



Dear Current and Future Middle School Student-Athletes and their families,

Middle school is an exciting time to be involved in interscholastic sports. It is a time when students can develop the fundamentals of a sport, begin to identify areas of strength, and collaborate with friends, teammates, and coaches on how to build a better team. With competence, confidence, and collaboration, student-athletes in the middle school can and will better develop interpersonal skills and rapport with others. It is my hope that we (student-athletes, parents of student-athletes, coaches, and me) can work together to best develop your son or daughter as a student, an athlete, and a member of the Scappoose Middle School community.

In support of Scappoose Middle School's mission and the philosophy of the Athletic Department, participation on athletics teams is the primary goal of the Middle School Athletics Program. We strongly encourage student to choose sport experiences, which will enhance his or her growth, development, and educational experience. Participating in middle school athletics prepares student-athletes for the transition to the high school athletic programs.

Middle school student-athletes and coaches will be expected to support the school's core values through interscholastic athletics by the following:

Excellence

- **The student-athlete will make academic achievement his or her number one priority.**
- Student-athletes will maintain grades of C's or higher (69.5% and above) during the duration of their given sporting season. Academic "checks" will be consistently monitored through Synergy by administration.
- Student-athletes will be expected to bring their best selves and work ethic to the classroom, practices, competitions, and team events.

Integrity

- The goal of the athlete should be fair, honest play during practices and competitions.
- Student-athletes will be expected to be truthful in all situations between players, coaches, officials, and teachers.

Respect

- Student-athletes will demonstrate respect for coaches, teammates, officials, parents, and all members and visitors of our community.
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- Demonstrations of good sportsmanship are expected from our student-athletes before, during and after all practices and competitions.

Responsibility

- Each student-athlete will be expected to be knowledgeable about and follow all academic and team guidelines.
- If academic issues arise, student-athletes need to be proactive in resolving the problem. It is their responsibility to communicate with teachers appropriately and in a timely manner.
- Attendance at all team practices, competitions, and team events is expected of all student-athletes. Middle school teams will practice five days per week.

As the athletic director in the middle school, I am excited to work with all members of the community – students, parents, faculty and staff, and sports fans! Please know that my role is to best support the development of the student population and to best meet the needs of our growing and exciting athletic programs, here at Scappoose Middle School.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at cylvington@scappoose.k12.or.us

Sincerely,

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