



Krum ISD
Athletic Handbook
2026-2027

PURPOSE, PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Purpose

The purpose of the athletic program is to impact the lives of our student-athletes by teaching and developing positive character traits that will enable them to be successful in their future endeavors.

Philosophy

The athletic department of a public-school system is a vital, contributing part of the total educational system. We believe that the benefits gained from participating in the Krum ISD athletic program should be available to all students who desire to participate and who meet the expectations and standards set for them by the coaching staff. These standards should demand a high level of commitment and discipline from our student-athletes.

Objectives of the Athletic Program

1. Establish a standard of excellence for the entire athletic program
2. Excellence in the classroom
 - a. Minimum team gpa of 3.0
3. Develop positive sportsmanship
 - a. Weekly character development within each program
 - i. Teaching appropriate responses/reactions to failure/success
4. Develop highly competitive teams and student-athletes
 - a. Fundamentals and knowledge of the game
5. Teach student-athletes to pursue their goals with passion and persistence
 - a. Team goal setting
 - b. Individual goal setting

INTRODUCTION

The policies, procedures and regulations in this handbook have been developed in accordance with school board policies, local administrative procedures and UIL regulations. They are designed to provide successful experiences for our students and efficient operation of the athletic program.

Krum ISD student-athletes are expected to represent our programs, school and community with class and dignity at all times. The purpose of this handbook is to establish regulations and procedures for the expectations that we have for our student-athletes, both on and off the field.

This handbook is designed to encourage student-athletes to make positive choices that will ensure their health and safety and provide appropriate consequences when student-athletes fail to meet the expectations outlined in this handbook.

The student-athlete will be held accountable and responsible for all policies and procedures outlined in this handbook, as well as for any other expectations that are communicated by each sport's head coach.

PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Krum ISD athletic program is a privilege and not a right for students. Because it is an extra-curricular program, and not a requirement for the education of a student, the coaching staff has the authority to suspend or revoke the privilege of participation when the rules and standards of the program are not followed or met.

Participation in the Krum ISD off-season training program is a requirement for participation in our team sport programs. Students that are new to KISD or new to the program may have his requirement waived at the discretion of the head coach of that sport.

To be eligible to participate in the athletic program, students must meet all UIL standards of eligibility, including academic and residency requirements. All KISD student-athletes must also submit all required paperwork, including an updated physical on an annual basis.

Practice Requirements

All KISD student-athletes are expected to be in attendance for all mandatory practices and team functions. Absences for illness, family emergencies or other school related functions may be considered an excused absence based upon the guidelines as set by the head coach of each sport. Communication to the appropriate coaching staff member should be made prior to the absence.

If a team has a tryout process, then the participant must be selected for the team before being admitted to the athletic period for that sport. Once a student has been selected to a team, their class schedule will be adjusted at the earliest possible opportunity. Tryout decisions are final and are to be made by the head coach of that sport.

An athlete in-season for any KISD sport shall not participate in club competition at the same time without consent of the in-season head coach.

ATHLETIC PERIODS

Student-athletes at Krum High School are afforded the opportunity to enroll in athletic classes during the school day in all sports, with the exception of cross country and golf. It is the expectation of the KISD athletic department that every effort should be made to be enrolled in the appropriate athletic period in order to participate in that sport. The athletic directors and head coaches must approve admittance into an athletic period.

Student-athletes should not miss the athletic period in order to complete academic work without the prior approval of the head coach of that sport. If a student is permitted to miss the athletic period for such reasons, that student may be required to make up that workout or activity missed.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

All student-athletes are expected to give their best effort, play to win, follow training guidelines and exhibit good conduct at all times. Student-athletes are highly visible representatives of our programs, schools and community. Our actions, both on and off the field, are a direct reflection of the athletic program, our teams and our school. Student-athletes are expected to take this responsibility very seriously and strive to represent the Bobcats in a positive manner at all times. Student-athletes are expected to follow the KISD student dress and grooming code while representing our program, **unless their school issued uniform and equipment limits their ability to do so.**

Krum Bobcat student-athletes will compete with tremendous effort, discipline and self-control. They will strive for excellence in the classroom every day. They will treat their teammates and others with courtesy and respect. They will also be leaders on campus and will not allow anyone to be treated inappropriately. Student-athletes who observe another student being mistreated should immediately report such behavior to the appropriate staff member and should make every effort to stop the behavior if they are able to do so.

Our student-athletes will take pride in our campus and our facilities. Student-athletes are expected to maintain a neat and orderly locker area. They should always seek to take care of the equipment provided to them to ensure that it remains in good working order.

Krum Bobcat student-athletes will follow through on their commitments. When a student-athlete makes a commitment to be a member of one of our teams, they are expected to complete that commitment. Any student-athlete who leaves a team prior to the conclusion of their season will not be permitted to join another sport until the completion of the season for the team that they leave, without consent from the athletic director and head coaches of both sports.

