

Athlete and Peer Partner Policies and Procedures Agreement



I understand that the GPISD Special Olympics Program is committed to the philosophy that athletes/peer partners are students first and foremost that all athletes/peer partners must exhibit behaviors that demonstrate a commitment to maximizing academic success as their first priority.

I understand that students are visible representatives of Grand Prairie Independent School District both on campus and off-campus whose behaviors are often closely scrutinized by the media and/or general public. Therefore, it is an expectation that students will demonstrate consistent role model behavior, sportsmanship and self-control.

I understand that the GPISD Special Olympics Program has created the following standards, strategies, and policies to maximize the possibility of students meeting their academic goals. I understand that Special Olympics is a privilege and that my student is obligated to comply with these standards:

- Students must adhere to all academic requirements specified by their classroom teacher.
- Students' academic progress is monitored by their classroom teacher. If at any time, the Special Olympics Coordinator receives academic information that a student is not meeting his or her responsibilities (i.e. warning notices, probationary status notices, excessive absences notices, etc.) the Special Olympics Coordinator will determine if playing or practice privileges will be restricted, suspended, or terminated.
- Students are expected to meet all deadline dates for class assignments and are required to make pre-arrangements with instructors when quizzes, tests or special assignments conflict with competition dates.
- Students must be committed to fair play. Intentional acts of unsportsmanlike behavior or cheating will not be tolerated.
- When representing their teams during competition, students will exercise self-control in all ways including, but not limited to, resisting the use of profanity, demonstrating unnecessary aggression or hostility towards others, making inappropriate physical gestures, taunting or excessively celebrating, and disrespecting coaches, officials, teammates or opponents
- Any actions that result in a student being sanctioned by their school authorities may also result in sanctions from the Special Olympics Program.
- Students unwilling or unable to participate in Special Olympics Program practices or games will be removed from that designated sport.
- Students will refrain from using tobacco, alcohol, and other substances. Students caught will automatically be disqualified and unable to participate in the GPISD Special Olympics Program until the next academic school year.

By accepting the code of conduct on the athlete/peer partner enrollment, I have read these standards and policies listed above and knowingly accept that violations of these standards may result in a variety of sanctions by the Special Olympics Coordinator including, but not limited to restriction, suspension from, or termination of participation in the Special Olympics Program.

Parent Policies and Procedures Agreement



I understand that the GPISD Special Olympics Program is committed to the philosophy that student-athletes are students first and foremost and that all student-athletes must exhibit behaviors that demonstrate a commitment to maximizing academic success as their first priority.

I understand that the GPISD Special Olympics Program has created the following standards, strategies, and policies to maximize the possibility of student-athletes meeting their academic goals. I understand that Special Olympics is a privilege and that I am obligated to comply with these standards in order for my athlete to participate:

- I understand that my student(s) must adhere to all academic requirements specified by their classroom teacher.
- Students' academic progress is monitored by their classroom teacher. If at any time, the Special Olympics Coordinator receives academic information that a student is not meeting his or her responsibilities (i.e. warning notices, probationary status notices, excessive absences notices, etc.) the Special Olympics Coordinator will determine if playing or practice privileges will be restricted, suspended, or terminated.
- Any actions that result in an athlete being sanctioned by their school authorities may also result in sanctions from the Special Olympics Program.
- Any concerns will be brought to the attention of the Special Olympics Coordinator, not the coach and/or teacher, in a respectful, courteous manner.
- Parents will respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person in the Special Olympics Program. Within the context of the activity, I will treat everyone equally regardless of sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- I ensure that athletes' time spent with our Special Olympics Program is a positive experience.
- I ensure that the athlete enrollment has been completed to the best of my knowledge. If a mistake has been made or my athlete is unable to participate, I will contact the Special Olympics Coordinator within a timely manner. It is the Special Olympics Coordinators discretion to allow participation and/or make corrections.
- I understand that if my athlete attends after school practices, I must be present at all times.
- I understand that my athlete is only allowed to miss two practices. Athletes that miss more than two practices will be disqualified from team sports.
- I understand that my athlete must ride the school bus to all Special Olympics events. If I wish to take my athlete home after, an Alternative Transportation Form must be completed 24 hours prior to the event.
- I understand that as a parent, I am not able to be a Special Olympics Coach while my athlete is participating in the Special Olympics Program.

By accepting the parent code of conduct on the enrollment, I have read these standards and policies listed above and knowingly accept that violations of these standards may result in a variety of sanctions by the Special Olympics Coordinator including, but not limited to restriction, suspension from, or termination of participation in the Special Olympics Program.