

Wyoming Central School District

Athletic Code of Conduct

Adopted: August 13, 2026

Purpose

Participation in athletics is a privilege that enhances the academic, social, and physical development of students. The Wyoming Central School District (the “District”) encourages all eligible students to participate in interscholastic athletics while upholding the highest standards of behavior, commitment, and sportsmanship.

This Code of Conduct outlines expectations for student-athletes, defines transportation responsibilities, and clarifies the District’s position regarding participation in activities at other schools or facilities.

Eligibility

To participate in interscholastic athletics, students must:

- ✓ Meet all academic, attendance, and behavioral expectations as outlined in the District’s Code of Conduct.
- ✓ Satisfy all eligibility requirements set forth by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA), as well as applicable league or section rules.
- ✓ Return all required permission forms, including this signed Athletic Code of Conduct.

Expectations of Student-Athletes

All student-athletes are expected to:

- ✓ Demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators.
- ✓ Attend all practices, games, and team meetings unless excused by the coach.
- ✓ Student-athletes must maintain passing grades in all courses, failure of one or more classes may result in limited participation or temporary ineligibility. Students may be required to attend academic support (after lunch study hall, homework club, AIS) as a condition of continued participation.
- ✓ Refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or any illegal substances.
- ✓ Follow all school rules and policies, both in and out of season
- ✓ When participating in outside activities hosted by another school or organization, also comply with the rules, expectations, and code of conduct of the host school/program, in addition to the Wyoming Central School District’s Code of Conduct

Coaches, the Athletic Director, and school administrators are responsible for enforcing this Code of Conduct. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and removal from the team.

Enforcement

- ✓ Athletic consequences are based on specific, documented incidents. Possible consequences include warnings, reduced playing time, partial or full game suspension, or removal from the team.
- ✓ Discipline is progressive and proportional.
- ✓ Once a disciplinary matter is resolved and consequences are served, additional athletic penalties will not be imposed for the same incident.

**Removal from a team requires administrative review and approval. Parents will be notified when athletic participation is impacted. Communication will be factual, specific, and focused on eligibility or documented concerns.*

Academic Eligibility

Athletic and extracurricular participation is a privilege tied to academic success. The following system applies to all students involved in school-sponsored sports, clubs, and activities.

Weekly Academic Review

Each Friday, the District identifies students in Grades 6-8 failing any course (grade below 65). Notifications are sent to families via ParentSquare.

**At the commencement of a new marking period, administrators may temporarily suspend academic reviews for a period of one to two weeks if available grades are insufficient to determine a student's status.*

Course Classifications

Both Core and Non-Core courses determine eligibility status:

- ✓ **Core Courses:** ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- ✓ **Non-Core Courses:** World Language, Home & Careers, Art, Music, Tech, Health, PE, and Electives.

**Administrators may exempt a Non-Core failure if insufficient grades are available to determine a passing status.*

Tier 1: Academic Monitoring

Applied when a student fails one (1) course.

- ✓ Notification sent via ParentSquare.
- ✓ Student remains fully eligible for all activities.
- ✓ Classroom-based academic supports are provided.

Tier 2: Academic Probation

Applied when a student fails two (2) or more courses.

- ✓ Notification sent via ParentSquare.
- ✓ Student assigned to After-Lunch Activity Study Hall.
- ✓ Student remains eligible for activities but must track pending assignments.

Tier 3: Academic Ineligibility

Applied for failing two or more courses for two consecutive weeks.

- ✓ Mandatory attendance at After-Lunch Study Hall and Afterschool Homework Club (T-W-Th).
- ✓ Practices allowed after Homework Club; participation in games is prohibited.
- ✓ **Earned Participation Option:** Game eligibility may be restored for the week if a teacher verifies the student is no longer failing.

**Athletic Director reserves the right to contact out of district coaches that they are unable to participate if the earned participation option is not honored.*

Restoration of Eligibility

Full eligibility returns when the Fail List shows fewer than two failures. Homework Club becomes optional, and the monitoring cycle resets.

Special Considerations

Decisions for students with IEPs or 504 Plans will consider individualized goals. All eligibility actions will remain developmentally appropriate for middle school levels.

Transportation Policy

District-Sponsored vs. Outside Activities

The District distinguishes between District-Sponsored Activities and Outside Activities, as follows:

	Definition	Examples	Transportation Provided?
District-Sponsored Activities	Programs organized, scheduled, and supervised by Wyoming CSD staff as part of the District's approved educational or extracurricular offerings.	- Practices & games for Wyoming CSD teams, even at away venues- Field trips, music performances, club competitions scheduled by Wyoming staff	 Yes, at the District's discretion and subject to available resources
Outside Activities	Programs not organized, scheduled, or supervised by Wyoming CSD; hosted by other schools or organizations.	- Middle school students participating in modified or JV sports hosted at area high schools- Club teams or events at another district	 No; parents/guardians are responsible

Transportation Guidelines

- For District-Sponsored Activities, programs organized, scheduled, and supervised by Wyoming CSD, the District may provide transportation to and from events at its discretion and based on available resources.
- For Outside Activities, programs not organized, scheduled, or supervised by Wyoming CSD including modified or junior varsity sports hosted at other schools, the District is not responsible for providing transportation. Parents/guardians are responsible for arranging transportation to and from these activities.
- When District transportation is provided, student-athletes are expected to ride to and from events with the team unless written permission is granted by the coach and/or athletic director for alternative arrangements.
- Students are expected to arrive at practices, games, and events on time and be picked up promptly at the conclusion of activities.

