



# Orchard Park Athletic Department

## Student Managers:

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** The following is used to guide the Athletic Department, interested students, their parents/guardians, and the coaches towards a mutually successful experience. Families are encouraged to connect Athletic Director, David Hack for any support needed. ([dhack@opschools.org](mailto:dhack@opschools.org))

**Interested in Becoming a Student Manager?** The student and the parent/guardian should review all of this information first. Then, if still interested, the student should inquire about becoming a Student Manager with the Athletic Director, [dhack@opschools.org](mailto:dhack@opschools.org).

**Overview:** At Orchard Park, the position of student manager is available to students for different reasons, including but not limited to:

- The coach has requested assistance supporting the team.
- The student has a professional interest that aligns with the experience of serving as a student manager.
- The student who might not have been able to participate otherwise as a student athlete can be a member of the team.

Each situation will be reviewed individually so that the best experience can be provided for our students.

**Description:** The student manager supports the coach and team during practices and competitions while continuing to expand their knowledge of the sport. The student manager is considered a member of the team who will not physically participate in competitions, who may or may not participate physically in practices (upon the coach's request and based on the student's comfort level), and who will be present and helpful from the bench or sidelines during the competitions and also from the field/court during practices.

**Benefits:** The benefits include but are not limited to:

- Being included on the team for the experience
- Building resume and gaining interviewing experience (for future internships, jobs, college scholarships, coaching positions, and/or work in sports management)
- Learning from the coach
- Improving knowledge of the sport
- Being included in team experiences, including the photo in the yearbook and team social functions. Student managers sit on the bench with coaches and teammates who are not actively playing during competitions.
- Loaned an Orchard Park Athletic polo to wear to competitions and team photos. When the team wears the team's jersey to school on competition days, the student manager can wear their Orchard Park Athletic polo in solidarity with their team.

Being eligible to letter if all requirements are met (for student managers of Varsity teams only).

- Promptly attending all practices and exhibitions (unless excused in advance by the coach).
- Showing a positive attitude toward the sport, their teammates, and opponents.
- Consistently showing that they are working their hardest and showing outstanding effort.
- Lettering Participation Requirements for Varsity team student managers are:

**Duties:** Although duties may vary from season-to-season, sport-to-sport, team-to-team, and student manager-to-student manager, the duties for each student manager position must be agreed to by the student, their parents/guardians, the coach, and the Athletic Director *before* the student begins in the position. Additionally, the student manager's team must be informed of the role of the student manager for the current season, as the duties might be different from previous seasons' student managers. The most common duties of a student manager include:

- Equipment management and sanitizing, including helping to maintain the First Aid kit.
- Hydration
- Help running drills, warm-ups, and cool-downs\*
- Time keeping
- Scorekeeping

- Stat keeping
- Capturing video footage for the coaches
- Capturing photos for the team, Athletic Department, and the yearbook. (Student managers must have their coach's and the Athletics Coordinator's permission to have their phone on the sidelines for the purpose of capturing videos for the coach and photos for the team.)
- Team Gipper and Twitter Accounts
- HUDL (team video coordination)

\*Because student managers could be asked to help in practices, they must be physically eligible in order to participate in practices, warm-ups, or any physical activity with the team.

Student managers are always a positive presence to the team, providing encouragement and support from the sidelines during competitions. Student managers will not determine line-ups, positions, playing times, provide instruction, or coach the team in any capacity. Student managers will not interact with the officials, the volunteers, or fans during competitions. Student managers must always represent their team and school to the highest standards, on and off the court/field.

**Eligibility:** Similar to the other team participants, student student managers have four eligibility components to uphold:

1. **Character Good Standing eligibility:** Student managers must have a history of and remain in Good Standing with the school based on their Character and behavior. Please see [OPCSD Athletic Website Information for Student Athletes](#) for the or school policies.
2. **Physical eligibility:** Student managers must have a physical form on file with the Athletic Department that covers the sport's season - even if the physical form is not "cleared" by a physician. (Students who are not "cleared" cannot warm-up or practice.)
3. **Academic eligibility:** Student managers need to maintain academic eligibility to participate in a support capacity in practices and games.

### **Requirements:**

1. **Registration:** Like all team members, student managers must complete the registration process by the registration deadline. Parents/guardians - when registering your student for Student Manager, you are using the regular registration form that is used for parents/guardians who are registering their student for tryouts (or for participation on the team if tryouts are not necessary).
2. **Physical Form:** A valid physical form must be on file with the Athletic Department by the sport's physical form deadline.

3. **Coach approval:** As this position is designed to be educational for the student and helpful for the coach and team, the coach must approve the request for a student to serve in the student manager role. This might include an interview with the prospective student manager, the coach, the Athletic Department, and the student's parents/guardians.