

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Sports Offered

Boys and girls:

Basketball: August-October

Volleyball: October-December

Track: November-December

Soccer: January-March

Flag Football: March-May

Student extramural paperwork is required through

<https://studentcentral.bigteams.com>

1. Athletic programs are open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls. Limit of Eligibility: A student may participate in middle school athletics for three years. The first year as a sixth grader, the first year as a seventh grader, and the first year as an eighth grader. Eligibility begins with the promotion to the next grade which should include Step-Up Graduates.
2. Weekly progress reports will be checked. One "F" in conduct for the week will disqualify the student from athletic participation for the coming week.
3. Any athlete assigned in-school suspension (ISS) or out-of-school suspension (OSS) must sit out a minimum of one game.
4. Players must have a 2.0 GPA from previous semester to try-out for a sport. Summer credit recovery does not affect previous semester GPA. Sixth grade students will be eligible until 2nd semester at which time their GPA will determine eligibility. Students without documentation of grades are ineligible.
5. Practice is limited to a maximum of 1 1/2-hour duration.

6. Try outs may not be held prior to the official first day of practice determined by HCPS.

7. In case of inclement weather, the host school administration will communicate with the visiting school and the Athletics Department in regards to cancellation and/or rescheduling dates. Cancellations are based on playability of facilities and current weather issues.

8. Nationally recognized rulebooks are the governing source for rules interpretation with the exception of approved HCPS modifications.

9. Any player displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or any misconduct will be removed from the game and may not return until approved by the school administration and District Athletics Department.

10. Each sport will have a limited contest dress list (except track and field); however, practice squads may be unlimited and coaches may change their dress list at their discretion. All students interested in playing a particular sport may be encouraged to participate on the practice squads. Coaches are responsible.

11. Age of students – an 8th grade player must not have reached 15 years before July first.

12. The district provides an insurance program. Parents pay the cost of the insurance. Arrangements should be made to accommodate any student who is unable to pay for the insurance.

13. Athletes will wear T-shirts as game jerseys. Shorts could be from their PE uniform or similar and must be a solid color with no pockets. Shirts will be numbered on the back. The T-shirts will be used for all the sports and should be collected and issued accordingly. Home team will wear color T-shirt and visitors will wear gray, unless authorized by HCPS Athletic Department.