



**AHFACHKEE WARRIORS
STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK
2026-2027**

One Tribe. One Team. One Goal.

Ahfachkee School Athletics

Student-Athlete Name: _____

Sport(s): _____

School Year: _____

Warrior Student-Athlete Quick Guide

What Every Warrior Needs to Know:

- Playing sports at Ahfachkee is a privilege that must be earned every day.
- Warriors put academics first and must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale to compete.
- Warriors must attend school regularly and be present for at least half of the school day to practice or compete that day.
- Unexcused absences may make a student-athlete ineligible to practice or compete that same day.
- Warriors show respect in class, at practice, during games, in PE, online, and throughout campus.
- Behavior during the school day can affect athletic participation.
- Warriors attend practices, games, meetings, and team activities unless excused by the coach, Athletic Director, or administration.
- Warriors respect uniforms, equipment, gym spaces, locker rooms, buses, and all school facilities.
- Fighting, bullying, hazing, threats, substance use, theft, vandalism, or serious disrespect may lead to immediate athletic consequences.
- Accountability may include warnings, parent contact, service assignments, Warrior Environmental Club, detention, athletic probation, suspension, or removal from a team.
- The Warrior Environmental Club gives student-athletes a chance to restore trust by helping clean, improve, and care for the school campus.
- Social media posts that disrespect the school, team, coaches, staff, opponents, officials, or community may affect athletic participation.
- Parents and families support academics, attendance, sportsmanship, and respectful communication.
- Warriors represent Ahfachkee School, their Tribe, their families, their teammates, and themselves at all times.

Warrior Commitment

I understand that being a Warrior Student-Athlete means following the Warrior Standard, accepting accountability, and representing Ahfachkee School with respect, discipline, effort, and pride.

Student-Athlete Initials: _____ Parent/Guardian Initials: _____

Warrior Student-Athlete Creed

A Warrior Student-Athlete competes with integrity, leads with respect, accepts accountability, and serves with pride. We strive for excellence in the classroom, in competition, and within our community. Every day, we earn the privilege of wearing the Warrior name.

Pillar I - Warrior Standards

Welcome to Warrior Athletics

At Ahfachkee School, athletics is more than competition; it is a cornerstone of our Warrior culture. Our student-athletes learn discipline, teamwork, accountability, and pride while representing their Tribe with integrity on and off the field of play. We are building a program that inspires excellence, develops character, and prepares students for success beyond athletics.

Being a Warrior is a privilege earned through commitment, responsibility, and respect. Every classroom, practice, competition, and interaction is an opportunity to demonstrate what it means to wear the Warrior name with pride.

Mission Statement

The Ahfachkee Athletic Program is dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence where every Warrior earns their place through hard work, respect, discipline, and pride. Our mission is to prepare student-athletes for success in academics, athletics, leadership, and life.

Vision Statement

To develop a high-caliber athletic program that empowers student-athletes to compete at the highest level while embodying character, accountability, resilience, and sportsmanship.

Warrior Motto

One Tribe. One Team. One Goal.

Warrior Core Values

Respect

Treat teammates, coaches, teachers, officials, opponents, and community members with dignity. Warriors lead through their words and actions.

Discipline

Choose to do what is right, even when no one is watching. Discipline is shown through preparation, responsibility, and self-control.

Effort

Give your best every day - in the classroom, at practice, in competition, and in service to others. Success is earned through consistent effort.

Pride

Represent Ahfachkee School, your Tribe, your teammates, and yourself with honor. Warriors take pride in their character, work ethic, and legacy.

The Warrior Standard

- Put academics first.
- Maintain positive attendance.
- Respect teachers, coaches, staff, officials, opponents, teammates, and classmates.
- Demonstrate positive behavior throughout the school day.
- Follow school, classroom, Physical Education, athletic, and team expectations.
- Protect school property, athletic facilities, uniforms, and equipment.
- Compete with integrity and sportsmanship.
- Accept accountability when expectations are not met.
- Serve the Ahfachkee community with pride.
- Represent Ahfachkee School, the Tribe, and Warrior Athletics with honor.

Character Before Competition. Discipline Before Success. Team Before Self.

