

I. Mission

The mission of the Clark County School District (CCSD) Middle School Athletics program is to enhance student achievement through the development of teamwork, citizenship, and self-discipline.

II. Goals

Students who participate in interscholastic athletics will:

1. Demonstrate positive academic achievement.
2. Demonstrate and model attributes of good citizenship.
3. Work well and cooperate with others.
4. Respect and appreciate authority.
5. Improve personal and team athletic skills

III. Student Eligibility

Per [CCSD Regulation 5135.1](#), student participation in athletic activities is governed by the rules and regulations established by CCSD. The following eligibility procedures and regulations apply to all CCSD-sponsored athletic programs.

1. Online Registration

- a. Prospective student-athletes must complete an online registration at www.aktivate.com prior to the first official practice to include:
 - i. Athlete profile, including insurance information.
 - ii. Tryout Checklist and Middle School Check questions.
 - iii. Electronic documents e-signatures.
 - iv. Signed CCSD Authorization and Release form kept on file at the school site for seven years.
 - v. Completed, signed, and uploaded Medical Eligibility Form following a physical examination.
 1. Physicals are valid for one calendar year from the date it was completed.

2. Establishing Eligibility

- a. Residence/Zone of Attendance
 - i. The student must attend and participate at the school located within the zone of attendance of his/her residence, which must be the physical residence of his/her parent or legal guardian. All eligibility determinations submitted to the CCSD Athletic Office must provide two proofs of residence.
 - ii. Proof of residence must be all pages of a signed lease agreement, a mortgage statement, a current, major utility bill (water, gas, electric, trash, sewer), or a current driver's license.
- b. Years of Eligibility
 - i. A review of each students' enrollment history and full middle school transcript is necessary to ensure that students have not been enrolled in any middle school for more than three years. Transcripts will be required for all eligibility determinations involving non-CCSD school transfers.
 - ii. Students are eligible for six consecutive semesters, starting with their Grade 6 status, regardless of participation during the eligibility period.

- c. Age Limitations
 - i. Any student turning 15 before September 29th, may not participate in any CCSD-sponsored athletic program during the year or any subsequent year of middle school.
- d. Administrative Placement
 - i. Students who are enrolled through an Administrative Placement (or Trial Enrollment) from the Education Services Division are eligible to participate as long as they meet all other CCSD requirements. The school they are enrolled at is considered their home school. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - ii. Administrative placements from the Change of School Assignment Department are ineligible for 180 school days. A hardship appeal may be submitted to the CCSD Athletic Office based on the catastrophic or life changing circumstances.
 - iii. If the student transfers to another middle school or returns to their school within the zone of attendance after being enrolled on an Administrative Placement, the student will be ineligible for 180 school days.
- e. Change of School Assignment (COSA)
 - i. Students enrolled through COSA are ineligible for 180 school days from the first date of enrollment at that school following [CCSD Regulation 5112](#).
 - ii. If the student transfers to another middle school or returns to their school within the zone of attendance after being enrolled on a COSA, the student will be ineligible for 180 school days.
- f. Charter School
 - i. Students who transfer from a charter school to a CCSD school are eligible for athletic competition as long as they meet all other CCSD requirements. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - ii. Students who attend a charter school may participate at the CCSD school located in the zone of attendance of his/her residence following [CCSD Policy 5119](#). Students who attend a charter school may not participate at their zoned school if they have the opportunity to participate in the sport at their charter school or if they will displace a CCSD student in order to participate on the team. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
- g. Divorce
 - i. Students who are enrolled in middle school at the time in which there is a divorce will be granted eligibility with the parent having primary physical custody. In the case of joint custody, eligibility remains at their current school. A complete copy of the divorce decree, including any custody agreement, is required. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - ii. If the divorce occurred prior to enrollment in the Grade 6 and custody is jointly shared, the parent and residence the student began Grade 6 with will remain the parent with whom their eligibility lies throughout middle school. A complete copy of the divorce decree, including any custody agreement, is required. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - iii. A change in guardianship results in ineligibility for 180 school days.
- h. Homeless
 - i. Students who are enrolled as homeless under Title I HOPE are eligible to participate with verification and as long as they meet all other CCSD requirements. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
- i. Homeschool
 - i. Homeschooled students may participate at their zoned school as long as they meet all other CCSD requirements. The school they are enrolled at is considered their home school. The student must provide proof of enrollment and verification from the state of their intent to homeschool and participate in programs. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
- j. Legal Guardianship
 - i. Students who are residing with legal guardians are eligible to participate with verification of