Acknowledgment

All student-athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the acknowledgement form below and return it to the athletic director before participating in any athletic activity.

Acknowledgment Form

We have read and understand the Wyoming Central School District Athletic Code of Conduct. We agree to abide by its rules and understand the responsibilities outlined herein, including the transportation policy and the distinction between district-sponsored and outside activities.

This Acknowledgement Form is to be completed for each sport a student athlete participates in.

Sport: _____

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participation in Modified or Junior Varsity Athletics at Another School District

Administrative Procedure

The Wyoming Central School District recognizes that there may be situations where a student wishes to participate in an interscholastic sport that is **not offered by the District at the modified or junior varsity level**. In such cases, the District may consider requests for participation with another school district.

Participation is **not guaranteed** and is contingent upon compliance with all applicable **New York State Education Department (NYSED), NYSPHSAA, league, and Section V regulations, and BOE approval**.

Eligibility Criteria

A request may be considered when:

1. Wyoming CSD **does not offer the sport at the requested level** (Modified or JV).
2. The **receiving district agrees to accept the student**.
3. All **NYSED and NYSPHSAA eligibility rules** are met.
4. The student meets **Wyoming CSD academic and behavioral eligibility expectations**.
5. The student has completed all **required health examinations and medical clearance** for athletic participation.
6. If a **7th or 8th grade student seeks participation at the JV level**, the student must successfully complete the **Athletic Placement Process (APP)** as required by NYSED.
7. Any required **Combined Team or Merger approval through the athletic league and Section V** is obtained when required by NYSPHSAA rules.

Transportation

The Wyoming Central School District **does not provide transportation** for students participating in athletics at another school district. Transportation is the **sole responsibility of the parent or guardian**.

Approval Process

1. Parent/Guardian submits a **written request** to the Superintendent.
2. The District reviews:
 - sport availability
 - eligibility
 - health clearance
 - host district acceptance
 - regulatory compliance
3. The District Athletic Director works with the receiving district to determine if **league or Section V approval is required**.
4. The Superintendent makes a recommendation for approval.
5. When appropriate, the request may be presented to the **Board of Education for approval**.

Participation may be revoked if eligibility requirements are not maintained.

Wyoming CSD

Request for Participation in Athletics at Another School District

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

School Year: _____ Sport Requested: _____
JV

Level Requested: ☐ Modified ☐

Receiving School District: _____

Season: ☐ Fall ☐ Winter ☐ Spring

Parent/Guardian Request

I am requesting permission for my child to participate in the sport listed above with the receiving school district because this sport is **not offered at Wyoming Central School District at the requested level.**

I understand and acknowledge the following:

- Participation is subject to **NYSED, NYSPHSAA, league, and Section V rules.**
- Wyoming CSD **does not provide transportation** to or from practices or competitions.
- My child must follow the **rules, expectations, and code of conduct of the receiving school district's athletic program.**
- My child must maintain **academic and behavioral eligibility** at Wyoming CSD.
- Participation may require **Athletic Placement Process (APP)** approval if the student is in grades 7 or 8 seeking JV participation.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Wyoming CSD Administrative Review

Sport Offered at Wyoming CSD at this Level?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Academic Eligibility Verified?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Health Examination on File?

☐ Yes ☐ No

APP Required?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Section V / League Approval Required?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Transportation Acknowledged by Parent?

☐ Yes

Athletic Director Review: _____

Date: _____

Superintendent Decision

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Comments: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Optional Board of Education Approval

Motion Date: _____

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Wyoming Central School District

FAQ: Participating in Athletics at Another School District

The Wyoming Central School District is committed to providing opportunities for students to participate in interscholastic athletics. In some cases, families may request that their child participate in a sport with another school district when that sport is **not offered at Wyoming CSD at the modified or junior varsity level**.

Below are answers to common questions regarding this process.

When can a Wyoming student participate in sports at another school?

A student may request to participate with another school district **only if Wyoming CSD does not offer that sport at the requested level** (Modified or Junior Varsity).

Participation is not guaranteed and is subject to approval by the District and compliance with **New York State Education Department (NYSED), NYSPHSAA, league, and Section V regulations**.

How do I request participation at another school?

Parents/guardians must submit a **written request to the Superintendent** indicating:

- Student name and grade
- Sport requested
- School district where participation is requested

The District will then review the request and determine whether participation is possible.

What factors are considered when reviewing a request?

Requests are reviewed based on several factors, including:

- Whether the sport is offered at Wyoming CSD
- Student academic and behavioral eligibility
- Health examination and medical clearance
- Willingness of the receiving district to accept the student
- Compliance with NYSED and NYSPHSAA athletic regulations
- Whether additional approvals (such as Section V or league approval) are required

What if my child is in 7th or 8th grade and wants to play at the Junior Varsity level?

Students in grades **7 or 8** who wish to participate on a **Junior Varsity team** must complete the **Athletic Placement Process (APP)**.

This process evaluates:

- Physical fitness
- Medical readiness
- Skill level
- Safety considerations

Participation at the JV level cannot occur until **APP requirements are successfully completed and approved**.

Will Wyoming CSD provide transportation? No.

Families are responsible for **all transportation to and from practices and competitions** when a student participates in athletics at another school district.

Does the Board of Education need to approve these requests?

Yes, requests will be presented to the **Board of Education for approval**.

Can participation be denied? Yes.

Requests may be denied if:

- The sport is offered at Wyoming CSD
- Eligibility requirements are not met
- The receiving district cannot accept the student
- NYSED or NYSPHSAA rules do not permit the arrangement