

THE **HAWK** STANDARD

Athlete Code of Conduct & Academic Eligibility Policy

Houston Middle School Core Values Statement

At Houston Middle School, we value **academic excellence, accountability, character, responsibility, leadership, collaboration, and a sense of belonging**. We are committed to empowering every student as they grow, achieve, and succeed.

Houston Middle Athlete Expectations: Being a **HAWK**

HMS student athletes are expected to uphold the ideals of being a **HAWK**.

A HAWK:

- Is respectful and courteous to teammates, coaches, school staff, opposing players, officials, and parents.
- Works hard to be the best they can be in the classroom, at practice, and during competition.
- Is a leader who makes good choices, even when those choices are difficult.
- Perseveres through challenges.
- Attends all practices and games/competitions.
- Demonstrates the ideals of a **HAWK** during regular school hours and during athletic participation.

Student-Athlete Expectations

Attendance	Behavior	Grades
Attend at least half day of school to participate in practice.	No office referrals or buddy rooms.	Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA . Athletes who are academically ineligible may not participate with the team.
Attend a full day on game day to be eligible to compete.	Show respect to teammates, coaches, school staff, officials, opponents, and parents.	Any athlete with an F/I will be placed on a Plan to Pass contract. Those above a 2.0 GPA, may still participate.
Attend practice the day before a competition to be eligible to play.	Consequences: ISS/OSS - athletes are ineligible to participate (practice or game)	Grades will be checked a minimum of twice during the season. (see schedule for dates)
Attend all scheduled practices and games unless excused. Excused absences must be communicated by a parent/guardian before practice begins.	Consequences: Buddy Room - Disciplinary action determined by coach.	Must Attend Lunch Time Learning and/or After School Tutoring if on a Plan to Pass contract . Athletes have two weeks from start of contract to raise grades or may be subject to removal from team.

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate, athletes must have the following completed: Hawk Standard form signed and turned in, sports fees are paid, and have a current physical on file.

Athletic Fees & Fundraising

- Every student-athlete must pay the **HMS Athletic Fee (\$120)** for each sport in which they participate.

Behavior & Sportsmanship

Respect

- Athletes must show respect toward teammates, coaches, school staff, opponents, officials, and fans at all times.

Conduct On and Off the Field/Court

- Athletes represent the school community. Profanity, obscene gestures, offensive language, fighting, bullying, or illegal activity will not be tolerated.

Substance Use

- We maintain a zero-tolerance policy for tobacco, alcohol, vaping products, or illegal drugs; violations will result in immediate removal from the team and be subject to administrative/legal action.

Social Media Expectations

- We maintain a zero-tolerance policy for posts, comments, or messages that harm the team, school, or others and will result in disciplinary action and immediate removal from the team.

Agreement

As a player, I promise to abide by this contract. My failure to do so will result in being suspended from team activities such as practices and games, or being dismissed from the program.

Athlete Name: _____ **Athlete Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____
(PRINT NEATLY)_

Sports: _____

I have reviewed the above rules with my son/daughter and understand the required expectations at all practices and events. I will ensure that these expectations and rules are obeyed and followed by my child while participating as a student athlete at HMS.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____
(PRINT NEATLY)

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The student-athlete will not be permitted to attend practice and/or events relating to the team until a signed copy of this document is received by the coach of the sport that they are a participant of. Failure to sign this paper will result in immediate removal from the team.

Head Coach Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Athletic Director's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

GRADE CHECK *SCHEDULE*

	1st Grade Check Due	2nd Grade Check Due	3rd Grade Check Due
FALL SEASON			
Cross Country / Softball	8/28/26	9/11/26	NA
7/8 Basketball / Cheer	9/17/26	10/15/26	11/5/26
6 Basketball	11/16/26	12/7/26	NA
WINTER SEASON			
7/8 Volleyball / Wrestling	1/20/27	2/3/27	2/17/27
6 Volleyball	3/2/27	3/20/27	NA
SPRING SEASON			
Flag Football / Track & Field	4/20/27	5/4/27	NA