- guardianship through court ordered documentation. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office if they are in Grade 6 or have not attended the school for 180 school days.
- k. Magnet Programs
 - i. Students who are attending a Magnet Middle School Program will be eligible to participate as long as they meet all other CCSD requirements. The school they are enrolled at is considered their home school. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - ii. If the student transfers to another middle school or returns to their school within the zone of attendance after being enrolled on a Magnet Program, the student will be ineligible for 180 school days in any sport they rostered in while attending the Magnet Program.
 - l. Non Transfer Residence Verification
 - i. All students in Grade 6 must complete a non transfer residence verification in order to be eligible for participation.
 - ii. If the student resides with both biological parents, the school administration will verify their two proof of residence and make the eligibility determination.
 - iii. If the student resides with only one parent or someone who is not the biological parent, the student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office with proper documentation regarding custody.
 - m. Parent Separation/Change in Guardian
 - i. Students who are enrolled in middle school at the time of a separation will retain their eligibility at their current school.
 - ii. If the separation occurred prior to middle school, the parent and residence the student began Grade 6 with will remain the parent with whom their eligibility lies throughout middle school. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - iii. A change in guardianship results in ineligibility for 180 school days.
 - n. Private School
 - i. Students who transfer from a private school to a CCSD school are eligible for athletic competition as long as they meet all other CCSD requirements. The student must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - ii. Students enrolled in a private school are ineligible to participate in their zone school sports regardless of whether or not the private school offers the sport following [CCSD Policy 5119](#). The student may appeal the ineligibility with the CCSD Athletic Office if the student attends a private school with less than 30 students enrolled that does not offer the sport the student wishes to participate in.
 - o. Residence Change
 - i. Students who move residences must be approved by the CCSD Athletic Office if the move happens within 180 school days of the start of the season. Two proofs of residence must be submitted. A document of abandonment must be submitted.
 - ii. A document of abandonment must be a final utility bill (water, gas, or electric services), a formal move out letter from a leasing agency or landlord, or a document indicating the sale of the former residence.
 - p. Shared Housing
 - i. Students enrolled through Shared Housing are ineligible for 180 school days. A hardship appeal may be submitted to the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - ii. An appeal must include two proofs of residence in the parent/guardians' name, which must be a driver's license, financial institution document (i.e., bank, insurance company), utility company (i.e., phone, cable), medical document, religious institution document, or government document.
 - q. Temporary Guardianship
 - i. Students who are enrolled with a temporary guardian are ineligible for 180 school days. A hardship appeal may be submitted to the CCSD Athletic Office.

3. Hardship Definition

- a. A hardship is defined as an extenuating circumstance outside of the student's and parents'/guardians' normal control and is not related to participation by the pupil in a CCSD-sponsored sport.
- b. Each case is unique and evaluated on the basis of facts in the case as supported by evidence submitted. Poor grades, attendance, transportation, and citizenship are not considered hardships.

