

The Grove School Athletic Department Philosophy

Statement of Philosophy:

The Grove School believes an athletics program is an important component of the total educational structure. While striving to make teams as competitive as possible, our primary objective is to help student-athletes acquire important skills that will help them to be successful in their adult lives.

Our efforts are focused on teaching student-athletes how to “not just how to win, but how to succeed. Through positive reinforcement and intentional teaching, coaches show the student athletes how to succeed and be gracious competitors who embrace challenge, win with humility, handle defeat with dignity, advocate for their sport, and are positive role models representing The Grove School.

The athletic department is dedicated to high academic standards, supporting diversity, and providing equitable athletic opportunities for boys and girls. The Grove School is committed to excellence in athletics and academics.

Participation, performance and competition in the athletic program will focus on the opportunity for students to develop and exhibit skills to the best of their abilities. All athletic teams will be treated with equality. Team and individual performance will be developed and recognized.

The athletic program at The Grove School is an integral part of the educational process. Athletics offer a positive and meaningful experience that will enhance the growth and development of all young men and women who participate.

Goals of the Athletic Program:

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- build self-esteem,
- develop skills,
- expand interest in leisure activities,
- provide opportunity for personal and social growth,
- encourage all students to participate,
- develop a positive self-esteem and self-motivation.

The Grove Athletic Department encourages all students to participate in as many different interscholastic sports as possible. The Grove School offers several different interscholastic sport teams for those students who have the physical skills and appropriate attitude for their respective sports. As Raven student-athletes, students will make a commitment to themselves, teammates, and to the athletic program to follow the rules and expectations of being a student-athlete. As a student-athlete, students will abide by the guidelines of the athletic code and the rules and regulations of the specific sport.

Participation on an athletic team is a privilege and not a right. High standards of conduct will be expected of students on and off the playing courts and fields. As a Grove School student-athlete,

students are expected to follow the rules of the athletic code from the time they join their first athletic team until they graduate or until the end of the last season of participation.

Athletic Eligibility Policies

In order to participate in athletic activities, students in grades 9 through 12 must demonstrate satisfactory educational progress. The requirements of educational progress are:

1. Maintaining a (C-) or above in every class, which will be recorded with the progress reports that occur approximately every two weeks on Wednesdays.
 - a. Students must turn in work by the end of the school day on the **Monday before progress reports are issued**, this will give teachers adequate time to assess the work and include it in the progress reports on Wednesday afternoon.
 - b. Students with IEPs will be handled on a case by case basis according to their IEPs
2. Maintenance of minimum progress toward meeting high school graduation requirements

Failure to meet eligibility requirements will result in suspension from the team until the next progress reports are issued. If a student is eligible to play, that will also last until the next progress reports are issued. The Athletic Director will communicate eligibility the day progress reports are issued.

Physical Education Credit

Student-athletes are eligible to receive physical education credits for participation in athletics. Credit will be awarded at the end of each season and is based on a student-athlete's attendance at practice and competitions as outlined below.

<u>Percent attended</u>	<u>Credits</u>
90%-100%	5
80%-89%	4
70-79%	3

Student Athlete Expectations

- Check with teachers for missed work/assignments. Students need to let teachers know at least 24 hours in advance that you will be absent
- Attend all regularly scheduled classes on game and practice days, except for when leaving early for games
- Inform the coach if you will be absent for practice or on game days
- Maintain the uniform, wash it regularly
- Behave in a manner that supports and represents The Grove School mission, values and athletic philosophy
- Abide by the CIF-SS Code of Ethics for Athletes