

W. A. Perry Middle School



2024-2025 Athletic Department Handbook

“Excellence is the Only Expectation!”

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Meet the Coaches



Volleyball

Khaleah Hamilton, Head Coach
Tiana Davis, Assistant Coach

Cheerleading

Jessica Harvey, Head Coach

Football

Albert Richardson, Head Coach
Robert Counts, Assistant Coach

Basketball

(Girls)

Teresa Geter, Head Coach
Torri Smith, Assistant Coach

(Boys)

Jamarcus Little, Head Coach
Patrick Goodman, Assistant Coach

Track

Dominic DeBarr, Head Coach
Robert Counts, Assistant Coach
Thorn Francis, Assistant Coach

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W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Cost: \$5.00

Start Time: 6:30pm

**SEPT
11**

SANDERS VS PERRY
KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL

**SEPT
18**

PERRY VS HOPKINS
BOLDEN STADIUM

**SEPT
25**

PERRY VS GIBBES
BOLDEN STADIUM

**OCT
2**

SOUTHEAST VS PERRY
LOWER RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

**OCT
9**

PERRY VS HAND
BOLDEN STADIUM *Homecoming*

**OCT
23**

ALCORN VS PERRY
KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL



W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



**SEPT
11**

HAND VS PERRY

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SEPT
16**

GIBBES VS PERRY

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SEPT
18**

PERRY VS HOPKINS

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SEPT
23**

NO GAME

**SEPT
25**

PERRY VS ALCORN

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**SEPT
30**

CRAYTON VS PERRY

CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

**OCT
2**

PERRY VS ST. ANDREWS

ST. ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

**OCT
7**

PERRY VS SOUTHEAST

SOUTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

**OCT
9**

SANDERS VS PERRY

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

ALL GAMES START AT 5:45PM

COST: \$5.00

W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

\$5.00 | ALL GAMES START AT 5:45PM

**DEC
2**

GIBBES VS PERRY

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**DEC
4**

PERRY VS CRAYTON

CRAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

**DEC
9**

HAND VS PERRY

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**DEC
11**

SANDERS VS PERRY

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**DEC
18**

PERRY VS ALCORN

ALCORN MIDDLE SCHOOL

**JAN
8**

PERRY VS SOUTHEAST

SOUTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

**JAN
13**

PERRY VS ST. ANDREWS

ST. ANDREWS MIDDLE SCHOOL

**JAN
15**

PERRY VS HOPKINS

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

**JAN
27**

SANDERS VS PERRY

W.A PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**JAN
29**

**CRAYTON
VS
PERRY**

W.A PERRY
MIDDLE SCHOOL

W.A. PERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE



**MAR
13**

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

**MAR
27**

BOLDEN STADIUM

**APR
1**

KEENAN HIGH SCHOOL

Qualifiers Only

**APR
8**

EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL

Sixth Graders Only

**APR
22**

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sixth Graders Only

**APR
24**

CHAMPIONSHIP

Seventh & Eighth Graders Only



ALL TRACK MEETS STARTS AT 5:45 PM

ALL TRACK MEETS COST \$5.00

Mission

(Adopted from Richland County School District One Athletics Department)

The mission of the RCSD1 Athletics Program is to provide safe, comprehensive, equitable and high-quality sports opportunities and experiences for all students through student-centered coaches, competitive sports programs, and diverse community partnerships, while functioning as an integral part of the total curriculum.

Vision

(Adopted from Richland County School District One Athletics Department)

Students in RCSD1 will be given the opportunity to meet the requirements for athletic participation, which will promote good citizenship, teamwork, sportsmanship, character development, maximum individual achievement, and practices for healthy living.

Team Mission

The Athletics Department at W.A. Perry Middle School will promote positive experiences for all players that will impact them in a holistic way. Players will be taught life skills such as discipline, respect, hard work and teamwork that is expected to be displayed through their attitude, behavior and athleticism.

Perry Motto

"Excellence is the Only Expectation!"

2024-25 THEME

LockED In: Focused ~ Engaged~ Giving It Our All!

Team Goals

- Win the District Championship.
- Finish the season with a winning record.
- Prepare all players for the next level (Junior Varsity/Varsity Program).

Players are encouraged to create individual goals that are aligned with the team's goals to guide them through the season. Coaches are willing to work individually with students to create plans and monitor them for success.

Expectations

The following are general expectations for all members participating in W.A. Perry Middle School athletics. Failure to follow these guidelines may lead to discipline, suspension, or dismissal from the athletic program. Each violation will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Conduct

It is understood that we are representatives of our district, school, families, and, most importantly, ourselves. With this proclamation, we, as players and coaches, understand that we live by a different standard. How we play and conduct ourselves on and off the court will always be on display. Understanding what it means to be a competitor, have good sportsmanship, and be a student leader is a torch that can be difficult to carry.