4. Initial Academic Eligibility

- a. Students must achieve a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and have passed four classes (two credits) for the semester immediately preceding the beginning of the season in which the student would like to participate in. Students must also be enrolled in a minimum of four classes during the season they are participating in.
- b. Summer school grades may be used to determine first semester GPA. Only one credit may be used. If a repeat tag course is used, it will replace the original grade and the GPA is recalculated. If an additional course is used, it will be added to the overall calculation of the GPA.
- c. Students in Grade 6 will be granted initial academic eligibility for the fall season and until first semester grades are posted to the transcript.
- d. At the end of the first semester, students who do not meet the minimum 2.0 GPA and/or have not passed a minimum of four classes (two credits) are deemed ineligible for the winter and spring seasons.
- e. If a student does not meet initial academic eligibility requirements, they may regain eligibility during the ensuing quarter (first/third) if minimum standards are attained.

5. Three Week Grade Check Procedures

- a. Students must maintain passing grades in all classes during the season. Grades will be checked by school administration on scheduled three-week grade check dates. Grade Check dates are determined by the CCSD Athletic Office.
- b. A student who receives a failing grade (F) on the grade check date in any course shall be placed on probation for that ensuing school week. Students on probation are eligible to participate in practice and competition.
- c. On the next Monday, any student who had a failing grade at the grade check, who continues to receive a failing grade in the same course, is ineligible to participate that week (Monday through Saturday).
- d. A student cannot regain eligibility during the week.
- e. A student declared ineligible shall have grades checked weekly each Monday. If the student is then passing the course they previously failed, he/she becomes eligible for the ensuing week.
- f. Once declared eligible, the student is not checked again until the next regularly scheduled three-week grade check.

6. Maintenance of Eligibility

- a. Per [CCSD Regulation 5135.1](#), any student absent from class on the day of an activity will not be permitted participation that day or evening unless an excuse has been granted, in advance, by the principal. Any student who is declared truant will be ineligible for a period of one week after the infraction is discovered.
- b. Students must maintain positive citizenship during the season. Students on Required Parent Conference, Suspension, or STAROn and/or were referred to or arrested by law enforcement are ineligible to practice or compete while the consequence is being served.
- c. Students are not excused from team consequences because of school consequences. It is a site-based decision to issue additional team consequences.
- d. The school principal may suspend or terminate the participation of a student for up to one school year.
- e. Students who participate in CCSD-sponsored athletic programs will follow the guidelines stipulated in [CCSD Regulation 5135.1](#) for all drug & alcohol related offenses.

7. Levels of Appeal

- a. School-level - Athletic Administrator/Principal
- b. CCSD Athletic Office - Director I
- c. CCSD Athletic Office Final Appeal - Director III

8. Practice and Participation

- a. A student who participates in any CCSD-sponsored athletic program must have completed five days practice within the first ten days of the season under the direct supervision of the school's assigned coaching staff before participating in a scheduled game. If a student participates in the postseason for a sport and wishes to participate in the following season's sport, they will need five days of practice.
- b. Each calendar day, excluding Sundays, counts as one practice only, regardless of the number of practices conducted during any particular day.
- c. Sunday practices and games are prohibited.
- d. Students may not participate for more than one school per season. If a student participates with one school in any practices, try-outs, or games, they are ineligible to play in that season at any other school.
- e. Students may not participate in the same sport more than once during a school year.
- f. A student may not participate in a club sport or non-school sport during the season, unless:
 - i. Permission is granted by the school and the coach, and
 - ii. Participation in any non-school sport or activity does not interfere with game or practice schedules, and
 - iii. Participation does not jeopardize a student's academic status.
 - iv. Club/non-school events will not be subject to game limits for competition.

IV. Coaches

All coaches and volunteers must be cleared through FinalForms prior to interacting with student-athletes.

1. Coaches Clearance Requirements

- a. Each program may have a maximum of one paid position and two volunteer positions.
- b. Each program is assigned coaches in accordance with the Negotiated Agreement between CCSD and the Clark County Education Association.
- c. A non-district coach/volunteer cannot be on the court/field and/or interacting with student-athletes until they have been cleared through CCSD Substitute Services and have been issued a CCSD Coaches badge. This includes substitute teachers, student teachers, wrap around service workers, and any non-CCSD individual.
- d. All coaches must have valid and current CPR certification.
- e. Non-district employee coaches and/or volunteers must appear on the CCSD non-district coaches roster provided by CCSD Substitute Services offices to be cleared to coach.
- f. A volunteer coach is a non-paid position.

