# CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE ATHLETICS OVERVIEW 2024/2025











# CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Middle school athletic programs should be designed to align with the developmental stages of pre-adolescents and early adolescents. These programs must emphasize participation and teamwork, creating an inclusive environment. To promote student involvement and exploration, competition should be balanced appropriately. Considering the varying levels of physical development and abilities in middle school students, the program should remain non-elitist and implement a "no cut" policy, allowing all students the chance to participate.

The athletic program at Campus Middle School is focused on providing meaningful learning experiences that support the developmental needs of middle school students. Participation in the program helps students build self-discipline and responsibility, while also encouraging positive attitudes through respect for teammates and opponents. The program prioritizes participation, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to play, regardless of their skill level. Coaches focus on developing skills through a structured progression, with equal emphasis on both practice sessions and competitions, reinforcing that participation is the core element of the program.

Our athletic program includes the following activities: CO-ED Track, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, CO-ED Wrestling, and Volleyball. An athletic fee is required for all sports.

#### 6th AND 7th GRADE ATHLETICS

The sixth and seventh grade athletic programs run alongside the eighth grade seasons but have a shorter season and practice schedule. These programs are designed to be developmentally progressive, serving as a transition to the more advanced eighth grade ability-level program. There is a no-cut policy in middle school sports; every player who comes out will make a team. Our goal is to expose our players to competition at the level they are ready for and help them learn about safe practices when participating. The focus is on participation in games, teaching fundamental skills, and fostering teamwork.

For the **sixth and seventh grade teams**, players will be assigned a particular team based on skills evaluation through various drills and different playing scenarios. The purpose of the levels is to ensure similar skills, experience, and knowledge are present on the court at the same time. Students are grouped into teams of equal ability and compete against other middle schools in the district.

6th grade teams will be grouped into the following teams:

**Novice Group** (yellow, purple, orange) - limited skills, new to the game.

**Experienced Group** (red, blue, green) foundational sport specific skills, experience with the game.

7th grade teams will be grouped into the following teams:

**A Team** - consists of the most advanced players, demonstrating high skill levels and a strong understanding of the game.

**B Team** - consists of players who have a solid grasp of the fundamentals and are developing their skills further.

**C Team** - consists of players who are still developing their fundamental skills and gaining experience in the sport.

#### 8th GRADE ATHLETICS

The eighth grade program is another step in the progression from introductory athletics to competitive athletics at the high school. Eighth grade teams are grouped by skill ability allowing students to participate with students of similar skills. After a period of instruction, the squads are divided into A, B, and C teams with all participants placed on a level (no cuts) appropriate for their current abilities. The inter-school competition is against teams of similar ability, which gives the students an opportunity to experience a different level of competition. The emphasis remains on participation and skill development.

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# CO-ED Track (August - September) \$60 - 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

The boys' and girls' track program at Campus Middle School offers students the opportunity to develop skills and learn fundamentals of basic track and field activities. Students are coached in hurdles, long and triple jump, sprints, shot put, high jump, and distance run. During the season, there are dual meets against other middle schools and the season culminates with a district track meet.

Boys' and Girls' Basketball
Boys
(October - November)
Girls
(November - January)
\$60 - 8th grade season
\$30 - 6th and 7th grade seasons

All of the basketball programs emphasize basic skills, participation, and teamwork with an opportunity to compete at a variety of levels with other schools. The objective of this program is to emphasize individual development over competition.

CO-ED Wrestling Team (January - February) \$60 - 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

The girls' and boys' wrestling program at Campus Middle School is designed to teach students basic skills and fundamentals and also to give them the opportunity to compete against students in other Cherry Creek middle schools. This sport is unique in that the matches offer one-on-one competition. Wrestling is open to all students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

Girls' Volleyball Team (March – May) \$60 - 8th grade season \$30 - 6th and 7th grade seasons

The volleyball program emphasizes fun, skill development, and participation. Each player will learn and develop the fundamentals as well as some important team skills. Players will learn and develop the individual skills of passing, setting, serving and spiking. As a team member, each player will learn basic offensive and defensive strategies. The teams play other middle schools in the Cherry Creek School District.

# DIRECTIONS TO DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOLS FROM CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Falcon Creek Middle (FCMS)

6100 S. Genoa St. Aurora, CO 80016 720-886-7700

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Turn right on Parker Road to Orchard. Turn left (east) on Orchard to Genoa Street. Turn right on Genoa Street. Falcon Creek MS is on the left.

# Fox Ridge Middle School (FRMS)

26301 East Arapahoe Road Aurora, CO 80016 720-886-4400

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Follow Parker Road (southbound) to Arapahoe Road. Turn left on Arapahoe Road and follow Arapahoe Road for approximately 10 miles.

# **Horizon Community Middle School (HCMS)**

3981 S. Reservoir Road Aurora, CO 80013 720-886-6100

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Turn right (south) on Parker to Hampden. Turn left (east) on Hampden to Tower Road. Turn right (south) on Tower to Reservoir – bear to the left onto Reservoir. Horizon is on west side of street.

### Infinity Middle School (IMS)

25100 East Belleview Avenue Aurora, CO 80016 720-886-6000

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Turn right (south) on Parker to Hampden. Turn left (east) on Hampden to Gun Club Road. Turn left on Quincy to Harvest Road. Turn left on Belleview Avenue.

## Laredo Middle School (LMS)

5000 S. Laredo Street Aurora, CO 80015

720-886-5200

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Right (south) on Parker to Quincy. Turn left (east) on Quincy to Smoky Hill Road. Bear to the right (southeast) on Smoky Hill Road past Chambers to Laredo. Turn right (south) on Laredo past Smoky Hill High School to Laredo Middle School.

# **Liberty Middle School (LIB)**

21500 E Dry Creek Road Aurora, CO 80016 720-886-2400

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Turn right (south) on Parker to Arapahoe. Turn left (east) on Arapahoe to Gartrell Road. Turn right (south) on Gartrell to Dry Creek Road. Turn right (west) on Dry Creek Road to Liberty Middle School.

# **Prairie Middle School (PMS)**

12600 East Jewell Avenue Aurora, CO 80012 720-747-3000

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Turn left (north) on Parker Road to Peoria. Turn right (north) on Peoria to Jewell. Turn right (east) on Jewell to Prairie Middle School.

## Sky Vista Middle School (SVMS)

4500 S. Himalaya Street Aurora, CO 80015 720-886-4700

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Turn right (south) on Parker Road to Quincy. Turn left (east) on Quincy to Himalaya. Turn right (south) on Himalaya to Sky Vista Middle School. Parking is on the south side.

### Thunder Ridge Middle School (TRMS)

5250 South Picadilly Street Aurora, CO 80015 720-886-1500

Cross the Cherry Creek Reservoir to Parker Road. Turn right (south) on Parker Road to Quincy. Left (east) on Quincy to Smoky Hill. Right on Smoky Hill. Go past Himalaya to Picadilly. Turn left (north) on Picadilly to the Eaglecrest High School Campus. Thunder Ridge is on the right.

### West Middle School (WMS)

515 South Holly Street Greenwood Village, CO 80121 720-554-5100

Take Dayton (south) to Belleview. Turn right (west) on Belleview to Holly. West Middle School is on the southwest corner of Belleview and Holly.