is not limited to, suspension from games/events.
2. Any student-athlete with excessive, but not limited to, negative behavioral comments, may be removed from the activity at the administrator's discretion. This includes, but is not limited to, suspension from games/events.
3. Any student-athlete with excessive, but not limited to, visits to the office, due to insubordination, may be removed from the activity at the administrator's discretion.
4. If a student misses any part of the school day (except for regular doctor appointments) they are not eligible to play in games.

Grades

1. Progress reports will determine whether or not a student athlete is eligible. Progress reports will be viewable on ParentsWeb.
2. Eligibility will be determined on progress report day. Any student-athlete that continues to fail may be removed from

the activity at the discretion of the administration.

3. A student with a failing grade, in any subject, at the end of the quarter will become ineligible.

4. Any student-athlete with consecutive failures may be removed from the activity at the administrator's discretion.

SUSPENSION (OUT OF SCHOOL OR IN SCHOOL)

Suspension is a grave penalty imposed for serious offenses. Suspension revokes the rights and privileges normally extended to Incarnate Word Academy students for the duration of the suspension. Suspended students are responsible for all class work and assignments missed during the time of suspension. It is the philosophy of Incarnate Word Academy that the academic achievement of a student who has been suspended should not be affected by disciplinary action. Suspended students will be required to make up the instructional time missed during suspension, under the supervision of Principal.

1. Students may not participate in or attend any school athletic or social event that occurs on the day(s) he/she is suspended. Students suspended for a second time during the same school year may be expelled.

2. A student assigned to ISS or has been suspended is not to attend any co-curricular/extracurricular activities before being admitted back into the regular classroom the following day.

3. A student assigned to ISS or has been suspended is not to participate in any co-curricular/extracurricular meetings, practices, games, or meets before being admitted back into the regular classroom the following day.

4. A student assigned to ISS or has been suspended is not allowed on any school campus before being released back into the regular classroom.

5. A student assigned to ISS shall have all work completed in an appropriate manner before being admitted back into the regular classroom.

Student Name (printed): _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (printed): _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____