

Athletic Handbook Highlights - a frequently asked questions guide.

Middle School Program

All Group VII and Group VIII students are required to participate on an athletic team or dance (when offered) each season. We offer the following sports:

- Fall: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball (Dance for Group VIII)
- Winter: Basketball, Ice Hockey, Squash, Swimming (Dance for Group VIII)
- Spring: Crew, Lacrosse, Tennis, Track and Field (Dance for Group VIII)

There is an attendance requirement.

Upper School Program

- All Group IX students are required to participate in three seasons of athletics and/or physical education, which includes dance.
- Group X students who participate in two athletic seasons fulfill their requirements and are exempt from a third season.
- Group XI and Group XII students are required to participate in two out of three seasons of athletics and/or physical education.
- Students may apply for, but are not guaranteed, credit for outside participation.

Teams consistently compete for conference titles, and many extend their seasons to contend for New England and, for some teams, national championships. We offer the following sports:

- Fall: Crew (non-traditional season*), Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball
- Winter: Basketball, Ice Hockey, Skiing, Squash, Swimming and Diving
- Spring: Crew, Golf, Lacrosse, Sailing, Tennis, Track and Field, Water Polo

There is an attendance requirement.

Fees:

There are fees for US varsity sports. Fees will be billed to your student billing account and may include the following:

- GAPA dues (up to \$100) will include team bonding event expense fees and team dinners (if applicable and limited to three per season—see policy in the athletic handbook, p.13).
- Uniforms, required team equipment, and gear fees.
- Team travel fees (for programs that travel overnight or on spring break).

The school tracks these items and bills student accounts at the end of each season.

Schedules:

All schedules can be found on the GA website under athletics.

Team Gear and Flash Stores:

The Upper School and Varsity Programs offer team gear through their programs. The school store also offers flash stores (online stores that have sport-specific options) early each season.

Transportation:

Transportation is provided to and from practices and contests that do not occur on GA's campus.

Tryouts:

In most GA sports and at most all levels, there are tryouts. Some are to establish levels such as varsity and junior varsity, and others are to sort players into middle school teams for competition purposes.

Trainers:

GA has two trainers on staff who are available to assist with injuries that occur and prevent injury by working with teams and coaches during training.