



# Hydesville Elementary School District

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## ATHLETIC HANDBOOK AND CONTRACT 2018-19 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Hydesville School Student Athlete:

We are pleased that your student is interested in participating as a member of the Hydesville School Athletic Program. We believe that athletics are an important part of our school program. Not only do athletics promote physical wellness, they also build character and the ability to work cooperatively with others.

Our goal at Hydesville School is to provide a high quality athletic program that will do the following:

- Provide a safe and fun place for all student athletes to participate
- Develop good sportsmanship
- Teach sound fundamental skills
- Promote a winning attitude

Enclosed you will find information about our sports program as well as student and parent/guardian expectations. Your signatures below indicate that you have read the Athletics Handbook and are in agreement with the terms. Please return this form to the Hydesville Elementary School office and keep the attached pages for your reference.

We look forward to a great season with your student athlete!

Sincerely,

August M. Deshais  
Superintendent/Principal

Travis Victorine  
Athletic Director

***We have read the Hydesville Athletics Handbook, as well as the Hydesville Parent/Student Handbook, and agree to their terms. My child has permission to participate in the Hydesville Athletic Program and will abide by the rules outlined in this handbook and required by his/her coach.***

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Hydesville Elementary Athletics Eligibility Requirements

## Academic Eligibility:

- Academic eligibility is determined at the end of each week during the season and is effective for the following week.
- Grades are checked weekly by the teacher to determine eligibility and shared with the athletic director
- 5th - 8th grade participants must maintain a "C" grade point average (or standards-based equivalent), with no "F" grades (or standards-based equivalent) in all subject areas.
- Students who fail to maintain academic eligibility for two weeks of a sport season (not necessarily consecutive weeks) will become ineligible to continue participation in that sport.
- Students must attend the entire school day (with the exception of medical appointments) in order to participate in practice, a game, or an event occurring on that same day.

## Social/Behavior Requirements:

- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or any controlled substances at school or during any school sponsored trip or activity will result in immediate loss of eligibility to participate on sports teams for the rest of the school year.
- Threats, fights, or any violent physical contact at school or during any school sponsored trip or activity will result in immediate loss of eligibility for the season.
- Possession of a weapon, or engagement in any behavior deemed severe by the Superintendent/Principal, will result in immediate loss of eligibility for the entire year.
- Disruptive, defiant, or inappropriate behaviors occurring during school hours will result in suspension from participation for that day or the rest of the school week, and possibly the following game or tournament.

## Participation:

- Attendance at practices and games is mandatory with the exception of personal illness. If an athlete must miss practice for reasons other than illness, arrangements must be made with the coach. Failure to do so may result in temporary loss of eligibility. Missing more than three practices or games for reasons other than illness may result in loss of eligibility for the entire season.
- Students who are suspended (in or out of school) are not eligible to play in that day's game or practice. Should a suspension occur on a Friday, the student is ineligible to attend games, tournaments, or practices held over the weekend.
- Participation in PE the day of a game, meet, or practice is mandatory. If an athlete is unable to participate in PE during the day, he/she is therefore ineligible for any sports activity for that same day.

## **Student Athlete Code of Conduct**

1. I will be safe, respectful, and responsible before, during, and after all athletic practices, games, tournaments, and associated events.
2. I will not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products.
3. I will not use vulgar or foul language.
4. I will be at all practices/games/meets on time (with the exception of medical appointments or illness).
5. I will let the coach know ahead of time about any expected appointments that will conflict with the sports schedule.

6. I will not harass, make fun of, or put down my teammates or opponents.
7. I will show respect to the players, officials, coaches, and volunteers.
8. I will play fair and exhibit good sportsmanship.
9. I will return my issued uniform to the coach washed and in good condition at the end of the season.
10. I understand that I must maintain good grades in order to participate on the team.
11. I understand that I must follow school rules and adhere to the expectations presented in the Athletic Handbook in order to participate on the team.
12. I understand that failure to comply with the requirements of this athletic contract may cause me to become ineligible from participation in sports for the season or the rest of the school year.

### **Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**

1. I will support my child and all the athletes during their game.
2. I will ensure my child arrives 30 minutes prior to all games, and understand attendance may affect play time.
3. I will refrain from coaching my child during a game.
4. I will treat the coaches, referees, and volunteers with respect at all times.
5. I will model good sportsmanship at all times.
6. I will not yell at the opposing players, coaches, or officials at any time.
7. I will not make fun of any player on or off the court.
8. I will support the Hydesville Athletic Program by volunteering when I can.
9. I will ensure that my child will do their fair share of any work needed for the team.
10. I will ensure that my child arrives to practice at the scheduled time and is picked up promptly at the end of practice. (Please do not have your children “hang out” after school to wait for practice unless practice is scheduled right after dismissal.)
11. I understand that I represent the community of Hydesville and the Hydesville Elementary School and will act in a manner reflects positively on the school and community.
12. If I have a concern to address with the coach, I will proceed as follows:
  - a. I will make an appointment with the coach to discuss my concerns and WILL NOT address the issue during a practice, game, or other sporting event.
  - b. I will address my concern directly with the coach and WILL NOT express my frustrations on social media.
  - c. If I am not satisfied with the outcome of my conversation with the coach, I will contact the Athletic Director (768-3610) to arrange a facilitated meeting with the coach.
  - d. If I am still unsatisfied with the outcome of the conversation, I will contact the Superintendent/Principal for further review. (768-3610)
13. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure the sports uniform is returned promptly at the end of the sports season washed and in good condition.
  - a. If the uniform is damaged or lost, I understand it may be my responsibility to pay the replacement costs.
14. I understand that I am responsible to model good sportsmanship to the students and children of our community and will be asked to leave the premises if I violate the terms of this code of conduct.