TEAM TRAVEL

Student-athletes are expected to travel to and from all away contests with their team on school provided transportation. The head coach may allow students to sign out with their parents or guardian following a contest. In the event that circumstances require a student to ride with anyone other than their parent or legal guardian, written arrangements must be made with the responsible coach prior to the team's departure for the contest. No student-athlete will be released to a minor regardless of the circumstances.

Student-athletes will dress for travel as determined by the head coach of that sport. No radios or stereos will be permitted for use on the bus during trips.

In the event that a team is on an overnight trip, all student-athletes will:

- Abide by the curfew set by the head coach
- Not be in different gender rooms at any time
- Travel to and from events with the team
- Have bags checked before departure from KISD
- Adhere to all expectations of this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for participation in the KISD athletic program will be determined by following UIL guidelines for academics and residency. State law requires that all student-athletes must pass all courses during each grading period to be eligible for participation, with the exception of courses identified as advanced courses in local policy. Initial eligibility for the beginning of a school year is determined by state graduation credits earned in the prior school year or the cumulative of credits during their high school academic career.

Multiple 9 week failures could result in removal from the program.

ATHLETE / PARENT / COACH COMMUNICATION PROCESS

Before the start of each sport season, the head coach will conduct a mandatory parent meeting to communicate the rules, regulations and expectations for that sport.

Coaches should never be approached to discuss a concern immediately following a contest. If, at any time, an athlete or parent has an issue or concern with a coach or program, the following process should be followed:

- The student-athlete will meet with the coach to discuss the issue or concern
- The parent and student-athlete will meet with the coach
- The parent, student-athlete and coach will meet with the athletic director

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Student-athletes are prohibited from the possession or use of tobacco (or similar product), alcohol or illegal drugs at any time, in any location. The consequences administered for a violation of these rules must be completed prior to participation in an athletic competition. If a student is suspended for such a violation, they are still expected to attend all practices and required activities during the suspension period.

In order for a student-athlete to be considered in violation of these rules, one or more of the following criteria must be met:

- The student-athlete admits to the violation
- The parent or guardian of the student-athlete admits to the violation
- An official agency reports the violation or a citation or warning is issued

Student-athletes who violate the above rules and expectations shall be subject to the following:

First Offense

- 1.) Parent notification by the head coach
- 2.) Physical reminder as determined by the head coach
- 3.) 7 calendar day suspension from athletic contests

Second Offense

- 1.) Parent notification by the head coach
- 2.) Physical reminder as determined by the head coach
- 3.) 30 calendar day suspension from athletic contests
- 4.) Completion of an approved substance abuse program

Third Offense

- 1.) Parent notification by the head coach
- 2.) Physical reminder as determined by the head coach
- 3.) 1 calendar year suspension from athletic contests
- 4.) Completion of an approved substance abuse program

Note: If the violation occurs during the offseason or summer, the suspension from competition will begin with the first week of the student-athlete's next competition season.

Subsequent violations could result in longer suspension periods or removal from the athletic program.

The severity of the violation could result in an immediate suspension and/or removal from the athletic program. KISD has a random drug testing policy for all students. Parents and students should familiarize themselves with this policy. A positive test will count as an offense on the above scale.

Each head coach has the authority, with agreement from the athletic director, to suspend or place on probation any student-athlete who violates team rules or consistently falls short of the expectations of a KISD student-athlete.

*If a student-athlete is arrested, they will be suspended from the program until the case is resolved.

DISCIPLINE SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

We expect our student-athletes to be leaders on KISD campuses. We expect them to set the example for all students through their academic performance, their attitude and their discipline. This being said, it is unacceptable for any of our student-athletes to receive a placement in AEP. Below you will find the policy regarding these assignments as they relate to athletics.

D.A.E.P.

If a student-athlete is placed in A.E.P., then the following consequences will be issued:

- **The student-athlete is ineligible to compete in a game until the day that they return to regular classes.** This means that you will not be eligible on the day you are released from D.A.E.P. (U.I.L. Rule)
- **The student-athlete is NOT eligible to practice after school on days that they are assigned to D.A.E.P.** (U.I.L. Rule) This is different from the rule for I.S.S.
- **The student-athlete will participate in a conditioning program upon their return to regular classes.**

An assignment to D.A.E.P. causes a student-athlete to miss all athletic activities including practices. This results in a great amount of lost time and will negatively affect a student-athlete's performance.

ISS

Students placed in ISS are expected to practice but cannot compete or perform until they complete their assigned days in ISS. They are eligible to compete immediately once their ISS is complete.

SOCIAL MEDIA

KISD student-athletes are expected to represent our programs, school and community in a positive manner at all times, including when interacting on social networking sites and other online environments. Student-athletes are required to follow all KISD policy regarding their online postings and interactions. Student-athletes should refrain from posting or “liking” any information or images that may be deemed inappropriate, derogatory, demeaning or otherwise a negative reflection on the student, the program, school or community.