Eligibility Requirements

Participation in Ahfachkee Warriors Athletics is a privilege earned through academic achievement, positive citizenship, consistent attendance, and following the Warrior Standard.

- Be officially enrolled at Ahfachkee School, or be enrolled in a Home School program and reside on the Big Cypress Reservation.
- Submit all required athletic forms before practices, conditioning, tryouts, or competitions.
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for athletic competition.
- Maintain satisfactory school attendance.
- Remain in good disciplinary standing.
- Complete and submit a current physical examination and any additional medical requirements before participation.
- Meet all team, coach, school, and Athletic Department expectations.

Eligibility is ongoing. Student-athletes must continue to meet academic, attendance, behavior, and team expectations throughout the season. Failure to meet these standards may result in accountability measures, practice restrictions, contest ineligibility, athletic probation, suspension, or removal from the team.

A student-athlete who becomes ineligible may regain eligibility by meeting conditions set by the Athletic Director and school administration. These conditions may include academic improvement, improved attendance, corrected behavior, completion of accountability measures, or other school requirements.

Student-Athlete Expectations

Student-athletes represent Ahfachkee School, their Tribe, their families, their teammates, and themselves. They are expected to uphold the Warrior Standard throughout the school day, during athletic activities, and at all school-sponsored events.

Student-athletes are expected to put academics first, attend class prepared and on time, complete assignments, respect teachers and classmates, seek help when needed, and maintain academic eligibility. Athletic participation may be limited when a student-athlete is not meeting academic expectations.

Student-Athlete Expectations, continued

Student-athletes must demonstrate positive behavior in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, buses, Physical Education, athletic facilities, and school-sponsored events. They are expected to follow school rules, follow staff directions, use appropriate language, protect school property, and demonstrate self-control. School-day behavior may affect athletic participation when a student-athlete fails to meet the Warrior Standard.

Physical Education reflects the same expectations required in athletics. Student-athletes are expected to participate appropriately, follow directions, use equipment safely, and demonstrate effort, respect, and discipline. Repeated PE misconduct, refusal to participate, unsafe behavior, or disrespect may result in step-by-step athletic accountability measures.

Student-athletes are expected to attend all required practices, meetings, games, and team activities unless excused by the coach, Athletic Director, or administration. They must arrive on time, be prepared, give full effort, follow coach instructions, respect teammates and coaches, accept coaching appropriately, and communicate absences in advance whenever possible.

During competitions, student-athletes must show respect to officials, opponents, teammates, coaches, and spectators. Taunting, profanity, trash talk, arguing with officials, or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in removal from competition, athletic discipline, school discipline, or further review by school leaders.

Student-athletes are expected to use social media responsibly. Online behavior that disrespects Ahfachkee School, teammates, coaches, staff, opponents, officials, or the community may result in athletic accountability measures. Student-athletes should not post or share content involving threats, harassment, bullying, fighting, unsafe behavior, substance use, or anything that negatively reflects on Warrior Athletics.

Once a student-athlete joins a team, they are expected to honor their commitment for the season. Quitting, repeated absences, or failure to meet team responsibilities may affect future athletic participation. A student-athlete who wishes to leave a team must speak with the coach and Athletic Director before making a final decision.

Student- Athlete Initials _____

Parent/Guardian Initials _____

Pillar II - Warrior Accountability

Athletic Accountability Program

The Athletic Accountability Program helps student-athletes correct behavior, restore trust, and remain connected to the team whenever appropriate. School discipline is handled first through school administration. Athletic accountability may also be assigned because athletic participation is a privilege.

The Athletic Director, coaches, and school administration may use step-by-step accountability measures based on the nature, frequency, and severity of the concern.