2. Responsibilities of Coaches

- a. Exemplify and model attributes of good citizenship and fair play.
- b. Adhere to all applicable rules of the game, district regulations, and guidelines.
- c. Design and implement fair team tryout procedures.
- d. Communicate team and participant expectations to parents and the school staff before the first scrimmage or game.
- e. Assist in monitoring student eligibility regulations.
- f. Be actively involved in promoting good sportsmanship among students, spectators, and officials.
- g. Exercise good care of the team, school equipment, and supplies.

- h. Design and implement good practice planning and execution. The court or playing field is considered an extension of the classroom.
 - i. Limit practice time to a maximum of two hours.
 - j. Never use profanity nor demonstrate abusive behavior in the presence of students. Do not tolerate such behavior among students.
 - k. Keep the administration advised of potential problems or concerns.
 - l. Submit all game results by the time specified by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - m. It is strongly recommended that each coach take the NFHS online Fundamentals of Coaching course.
3. Ejections
- a. Any athlete or coach who is ejected from a contest is automatically suspended from the next contest and cannot be on CCSD property for the game (gym, stadium, sidelines, etc.)
 - b. This includes home and away venues.
 - c. There is no appeal of an ejection/suspension.
 - d. An ejected student is required to complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and submit the certificate to the CCSD Athletic Office prior to participating in the contest upon which they should return.
 - e. An ejected coach is required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course and submit the certificate to the CCSD Athletic Office prior to participating in the contest upon which they should return.
 - f. Failure to complete the course will result in continued suspension until the certificate has been received by the CCSD Athletic Office.
4. Club Teams
- a. Coaches may coach a club team.
 - b. Club websites must be separate from the school website.
 - c. Club team uniforms must not have school identifiers.
 - d. Club teams cannot use CCSD/school equipment, uniforms, or funds.
 - e. Club teams must submit a CCF-410 to utilize any CCSD facility.
 - f. Club teams must have insurance prior to utilizing any CCSD facility.
5. Recruiting
- a. A student who transfers to another school is presumed ineligible to participate in any CCSD-sponsored sport at the new school for 180 school days if they have participated within the past 12 months in an athletic event as a member of a team that is affiliated with the school or coach at the new school.
6. Violations or Disregard for CCSD Rules
- a. Any coach or athlete that violates or disregards CCSD rules and regulations may face discipline and/or sanctions including dismissal, ineligibility of coach and/or athlete to participate for up to 360 school days, and/or forfeitures of games, titles, and championships.

V. Game Schedules

Game schedules are available on the Secondary Student Athletics and Activities page of the CCSD website.

- 1. The middle school schedules will be developed by the CCSD Athletic Office.
- 2. Schedules are limited to a maximum of 14 contests and two tournaments.
- 3. After the first official day of practice, schools are allowed up to two scrimmages before participating in a sanctioned tournament or regularly scheduled contest.
- 4. The cost of transportation for the scrimmages will be paid by the school.
- 5. Scrimmage means a practice game in which:
 - a. The score is not kept;

- b. Unpaid sports officials are used;
 - c. The period of play is divided into a number of equal segments with running time kept; and
 - d. Spectators are not encouraged to attend.
- 6. Tournaments must be sanctioned by the CCSD Athletic Office.
 - 7. Tournament costs are the responsibility of the participating schools.
 - 8. A league championship tournament will be conducted by the CCSD Athletic Office.

VI. Transportation

Transportation to scheduled athletic contests will be provided by CCSD. Specific guidelines are determined by the Department of Transportation and the CCSD Athletic Office.

