



2026–2027 Athletic Handbook

For Parents, Athletes And Coaches



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Athletics Programs

The following athletic programs are offered at Bromley East Charter School.

Athletics Program	Grades
Girls Volleyball *	7th and 8th Grade
Boys and Girls Basketball *	7th and 8th Grade
Boys and Girls Soccer *	7th and 8th Grade
Boys and Girls Track and Field	6th - 8th Grade
Cheerleading	6th - 8th Grade

*Open to 7th and 8th graders first, if our numbers allow we will open up our sports to the 6th grade.

Additional information such as registration links, calendars, schedules and coach contact information can be found on the [Athletics Page of the BECS Website](#).

Athletic Fees

- Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Track Fees:
 - \$150.00 participation fee per sport.
- Cheerleading Fees:
 - Cheerleading will have three \$150 fees for the year, \$450 total, if a cheerleader chooses to participate in all 3 seasons of cheerleading.
- Students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch must provide a copy of that completed paperwork to the office in order to receive consideration for a reduced athletic fee of \$25.



Refund Policy

Refunds will only be issued if a parent requests it before the first game of the season. After the first game of the season, refunds will not be issued for any reason unless otherwise determined by the Athletic Director.

Safety

The safety of our athletes is paramount. Coaches are expected to create and maintain a safe environment for all athletes. All participants must be aware that other athletes' physical safety is very important and they must avoid any type of aggressive action which could lead to the injury of another participant. Participants are expected to avoid any activity which may lead to injury unless properly supervised by an assigned faculty member or coach.

Objectives

Specific Athletic Objectives

1. To provide opportunities to learn about sports and improve their skills as a student-athlete.
2. To develop physical fitness and desirable health, hygiene and safety habits.
3. To develop time management skills that are required to be a student-athlete.
4. To provide opportunities to make friends with team members and widen circles of friends by meeting student-athletes from opposing teams.
5. To provide opportunities to observe and practice good sportsmanship.
6. To realize that athletic competition is a privilege.
7. To reap the benefits of the special type of discipline that comes from participation and competition.
8. To understand the concept of teamwork and the individual's role as a team member.
9. A student becomes a member of their school team when they report to practice.



School and Student Body Objectives

- Build Character within our school.
- Athletics should be educational.
- Athletics should promote pride in one's school and community.
- Proper student interest should be promoted.
- All visiting schools should be treated as guests.
- School policy will be consistently applied to all student-athletes.
- Sportsmanship, fair play and good citizenship should be the goals of all student-athletes.
- Every effort should be made to provide the best coaching, facilities and equipment possible within the economic constraints of the school's athletic budget.

Expectations

Expectations of the Coaches

- The health, safety and well-being of student-athletes are primary concerns for a coach.
- The coach controls the actions of his/her athletes both in and out of competition when they are representing Bromley East Charter School.
- The coach emphasizes the necessity of being a team; even in individual sports. One person is not responsible for winning, nor is one person responsible for losing.
- The coach should do the best job he or she is capable of doing and treat all student-athletes with dignity and respect.
- The coach will maintain an open line of communication between him/herself and the student-athlete's, Athletic Director, school administration and parents.
- Coaches are encouraged to attend coaching clinics to support personal, professional and program growth.
- The coach will keep the Athletic Director informed as to any problems, dismissals, honors, etc. that happen in his/her program.
- The coach will follow policies, procedures, and school rules. It is the coach's responsibility to understand current guidelines.



- The coach will show professionalism and sportsmanship at all times and should instruct student-athletes to display the same.
- Coaches are mentored by the Athletic Director to create the best possible opportunity for success for each student.
- Coaches will immediately notify parents/guardians if their athlete sustains an injury.

Expectations of the Student- Athlete

- Being a student is still the top priority.
- The team's goals, welfare and success must come before any individual goal.
- Consistently attend all practice sessions on time
- Players must be receptive to coaching.
- Team members are responsible for all issued uniforms and equipment.
- As a member of a team, a student-athlete must agree to and follow all team rules. Student-athletes need to remember that they are ambassadors and represent not only themselves, but the coach, staff and the school.
- A student-athlete must report all injuries to either the coach or the Athletic Director immediately.

Profile of a Supportive Parent

- Support your child and attend as many contests as possible.
- Talking to the coach is always the first line of communication.
- Avoid putting pressure on your student to start, score, or be the star of the team.
- Understand the ultimate purpose of athletics. It exists as an integral part of the total educational mission of the school and participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right.
- Serve as a beacon of good sportsmanship and role model for the students, athletes, and fans.
- Appreciate the educational opportunity that your child is receiving in our athletic program. This includes the enormous time and effort provided by the coach.