- We intend to promote an environment where champions can develop and flourish. We recognize the importance of working together.
- We take responsibility for all our actions, their consequences, and our physical and mental preparation. Excuses are seen by all as a failure to take responsibility.
- Despite our aspirations, none of us are perfect. Therefore, it is necessary for us to forgive each other and ourselves repeatedly.
- We keep lines of communication open and attempt to be straight with each other by speaking clearly and directly. One way we do this is by listening carefully to everyone.
- Anything worth doing is worth having fun doing it. We intend to get as much enjoyment as possible from the team, practices, games, and other team activities.

Good sportsmanship and teamwork is key to success. Players must always have a positive attitude. Because we are a team, we will encourage and support each other. Team rapport is important. Treat all team members with respect. Appreciate everyone on our team and what they can bring to the program.

Players and Coaches are also expected to show the utmost respect toward referees, coaches, opponents, teammates, and themselves. Profanity and bad attitudes will not be tolerated. Work and act like an athlete. Good behavior is required at practices and games and in the classroom. Students will be given a weekly progress report to be signed by their teachers daily, indicating their behavior and academics. This information ensures that our students have established an athlete and student balance.

Equipment and Facilities

Players are expected to respect all equipment. Each player will be assigned a uniform. These garments are the school's property and must be returned at the end of the season. Players are responsible for their assigned equipment. If anything is returned damaged or not returned at all, the player will be issued a debt slip.

Players may also be expected to purchase the team shirts, team tennis shoes, and bags. The individual coach will give the prices for those items. Players should keep the locker rooms, gym, and busses spotless. The entire team will suffer consequences for this. This includes (but not limited to) clothes left out, towels left out, dirty floors, trash thrown, etc. Players must pick up after themselves. Remember, it takes a lot to earn respect and only one mistake to lose it.

Practices

Every day we practice must be seen as an opportunity to learn, grow, and challenge one another. Players are always expected to give 100% during practices. As a player, you must be mentally focused, energetic, and ready to be challenged by the coaching staff. Each practice is thought out and prepared to make the team better. All players should practice skills outside of scheduled school practices on their own time- not only during holidays and breaks but daily.

- We expect every player to be on time and ready to go when it's time for practice.
- If a player knows that he/she will miss practice, the coach should be notified before the practice.
- Practice is mandatory unless you have a doctor's note, are absent from school due to illness or family emergency, or are pre-approved by the coach.
- You must wear proper practice attire.
- No jewelry is to be worn during practice.
- **All practices are closed- this includes but is not limited to parents, other students, and siblings.**

Holidays & Breaks

On holiday breaks, players are expected to practice periodically on their own initiative. In addition to player-scheduled practices, the coaching staff will schedule practices, **if needed**, periodically during breaks, and all players are

expected to be present. Players needing to be gone for the holiday or family vacations should let their coach know as soon as possible.

Game Day

Players are always expected to give 100% during the games. To be eligible to play in a game, all athletes must attend school that day.

Game day attire will be the following:

- **Home Game/Away—Game—Team T-shirt and jeans**

Dressing in the appropriate attire is very important. This shows great team chemistry and unity. Failure to dress in the appropriate game day attire will result in sitting out of that game. No jewelry or other accessories are allowed. (This includes earrings.)

There will be a sign-out sheet for all away games. A parent must sign the player out. **All students must change out of the uniform at the game location and return the uniform to the team manager.** Students are NOT allowed to take the uniform home.

Parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their child when the bus returns to school from games and practices. **The player must let their parents know what time we will be done or back from an away game.** Students who do not have a cell phone will be allowed to use the coach's phone.

Bus Behavior

- Players should be respectful, responsible, and cooperative during bus rides.
- Noise should be kept to a minimum, as you should be focusing or reflecting on the game.
- Players should remain seated in the same seat for the duration of the ride.
- All garbage must be picked up before leaving the bus.

Penalties

It is important to understand that practices and games are very important opportunities for the overall development of the individual and the team. Furthermore, missing these opportunities can hurt a player's and the team's overall success. This includes family vacations. However, each player can miss one practice, excused or unexcused. The player must notify the coaching staff that they will be gone in advance. Failure to do so will count the absence as unexcused.

The following penalties will be enforced regarding playing time. The coaching staff will determine what is unexcused and what is excused. Each situation will be dealt with individually, and penalties will be enforced at the coach's discretion. Students involved in the CRP program, private tutoring, and religious obligations will be excused.

Unexcused Missed Practices:

- 1 = will not start and playing time will be at the coach' discretion
- 2 = miss a complete game
- 3 = conference

Excused Missed Practices:

- 1 = will not start and playing time will be at the coach's discretion
- 2 = same as above
- 3 = conference

Missed Games:

- 1 = miss one complete game (in essence 2 games)
- 2 = miss two complete games (in essence 4 games)
- 3 = conference

If a player is injured or sick for a long period of time, the coaching staff has the right to make the appropriate decision on playing time.

