

APRENDE JAGUARS BASEBALL CANDIDATES



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BEFORE ANY PLAYER MAY PARTICIPATE IN TRYOUTS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE REGISTRATION PORTAL

Registration Checklist: ALL ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED

1. Athletic Packet (Online)
2. Athletic Packet: Additional Information (Online)
3. Brain Injury Concussion Form (Online)
4. Sports Physical (Upload Online)
5. Coach's Letter Signed (Front Office)

Registration Portal: <https://az-kyrene.intouchrecepting.com/>

**REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY
NOON ON FRIDAY, March 7, 2025**

**The \$150 fee for cut sports is due on the first day of practice,
Monday, March 31st if your student makes the team.**

Welcome to Aprende Jaguar Baseball 2025. You have the privilege of continuing a tradition of excellence. You will be expected to meet high academic and athletic standards as well as general conduct. Our goal for this upcoming season is to continue the past tradition of a winning baseball program. The **philosophy** of this program is to develop an understanding of being a student athlete. A commitment to fundamentals and team play will be stressed.

Tryout Dates

Tuesday, March 25 th	3:30-5:30 pm
Thursday, March 27 th	3:30-5:30 pm
Friday, March 28 th	3:30-5:30 pm

Missing a tryout session may affect your chances of making the team. Tryouts are open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. A list of the players who have made the JV and Varsity teams will be posted by 7:00 pm on Friday, March 28, 2025.

The first practice for players making the team will be on Monday, March 31 from 3:30pm-5:15pm.

Practice days and times will be determined by the Coach

PARENT MEETING: There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all players and their parents/guardians after practice on Thursday, April 3rd at 5:00pm.

Guidelines

1. **General Conduct:** A Jaguar Baseball player is a representative of himself, his school, and his teammates. Any deviation from our team's standards will result in disciplinary actions.
2. **Practice Rules:** Attendance to practice every day is an expectation. It is the responsibility of each player to know practice schedules and be on time. We understand that things do arise that would keep a player from attending practice, so, if a player must miss practice for any reason, please contact the coach and leave a message.
3. **Club Gear:** Per district policy **Players CANNOT wear any kind of club, league or All-Star apparel/hats to tryouts or practices. No exceptions. Only Safety or protective equipment with gear logos will be permitted.**
4. **Bus Expectations:** Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. Students must adhere to the rules of conduct. Students who behave inappropriately will be disciplined in accordance with the student handbook and may lose their bus privileges. Please review the bus rules on the Kyrene website: <https://www.kyrene.org/Page/988>
5. **Tryouts:** Prior to trying out, you must complete the online registration for your child by **Noon on Friday, March 7, 2025.**
6. Athletes must have the online registration forms completed and the following forms on file in the front office:
 - Signed Coach's Letter (attached) - Give to Ms. Vergara
 - Current Physical - Upload it to the registration or email to lvergara@kyrene.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Ms. Vergara at 480-541-6203.

Criteria For Making The Team

The selection process for making the team includes a player's skill, knowledge, attitude and potential. Each day the players will run through a series of drills and skills that will be evaluated by the coaches. The coaches will use a 5-point scale, with 5 being the highest score a player can receive. At the end of each day, coaches will calculate the scores and rank the players accordingly. This will then determine who will make the team. This list below explains how each category will be considered.

1. **Skills and Knowledge:** How well can the player hit, bunt, throw, catch, pitch, run the bases and play defense? Does the player have an understanding of the sport of baseball: ie: rules, situation play, cut-off positioning, backing up bases and base running.
2. **Attitude:** . . . toward the sport of baseball, school, teamwork, teammates, coaches, and sportsmanship. How coachable is the player? Is the player willing to work hard in the classroom and on the ball field? Does the player understand the importance of teamwork?
3. **Potential:** Does the player have a strong desire to improve himself every day and help the team do well?

What Happens If I Make the Team?

Once the teams have been selected, \$150.00 PAYMENT IS DUE by 4/4/25. Practice days and times will be determined by the coach. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation from practices and games. Students are required to be at each practice and to be on time. Exceptions are limited to unavoidable absences. Once the season starts, practices will be held on non-game days. Games will be on TBD. Athletes are expected to attend every game. Schedules will be provided once the rosters have been filled. All transportation to games is provided by the Kyrene School District. Parents will need to provide on time transportation home from games and practices.

Eligibility and Academic Standards

Players are expected to meet or exceed academic and behavioral standards set forth in the student-athletic handbook. All team members will have their grades and behavior checked every week. Failing classes and/or unsatisfactory behavior at school is not acceptable and is grounds for dismissal from the team.

We look forward to an exciting year of hits, strikes and runs. With hard work, dedication and determination, we can continue the tradition of excellence in baseball at Aprende.

Thanks-
Aprende Baseball Coaches

Kevin Costigan, Varsity kmc1tempe@aol.com
Mariah Vergara, JV mvergara@kyrene.org

**Aprende Baseball
24-25 Q4 Season
Coaches' Letter**

Please sign and return this form to Ms. Vergara in the front office no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, March 7th.

We understand the policies concerning tryouts and season play for baseball.

Please indicate grade of student: 6th Grade ____ 7th Grade ____ 8th Grade ____

Please **PRINT** student's name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

I have also read the following Health & Safety Information located at <http://www.kyrene.org/Page/1116> on the Kyrene School District website.

**Parent & Athlete Concussion Information Sheet
AIA Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy
Hot Weather, Heat Stress & School Safety
Hazing Policy
Opioid Handout
Cardiac Arrest Handout**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____