- Attend the pre-season parents' meeting and read our Athletic General Information Sheet (included in the athletic registration packet).
- Show respect to everyone involved in school athletics; the coach, athletes, fans, officials, teachers, staff, and administrators.
- Follow the communication pathways of Bromley East Charter School when you have a concern.
- Express concerns and questions in a courteous manner and do it at the right time and in the proper setting.
- Abide by all regulations and procedures for our athletic program.
- Parents are expected to pick up their student promptly at the conclusion of each contest and practice.
- Support your student with maintaining athletic eligibility by prioritizing school work, providing a routine quiet space to study, discuss grades,

Practice Policies

Bromley East Charter School athletes are expected to give complete concentration and effort every time they step on the practice floor/field. It is our goal to out-work every single opponent! Players must be dressed and ready to go at the time practice is scheduled to start. If this is not possible, the player must inform the coach of the reason prior to the end of the school day. Attendance at all practices is required as missing practices can affect playing time.

Exceptions:

Players who are sick or injured need not participate in practice until they are healthy enough to do so. However, players who are injured are encouraged to attend practice to watch if able.

Players may need to miss practices due to academic needs. Such absences are permitted only after all other possibilities have been exhausted (before school for example). If a student is late to practice for academic reasons they must still attend the rest of practice and bring a note from the teacher.



Bromley East Charter School athletes are expected to display discipline and dignity at all times. For this reason, practice expectations include the following:

- Positively acknowledge the efforts of your teammates.
- Hustle from drill to drill, and from different positions within drills.
- Make eye contact with coaches.
- Give total concentration at all times when a coach is speaking.
- Do not complain about officiating.
- Treat teammates and team managers with respect.

When these expectations are not met, sanctions will be instituted. Depending on the severity of the situation, the following means will be used to address violations stated above:

- Verbal warnings expressing those expectations are not being met.
- A private discussion between the player and the coach to communicate that a problem exists and must be resolved.
- Practice, game or season suspension (used only after all other means have been exhausted)

School Attendance

Students must attend school a minimum of half a school day (12:00 PM) in order to participate in scheduled contests that day.

Student-athletes are expected to be proactive in communicating with teachers about all missed classes due to competitions. Arrangements for making up missed work must be made prior to the absence and are the responsibility of the student-athlete.

School Suspensions

If a student is suspended from school, they may not practice, participate or attend any school-sponsored activity during that suspension as well as the next scheduled contest.



Eligibility

To be eligible to represent the school in any athletic competition, the student must:

- Complete the Athletic Registration
- Pay the \$150 fee per sport (\$25 for Free and Reduced Lunch)
- Turn in an updated physical (If one is not already on file and doesn't expire during the season)
- Maintain a "C" or better in all classes.

Each Monday (next possible day if Monday is a holiday) by 9am, the Athletic Director will pull grades and complete the eligibility report. This report will be emailed to coaches, teachers, and parents of ineligible athletes. Any student-athlete who receives a D or F in any class will be declared ineligible for the entire week, and may not participate in games that week. Students are able to participate in practices with one D in any class. If your student has any F's or two or more D's in any classes, they will not be allowed to participate in practice or games that week.

Coaches who will inform the student-athlete of their ineligibility for that week. Reported eligibility grades can only change if a teacher makes a mistake while entering grades. Please allow teachers 24 - 48 hours to enter grades after an assignment is due or turned in. Lengthier assignments may take up to 5 business days to grade. Please reach out to a teacher directly if there is a question about a student's grade.



Communication Pathways

Guidelines for Parent and Student-Athlete Communication:

The protocol when resolving issues between the student-athlete and the coach are as follows:

1. Student-athlete will make an appointment and meet with the coach.
2. Student-athlete and parent will make an appointment and meet with the coaching staff.
3. Student-athlete and parent will make an appointment to meet with the coach and Athletic Director.
4. Student-athlete and parent will make an appointment to meet with the coach, Athletic Director, and Assistant Principal.
5. Student-athlete and parent will make an appointment to meet with the coach, Athletic Director, and Principal.
6. Student-athlete and parent will make an appointment to meet with the coach, Athletic Director and Executive Director.

All meetings with coaches are to be made by appointment only and coaches will make their contact information available to parents. Parents will refrain from calling coaches at their homes. There will be no meetings between parents and coaches on the athletic fields, gyms, or locker rooms.

Parent and Coach Meetings

Bromley East Charter School believes in providing the best forum for meeting with parents and resolving issues amicably. All requested meetings with a coach are by



appointment only. Meetings should take place after practice at the school. We feel that two coaches should always be present. This will include the coach most closely involved with the situation and the Athletic Director. No meetings will take place on or before games. All meetings will be conducted face to face; not over the telephone. Meetings may be set up by phone, but concerns will be discussed at an agreed upon meeting time.

Dress Code for All Athletes

Coaches may establish a game day dress code for their team with approval from the school administration. Members of cheer are allowed to wear their cheer top with dress code bottoms on game days.

