

## EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETIC AGREEMENT

The following rules and regulations are to be followed by all athletes (boys and girls) while participating on an athletic team:

1. All eligibility rules of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association will be strictly followed. A copy of these rules is available in the athletic office.
2. Students must have a current physical on file and have been cleared by the school nurse prior to participation in practice. All permission forms and athletic contracts must have been signed and returned to the coach prior to the student's first day of practice. Coaches will not allow any student to participate who has not met this requirement. A signed and dated athletic agreement by each student/parent will be kept on file by the Athletic Director in a large 3-ring binder at the start of each sports season.
3. Students will have until the end of the first full week of a sport's season to become a member of an athletic team. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed. This guideline is consistent with our academic add/drop policy.
4. Student-athletes are students first and as such this policy has been developed to stress academics. Students must meet the following academic eligibility guidelines:
  - a. A student may not try out for a team if they are currently failing three or more classes. If at any time a student has a progress report or report card that indicates failure in three or more classes that student will be removed from the sports' team until the end of the season.
  - b. The academic monitoring card system will be determined every five weeks, by using progress reports and report cards. At any time that a teacher has concerns about a student academically or behaviorally, the student may be placed upon the card system. All grade seven students will begin the year with five weeks of the card system to assist with transition to the middle school.
  - c. Students who are failing one or two courses on a progress report or a report card will be put on the academic monitoring card system. The individual student will receive an academic monitoring card that will be completed each Friday by their teachers indicating whether a student has performed acceptably or unacceptably in the following three areas; homework/preparation, participation, and behavior.

The standard for participation may take into consideration a student's attendance. It is the responsibility of each student-athlete to obtain the monitoring card from the main office, provide this form to his/her teacher at the beginning of class and pick it up at the end of class. The student athlete will turn the monitoring card into the Main Office by 2:55 pm each Friday (or the last day of the week if the week ends earlier than Friday).

- d. If a student-athlete is absent on a Friday they will be responsible for getting their card filled out on their first day back to school. When a teacher is absent the student should have the substitute initial the card, verifying they saw the card, and the Main Office will get in touch with the regular teacher upon their return.
- e. Students who submit academic monitoring cards with forged signatures or information will be put before the Athletic Council.
- f. At the beginning of the new school year students who failed any course, or any fourth quarter class, at the end of the the prior year will be put on the academic monitoring card system. At the beginning of winter or springs sports seasons, a student who failed any course during the prior marking period will be put on the academic monitoring card system.
- g. Students who fail to turn the academic monitoring card into the Main Office on Fridays, or students who receive one or more unacceptable ratings from their teachers, will be suspended from playing in the next immediate game effective the following Monday. Students are responsible for not losing their academic monitoring card.
- h. After-School Academic Support Sessions
  - i. A student failing one (1) class at any five week marking period will be required to attend at least one after-school academic support session per week for at least 45 minutes. This will continue until the next marking period or until every teacher indicates on the monitoring card that the student can be removed from this requirement.
  - ii. A student failing two (2) classes at any five week marking period will be required to attend two after-school academic support sessions per week for at least 45 minutes each session. This will continue until the next marking period or until every teacher indicates on the monitoring card that the student can be removed from this requirement.
  - iii. Students who have practice will be allowed to leave at 45 minutes and must present a timed pass to the coach to enter practice. Students with games will be allowed to leave at the time determined by the Athletic Director.
- i. Game Suspensions
  - i. Any student receiving one (1) unsatisfactory rating will receive a one (1) game suspension for the first game of the school week following the Friday card submission. During the suspended game, the student must be on the bench and in uniform and is expected to participate in all practices.
  - ii. Any student receiving two (2) unsatisfactory ratings will receive a two (2) game suspension for the first two games of the school week following the Friday card submission. During the suspended games, the student must be on the bench and in uniform and is expected to participate in all practices.

iii. Any student receiving three (3) or more unsatisfactory ratings will be ineligible to attend practices and ineligible to participate in games during the school week following the Friday card submission. A student in this category may not sit on the bench with the team during games.

iv. Any student receiving three (3) or more unsatisfactory ratings in two consecutive weeks will be removed from the sports team for the season.

j. When all signing staff agree, the card system discontinues for that student.

k. Students participating in athletics with another school through the merger process will adhere to the Edwards-Knox eligibility policy.