Conferences will be held with the coaching staff, athlete, athletic coordinator, and parents to discuss the actions involved in dealing with the player and their penalties.

Playing Time

We understand you want your child to play, and the coaching staff respects that. Therefore, each player will be given playing time during the season. However, the coaching staff's decisions on how much playing time a player gets will be based on the following things but not limited to.

- 1.) How are they practicing daily?
- 2.) Is the player making any improvements in their overall individual game?
- 3.) Contribution to games.

Please understand that we, as a coaching staff, are doing our best to make the team and the program better. The player first must talk to the coach about playing time, not the parents. Here again, this is a minor thing that can disrupt the team's overall success. We have a policy as a program that you must wait 24 hours before you talk to a coach about an issue you may have.

Team Retention

- Maintaining academic standards (2.0 GPA- district policy)
- Attending/Be on time for practices regularly
- Never be sent home from practice for inappropriate behavior.
- Following rules and procedures outlined in the district athletic and student W.A. Perry book.

Parent/Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are very difficult. By establishing an understanding between coaches and parents, both are better able to accept the actions of the others and provide a more positive experience for everyone. Parents have the right to know, and understand, the expectations placed on them and their child. We do ask that you wait 24 hours after a game before meeting the coach. Please do not COACH your child from the stands. Let the W.A. Perry coaching staff coach. We do, however, want you to encourage them.

Communication parents should expect from their child's coach:

- 1) Expectations the coach has for your child, as well as for other players on the team
- 2) Locations and times of practices and contests
- 3) Team requirements (i.e., special equipment needed, school & team rules, off-season expectations)

Communication coaches expect from parents:

- 1) Concerns regarding their child, expressed directly to the coach, at the appropriate time
- 2) Specific concerns in regard to the coach's philosophy and/or expectations
- 3) Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance

Appropriate concerns to discuss with a coach:

- 1) The mental and physical treatment of your child
- 2) What your child needs to do to improve
- 3) Concerns about your child's behavior

Issues NOT appropriate for discussion with your child's coach:

- 1) How much playing time each athlete is getting
- 2) Team strategy
- 3) Play calling
- 4) Any situation that deals with other student athletes- unless it is a character issue and it directly affects or involves in your child

It can be very difficult to accept that your child is not playing as much as you and they had hoped. Coaches make decisions based on what they believe are in the best interest of all student athletes participating.

Our coaching staff is always willing to sit-down and discuss any concerns you may have with our program. All meetings will involve the coach and athletic coordinator present in conjunction with the parent(s). Feel free to contact us to set-up a meeting on a non-game day. Should you feel the concern is not appropriately addressed after the meeting, you should call the Athletic Administrator to setup a meeting.

Participant Issues

There will be many difficult participant decisions made throughout the season by the coaching staff concerning the team. You may not agree with all of them, but you must respect and accept them. Our athletic programs will continue to play students/athletes at the highest level of competition of which they can perform successfully. **All questions concerning personnel issues should be voiced by the athlete with the coaching staff first. If the issue is not solved after the athlete has talked with the coaching staff, a meeting with both athlete and parent(s) may be set up. If issues still remain after that, a meeting with athlete, parent(s), and Athletic Coordinator/Athletic Administrator can be set up.**

The coaching staff will continually praise and correct/critique your games to help you become the best player you can be. Learn to accept constructive criticism and correction. **Never take what is said personally.** Everything that is said is to benefit you and your game.

Everyone will have their own specific role on the team. Every player on the team is valued and has an important role.

The success of our program will be centered on teamwork. It is important that you always put TEAM first. Personal glory must be sacrificed. You, as individuals, will be recognized through team success.

Understand that practices and games will be INTENSE! Show up every day ready to work at a high level of intensity. Finally, join the intensity and make the season exciting and fun! Don't hold back ever...give everything you have every time you step on the court, and we will have a successful season.

Athletic Tutoring

All athletes are required to attend academic tutoring for 4 hours per week. Tutoring will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.



Athletic Banquet

Our sports banquet will be held on April 30, 2025, at 5:30 pm for all sports teams. Student-athletes can attend the banquet for free. There is a cost for 2 additional guests. The dress code for the banquet is business casual.

W.A. Perry Middle School
2024-25 Athletic Team Agreement

I have read, understand, and agree to the following rules. I am aware of the consequences that may result from my actions and my expectations throughout the season. My signature below indicates my understanding of the information presented.

Athlete's Name _____

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent(s) Name _____

Parent(s) Signature

Date

Administrator for Athletics

Athletic Coordinator

Signature

Signature

Date

Date

Coach

Date

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