Any student-athlete who violates the above expectations or conducts themselves online in a manner that is in violation of the KISD student code of conduct may be subject to the following consequences:

- Warning and parent meeting with the head coach and athletic director
- Physical activity as determined by the head coach and athletic director
- Suspension from competitions
- Dismissal from team or athletic program

AWARDS AND LETTERING

To be awarded a letter for a varsity sport, the student-athlete must be on a varsity team and satisfy the requirements as outlined by the head coach of that sport. A participant may letter at the coach’s discretion if the participant is considered to have been of exceptional value to the team. Exceptions may include playing on a team for four years and never lettering, a letterman who is injured and is unable to complete the season, or a specialist of some type. The school will provide the initial letter and jacket. Subsequent letters or personalization of the jacket shall be purchased by the student-athlete.

Any student who has qualified for a letter but has been dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons may not receive an award.

ATHLETIC PASSES

The Krum ISD athletic department will issue player passes to those athletes participating in each sport. The following stipulations shall apply to the player passes:

- Only the player whose name appears on the pass may use it. Free admission is allowed only when the pass is presented. Without the pass, the athlete must pay the standard student admission price.
- Identification may be required
- Use of the pass may be revoked if an unauthorized person uses the pass or the holder of the pass displays unsportsmanlike conduct at any contest.

- Passes will admit athletes to home athletic events with the exception of tournaments and playoff games.
- If an athlete is removed or quits a sport, the coach may take up the pass.

INJURIES AND ILLNESS

- All injuries should be reported as soon as possible to the athletic trainers – regardless of where the injury occurred
- Except in the case of an emergency, student-athletes are encouraged to see the athletic trainer before going to a physician
 - We have two fully licensed athletic trainers on staff (both of who have Master's degrees)
 - If a physician visit is necessary, the athletic trainer will advise the student-athlete and parent to seek medical attention
 - Seeing the trainer first, except in the case of an emergency, makes the secondary insurance policy much more efficient to navigate
- Injured student-athletes are expected to attend all team meetings and practices
 - Injured student-athletes must be mentally prepared when they return to play
- Student-athletes are required to attend all treatment sessions as assigned by the athletic trainer
- While we appreciate notice from parents, only restrictions as prescribed by the athletic trainer or a licensed physician will be implemented.
- Student-athletes should make every effort to be in attendance to practices even when ill, provided that they are physically able to observe and are not considered contagious. As with injuries, a student must be mentally prepared to play when physically able to return. Missing practices creates a missed opportunity to stay current with the teaching of each practice.
- If a student-athlete is physically unable to observe or attend a practice, this should be communicated to the appropriate coach prior to the absence.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that all student-athletes carry, at their own expense, a primary medical insurance policy. This is not mandatory unless the insurance waiver is not signed by the parent.

Secondary athletic insurance shall be offered to all students who are participating in athletics at no cost to the student or parent. The program of insurance will be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the UIL and Krum ISD. This secondary athletic insurance policy will only be applied after the primary insurance has been applied. Athletic insurance will cover all participants in grades 7 through 12 while participating in a school related event.

To access the athletic insurance, the student-athlete must have been seen and referred to a doctor by one of the KISD athletic trainers. Emergency situations where an athletic trainer is not present may be an exception. Once the athlete has been referred to a doctor, the parent or legal guardian will need to set up a time to meet with the athletic trainer to fill out a claim form. No claim form will be authorized without the above criteria being met.

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ATHLETIC INSURANCE AND MEDICAL EXPENSE RESPONSIBILITY

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the Krum ISD provisions regarding athletic insurance, injuries, and medical treatment.

I understand that the athletic accident insurance provided by Krum ISD is **secondary insurance only**. When the student-athlete has primary medical insurance, all claims must first be submitted to the primary insurance carrier. The district-provided secondary policy may then consider eligible expenses that remain, subject to the policy's terms, limitations, exclusions, deductibles, benefit limits, claim procedures, and other requirements. The secondary policy is not a guarantee that all remaining medical expenses will be paid.

I acknowledge that **Krum ISD does not directly pay, reimburse, assume responsibility for, or guarantee payment of medical, hospital, physician, rehabilitation, therapy, prescription, transportation, or other expenses resulting from participation in UIL or district-sponsored athletic activities**. Responsibility for expenses not paid by primary insurance or the district-provided secondary policy remains with the student-athlete's parent or legal guardian.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the limitations of the secondary athletic insurance policy and accept financial responsibility for medical expenses associated with my student-athlete's participation that are not paid by an applicable insurance policy.

Student-Athlete's Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____



I _____ have read and understand the rules, expectations,
and
(student name)

behaviors expected of me as a KISD athlete. I _____
(student name)

understand that any consequences as a result of breaking rules or inappropriate behavior is a
result of my decisions or actions alone. I _____ pledge to
(student name)

follow these rules, guidelines, and expectations as long as I remain in the KISD
athletic program.

(student name)

(student signature)

(parent / guardian name)

(parent / guardian signature)

