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Dear parents/guardians of student-athletes:

Parent/Guardian Transportation Requests

Participation on a high school sports team is a privilege and an option that you and your child have freely chosen. As coaches are required to adhere to county, conference and state rules governing athletics, student-athletes are required to adhere to team and athletic department rules as a condition of participation.

Traveling to and from away contests with the team is an integral part of being on the team and team members are expected to ride the team bus in both directions. Students will be dismissed when the bus returns to the home school.

It is understood however that on rare occasions, extenuating circumstances may necessitate that a parent request an exception to this rule. For this reason, the form on the reverse of this sheet has been developed. This form should be completed and delivered to the coach at least 48 hours prior to the event to allow time for processing. If the request is denied, or the coach does not have administrator approval to release a student to his/her parents at an away venue, the coach is not permitted to release the student until the bus returns to the home site. This is for the protection of all parties.

We hope that all student-athletes understand the level of commitment necessary to be a successful high school athlete and a responsible team member.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Watson

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Parent/Guardian Transportation Request Form

As the parent/guardian of _____ who attends _____ High School, I am requesting permission to transport my son/daughter by private vehicle from the athletic contest described below. I understand that traveling with the team on the team bus is an integral component of high school sports as well as a requirement for continued participation in the interscholastic program. I accept full responsibility for his/her transportation.

Today's date: _____

Parent/Guardian transporting athlete: _____

Date of athletic contest: _____ Sport: _____

Location of contest: _____

Opponent: _____

Reason for my request: _____

By signing this form, I verify the accuracy of the information above and that I agree to provide supporting documentation if requested.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Coach's signature: _____ Date: _____↑

*APPROVED↑*DENIED

*Principal/Principal designee's signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE:

1. THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE CONTEST.
2. COACHES CANNOT RELEASE STUDENTS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE.

Routing prior to trip: Coach - Principal or Designee - Coach