Progressive Athletic Accountability Framework

Level	Behavior Examples	Possible Athletic Accountability Measures
Level 1	Minor disruption, minor disrespect, failure to follow directions, minor team issue	Verbal warning, teacher/coach conference, reminder of Warrior Standard
Level 2	Repeated minor issues, cafeteria or hallway misconduct, repeated tardiness, PE concerns, practice behavior concerns	Parent notification, Athletic Accountability Assignment, coach/AD conference
Level 3	Continued misconduct after intervention, repeated referrals, defiance, repeated PE non-participation, chronic behavior concerns	Warrior Environmental Club, after-school detention, athletic probation, loss of team privileges
Level 4	Major misconduct, school suspension, fighting, bullying, serious insubordination, unsafe behavior, repeated noncompliance	Practice suspension, contest suspension, temporary removal from team activities, Athletic Director review
Level 5	Severe or repeated violations, hazing, substance use, threats, theft, vandalism, criminal conduct, major safety concern	Athletic Council review, athletic suspension, removal from team, administrative review

Athletic Accountability Assignments

Athletic Accountability Assignments teach responsibility, restore trust, and reinforce Warrior values through service to the school community. Assignments may include campus beautification, gymnasium cleanup, athletic facility cleanup, equipment organization, event setup or teardown, cafeteria cleanup assistance, team service responsibilities, or community service projects approved by the Athletic Director or administration.

Failure to complete an assigned accountability measure may result in additional consequences, including athletic probation, suspension from practice or competition, or further school review.

Warrior Environmental Club

The Warrior Environmental Club is part of the Athletic Accountability Program. It gives student-athletes a chance to restore trust by helping clean, improve, and care for the school campus.

The purpose of the Warrior Environmental Club is to reinforce responsibility, respect for the campus, teamwork, humility, and service. It is not intended to embarrass or publicly shame student-athletes.

Assignments may include picking up litter on campus, cleaning school or athletic areas, supporting gymnasium or facility cleanup, assisting with approved custodial or maintenance tasks, supporting lunch-area cleanup, helping prepare or restore athletic spaces, or participating in approved school or community beautification projects.

Assignments may occur during lunch, after school, or during another approved service period. Students may be required to wear school-designated safety or identification apparel while completing assigned duties. All assignments must be supervised by approved school personnel, which may include athletic staff, school administration, custodial staff, maintenance staff, or other designated employees.

Athletic Probation

Athletic probation is a formal warning that a student-athlete's continued participation is at risk. A student-athlete placed on athletic probation may remain with the team but must meet specific academic, attendance, behavior, or accountability expectations.

Probation conditions may include improved classroom behavior, improved attendance or punctuality, completion of accountability assignments, parent or guardian conference, academic improvement plan, limited team privileges, or regular check-ins with the coach, Athletic Director, or school administration.

Failure to meet probation conditions may result in suspension from practice or competition, Athletic Council review, or removal from the team.

Practice and Contest Suspension

A student-athlete may be suspended from practice, competition, travel, or team activities when behavior, attendance, academic standing, or school discipline does not meet the Warrior Standard.

Suspension from athletic participation may result from school suspension, repeated misconduct, failure to complete accountability assignments, major violations, unsafe behavior, unsportsmanlike conduct, repeated failure to meet team expectations, or administrative decision based on student conduct.

A student-athlete suspended from athletic participation may still be required to attend practices, games, or team activities as determined by the Athletic Director, coach, and administration.

Administrative Discretion

The Athletic Director and school administration may move directly to a higher level of accountability when behavior is severe, unsafe, disruptive, or damaging to Ahfachkee School or Warrior Athletics. Step-by-step intervention is preferred whenever appropriate, but serious misconduct may result in immediate suspension, Athletic Council review, or removal from the team.

Major Violations

Major violations are serious behaviors that violate the Warrior Standard and may result in immediate athletic consequences. These behaviors may lead to school discipline, athletic probation, suspension from practice or competition, Athletic Council review, removal from a team, or loss of future athletic participation privileges.

Fighting, Threats, and Physical Aggression

Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate self-control and resolve conflicts appropriately. Fighting, physical aggression, threats, intimidation, or encouraging others to fight may result in suspension from athletic participation and Athletic Council review.

Bullying, Harassment, and Hazing

Bullying, harassment, hazing, intimidation, or targeting another student is prohibited in person, online, during school, during athletics, during travel, or at school-sponsored events. Violations may result in suspension or removal from the team.

Substance Use or Possession

Student-athletes are prohibited from using, possessing, distributing, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, illegal drugs, controlled substances, or any prohibited substance at school, during athletic activities, while traveling, or at school-sponsored events. Violations may result in immediate suspension, administrative review, Athletic Council review, and possible removal from the team.