Equipment and Uniforms

Players are responsible for all equipment and uniforms checked out to them. Players who lose, misplace, have stolen, or damage any equipment or uniform are financially responsible for their replacement. All uniforms must be returned within one week of the end of the season. Failure to turn their assigned uniform will result in the athlete paying for its replacement.

Transportation

Bromley East Charter School will be using buses for our away games. Coaches will notify athletes and parents of any contest that will not have a bus provided. A parent must sign out their athlete with the coach if they choose to give their athlete a ride home after a contest. For a list of student bus expectations, please view the [Student Conduct on Buses Policy](#)

Injuries

If a player becomes injured, the priority of the coaching staff is to ensure the player is healthy before they are allowed to participate in games or practices. In the case of a suspected head injury or concussion, written documentation for the



student-athlete's physician must be provided to the Athletic Director before the student-athlete can return to practice.

All steps should be taken to prevent injuries. The following steps should be followed when dealing with injuries:

- Using student-athlete provided supportive braces, taping ankles prior to practice.
- Stretching properly before games and practice.
- If an injury does occur, the player will report it to the coaching staff immediately.
- When injured, a player will follow the rehabilitation program described by the player's physician.
- The decision of when to return to play will be left to the player, player's parent and their physician.
- The health of the player will not be compromised for wins.

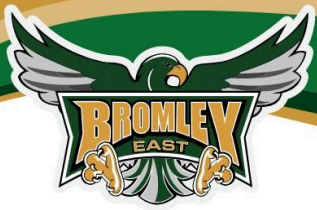
Fundraising

Fundraising is a vital component for all sports at Bromley East Charter School.

Fundraising assists in funding the athletic programs and helps with the purchase of athletic equipment, uniforms, tournament entry fees, athletic camps, etc.

Building Supervision

All assistant and head coaches must remain on the school property after all practices, games, etc., until all players have received a ride home. At no time may a coach leave the premises unless they have made arrangements with the other coaches or the Athletic Director. The coaching staff is responsible for the safety of the students. Please be sure to make proper and timely arrangements with your parents for rides home. At no time will student-athletes remain at school or contest without the supervision of a coach or the Athletic Director.



Parents and Spectators

Parent and fan attendance, win or lose, is a very positive and encouraging statement for student-athletes. Schedules for each season are available prior to the start of the season on the school website.

School athletic programs are designed for student learning, skills enhancement and competition. A positive parent and fan attitude towards sportsmanship greatly enhances the student-athlete's learning experience. It is imperative that our spectators behave in an appropriate manner which sets the best example possible for our students. The authority to control spectator behavior is the responsibility of the school officials in charge of the athletic contest. Should a spectator deviate from respectable and admirable behaviors, they will be asked to leave.

Bromley East Charter School Sportsmanship Guidelines

1. Be courteous to all participants, coaches, officials, fans and staff.
2. Know the rules, abide and respect the official's decisions.
3. Win with character and lose with dignity.
4. Display appreciation for good performance, regardless of team.
5. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
6. Permit only positive sportsmanship behavior to reflect upon your school and activities.

Unacceptable Behaviors:

1. Making disrespectful actions or cheering for your own team during opponent introductions.
2. Derogatory/disrespectful yells, chants, songs, gestures.
3. Any attempt to degrade an excellent performance by opponents.
4. Criticizing the merits of officiating, arguing with the official's calls, derogatory remarks towards an official.
5. Displays of temper.
6. Refusing to shake hands or give recognition to a winner for good performance.
7. Blaming loss on officials, coaching or individual contestant's performance.



Cheering Behaviors:

Cheering should be kept positive. The overall rule is “WE CHEER FOR OUR TEAM” including:

1. When your team enters the field or floor.
2. When your team or player makes an exceptional play.
3. Encouragement and tribute to an injured player.
4. When an opponent, who has played spectacularly, leaves the game.
5. As encouragement to the team in its drive for a score or in defense of its goal.

Cheering should NOT occur when:

1. A player is attempting a free throw, calling signals at the line of scrimmage, serving a volleyball, etc.
2. When any player makes a mistake.
3. When the opposing player is penalized.
4. When any player is injured.
5. During important announcements being made over the public address system.
6. When an un-sportsmanship act has occurred or is occurring.

BECS Athletics Parent Volunteer Program

Assisting coaches is necessary to the success of the program. The following is a list of common needs that each sport will have. We ask that each team have parents who volunteer to assist in filling the needs of a given sports team. Please speak with your coach for more details on volunteer opportunities. In order to volunteer to help, you must first complete the Volunteer application through the Bromley East Charter School Website.

- Please check with your coach to see how you could help out the team. If the coach would like help, any parent volunteers will need to complete and pass our Volunteer Application
- Running the Game Clock – Need one consistent person for all home games.
- Score Book – Need one consistent person for all home games.