- 1. Coaches are responsible for students exhibiting appropriate behavior and care on CCSD buses.
- 2. Securing transportation for scheduled contests is the responsibility of the CCSD Athletic Office.
- 3. Teams will arrive 30 minutes before game time.
- 4. Transportation and associated costs to tournaments, scrimmages, or any events outside the regular schedule are the responsibility of the participating schools.
- 5. One administrator per school must complete the appropriate access request to view transportation within SAP/ERP.

VII. Administration

Each athletic program is under the supervision of the principal and designated administrator(s).

- 1. Adherence to CCSD regulations, guidelines, and rules of the game is the responsibility of the school's administration.
- 2. Before the first game, the athletic administrator must create an official roster on Aktivite.
 - a. As additions and deletions occur throughout the season, Aktivite rosters must be updated. Students are not eligible to participate in any scheduled contest or tournament until they appear on the Aktivite roster.
- 3. The school administration is responsible for game supervision and security, including the removal and/or prohibition of attendance of any individual who is unable to demonstrate appropriate behavior and citizenship. The CCSD Athletic Office will pay for two campus monitors or one police officer for all scheduled contests.
- 4. It is a school-based decision for an administrator to attend away games.
- 5. The school administration is responsible for monitoring the coaches and ensuring all expectations, regulations, and rules have been thoroughly conveyed to students, staff, and parents.
- 6. The school administration is responsible for proper accounting of gate receipts following guidelines for the CCSD Athletic Office accountant.
- 7. All schools must follow CCSD banking regulations.

VIII. Game Officials

Game officials shall be assigned by the Southern Nevada Officials Association (SNOA) and funded by the District Athletic Office.

- 1. Concerns with the performance of officials are to be conveyed by the school administration to the CCSD Athletic Office.
- 2. Game officials are to be respected and treated accordingly by coaches, students, staff, parents, spectators, and administrators.

3. The assigned number of officials must be present in order for a contest to begin. A contest may proceed with fewer than the assigned number by a mutual agreement between the head coaches of both teams. There must be at least one qualified official present in order for a contest to proceed.
4. Game officials for school-sponsored tournaments are funded by the sponsoring school(s) and must be SNOA officials.

IX. Postseason and Championship Tournament

The District Athletic Office shall conduct a postseason championship tournament. Schools shall not participate in any other post-season tournament or contest.

1. The first and second place teams shall participate in the championship tournament. In cases of ties, the established tie-breaking procedure shall determine the participating teams and their seeding in the tournament.
2. Any forfeits that occur during the play-offs will result in the team being eliminated and the next eligible team will be returned to the tournament. The placement of the next eligible team will be determined by the CCSD Athletic Office.
3. Postseason tournament provisions are determined by the CCSD Athletic Office.

X. Realignment Guidelines

The following guidelines will be utilized every two years to determine the realignment of middle schools and are based on a competitive balance formula.

1. The following criteria will be utilized:
 - a. Points will be accumulated over a two-year period.
 - b. Schools will be placed in Division I or Division II based on total points.
 - c. Placement in a Division or League will be for both boys' and girls' teams.
 - d. The Divisions or Leagues will be divided as equally as possible.
2. Schools will receive points in the following manner:
 - a. Wins: Each win is worth one point.
 - b. Play-off Participation: Schools will receive points for playoff game participation.
 - i. First round = 5 points
 - ii. Second round = 10 points
 - iii. Championship game = 15 points
 - c. Schools winning their respective Division Championship will receive an additional 20 points.
3. When ties occur that impact postseason, the following method will be used to determine final standing or rankings:
 - a. Head-to-head record during the current alignment.
 - b. Play-off appearances during the current alignment.
 - i. 1 point for each round
 - c. Head-to-head record (second year only).

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- ii. Rev. July 20, 2017
- iii. Rev. August 8, 2019
- iv. Rev. June 10, 2021
- v. Rev. May 11, 2022
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