Theft, Vandalism, and Property Damage

Student-athletes are expected to respect school property, athletic facilities, equipment, uniforms, transportation, and the property of others. Theft, vandalism, property damage, misuse of equipment, or failure to return school-issued athletic items may result in athletic consequences, financial responsibility, and administrative review.

Serious Insubordination or Defiance

Student-athletes are expected to follow reasonable directions from teachers, coaches, administrators, officials, and school staff. Serious disrespect, defiance, refusal to follow directions, or behavior that disrupts school or athletic operations may result in athletic probation, suspension, or Athletic Council review.

Criminal Conduct or Serious Safety Concerns

Any conduct that violates the law, creates a serious safety concern, or negatively affects Ahfachkee School or Warrior Athletics may result in immediate athletic review. Athletic participation may be restricted while the matter is reviewed.

School Suspension

A student-athlete who receives in-school or out-of-school suspension may be restricted from practice, competition, travel, and team activities. A student-athlete assigned out-of-school suspension is not eligible to participate in school activities, including athletics, during the suspension period. Additional athletic consequences may be assigned depending on the incident.

Athletic Council

The Athletic Council may review serious, repeated, or unresolved concerns involving behavior, eligibility, attendance, sportsmanship, team commitment, or violations of the Warrior Standard. The council may include the Athletic Director, administration, coach, teacher, counselor, or other approved school personnel as needed. After review, the council may recommend continued participation with conditions, athletic probation, accountability assignments, suspension from practice or competition, removal from a team, or loss of future athletic participation privileges.

Student-Athlete Initials ____

Parent/Guardian Initials ____

Pillar III - Warrior Success

Academics

Warrior Student-Athletes are students first. Students are expected to attend class, complete assignments, respect teachers and classmates, seek help when needed, and maintain the required minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students not meeting academic expectations may be placed on an improvement plan, athletic probation, practice restriction, or contest ineligibility until progress is shown.

Attendance

Student-athletes must maintain consistent attendance and punctuality. To practice or compete on a school day, students must be present for at least half of the school day, such as attending a minimum of four class periods. Unexcused absences result in ineligibility for that day's practice or competition. Known appointments or planned absences must be pre-approved by the Athletic Director or coach. Excessive absences, repeated tardiness, early dismissals, skipping class, or unexcused team absences may result in athletic accountability measures.

Practice, Competition, and Travel

Student-athletes must attend all required practices, games, meetings, travel events, and team activities unless excused by the coach, Athletic Director, or administration. Warriors must be on time, prepared, respectful, coachable, and committed to full effort. Misconduct during practice, competition, or travel may result in removal from the activity and further athletic accountability.

Uniforms, Equipment, and Facilities

Uniforms, equipment, locker rooms, gymnasiums, athletic spaces, and school facilities must be treated with respect. Student-athletes are responsible for properly using, caring for, and returning all school-issued athletic items. Lost, damaged, or unreturned items may result in financial responsibility or athletic restrictions.

Parent and Family Partnership

Parents and families are expected to support academics, attendance, commitment, sportsmanship, and respectful communication. **Concerns should follow the communication chain: student-athlete to coach, parent and coach, then Athletic Director when needed.** Respectful communication helps maintain a positive athletic environment.

Awards and Recognition

Warrior Athletics recognizes commitment, sportsmanship, leadership, academic effort, improvement, athletic achievement, teamwork, and character. Awards, letters, certificates, or other honors may be presented at the discretion of the Athletics program, coaches, and administration.

Student-Athlete & Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the Ahfachkee Warriors Student-Athlete Handbook. I understand that participation in Warrior Athletics is a privilege earned through academic responsibility, positive attendance, respectful behavior, team commitment, and following the Warrior Standard.

I understand that student-athletes are expected to represent Ahfachkee School, their Tribe, their families, their teammates, and themselves with respect, discipline, effort, and pride. I also understand that failure to meet the expectations outlined in this handbook may result in athletic accountability measures, loss of team privileges, athletic probation, suspension from practice or competition, Athletic Council review, removal from a team, or loss of future athletic participation privileges.

By signing below, the student-athlete and parent/guardian agree to support the mission, vision, expectations, and accountability standards of Ahfachkee Warriors Athletics.

Student-Athlete Name: _____

Grade: _____

Sport(s): _____

Student-Athlete Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____