

DANIEL WRIGHT
JUNIOR HIGH
ATHLETIC
AND
EXTRACURRICULAR HANDBOOK
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PATRIOT MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Co-curricular activities are an integral part of the ongoing educational process at Daniel Wright Junior High School. Co-curriculars include any organized activity for students that occurs outside of the regular school day, such as clubs, athletic teams, and academic teams. Through participation in these various activities, students gain a sense of responsibility, sportsmanship, and team play. It is our goal to encourage all students to participate in co-curricular activities.

The Patriot Middle School Conference format for team sports follows a competitive structure of "A" and "B" team as opposed to two teams of equal ability. This will affect basketball and volleyball. Teams will travel by grade instead of "Green" and "White." The "A" team is built as a competitive "varsity" team whereas the "B" team structure follows more of a "junior varsity" developmental oriented focus. This format will be the same in all PMSC affiliated schools.

CO-CURRICULAR, ATHLETIC & PMSC ELIGIBILITY and CONDUCT CODE

Students must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to participate in any athletic, interscholastic, or co-curricular activity. If students fail to meet these requirements, they will be deemed ineligible.

A STUDENT IS INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IF HE/SHE VIOLATES ANY OF THE ACADEMIC, PARTICIPATION, BEHAVIORAL REQUIREMENTS and/or the CODE OF CONDUCT.

I. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students must be in good academic standing in all classes to be considered academically eligible in order to participate in any level of competition.

Students would be considered ineligible if:

1. They are not meeting expected academic progress.

OR

2. They are not meeting predetermined Daniel Wright Learner Characteristics of productivity, work completion, preparedness, and participation. Of most concern would be students performance in the category of work completion. Specifically, if students are not turning in assigned work consistently in a class or multiple classes.

This includes all academic, Creative Arts, PE, Band, Chorus, and Orchestra classes.

Weekly eligibility checks are made during the athletic season. Coaches will be provided with academic performance reports. Teachers and coaches will ultimately determine players eligibility based on current classroom performance. After the period of ineligibility, a student retains his/her privilege of participation.

II. BEHAVIORAL REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility is determined by the administration. A student is ineligible if:

1. He/she has received 3 or more office referrals in a week.
2. He/she has an in-school or out-of-school suspension.
3. He/she maintains, contributes, or is identified on a web log (blog) or website depicting illegal or inappropriate behavior.

After the period of ineligibility, a student retains his/her privilege of participation. Participation is also a reflection of the students' demonstration of sportsmanship, attitude and behavior in practices and game settings.

III. CONSEQUENCES

Academic and behavioral consequences are cumulative in nature and are assigned in collaboration with the teacher, coach, and/or administrator.

1st violation: 1 game suspension

2nd violation: 2 games suspensions

3rd violation: Dismissal from the team

Participation at practices, until game suspension is served, is at the coach's discretion.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS POLICY

The Patriots Middle School Conferences offers competitive interscholastic programs for both male and female students in the following areas:

**• Cross Country • Soccer • Track and Field • Volleyball
Basketball • Pom Poms • Cheerleading • Wrestling • Scholastic Bowl**

Participation

1. Each team member will need to maintain the eligibility standards as defined in this handbook.
2. Students in the sixth grade shall participate only in sixth grade activities, seventh grade only in seventh grade activities, and eighth grade only in eighth grade activities. Participation is limited to Daniel Wright students for all interscholastic activities. The only exception would involve the inability for a specific sport to fill a roster based on low participation. Participants can only play up a grade in these specific situations.
3. Students excused from their physical education class by a doctor note may not participate in their co-curricular sport for that day.
4. A student who is absent from school for 50% of the day or more is ineligible for any sport or activity on that day. Exceptions may be made by the designated teacher, sponsor or coach: 1) for a pre-arranged medical absence; or 2) for a death in the student's family. A student who has one or more truancies or who has been suspended from school may be suspended from participation in athletic activities by school officials.

A student who is absent from school on Friday before a Saturday event may be withheld from Saturday sports and activities at the sole discretion of the designated teacher, sponsor or coach.

Exceptions

1. In an extraordinary case, a student below the designated grade level who has demonstrated outstanding talents in a sports activity and has the physical and social development compatible with the students at the designated grade level may request, by a petition from the parent or guardian, the opportunity to try out for an interscholastic sports team. However, no students below the designated grade level shall be allowed participation in a sports activity if the roster for such activity is or could be filled by grade level students who have tried out and have met all standards prescribed for that activity.
2. Participation under Section 1 is intended for use in situations where the number of participants is insufficient to roster a team from students at the designated grade level.
3. Selection Criteria

The selection for participation in the interscholastic sports programs shall be at the discretion of the coaches and the administrative staff.

4. Administration of Program

The administration and coaches shall have the responsibility for implementing these procedures within the rules and regulations of Policy 800 of the Behavioral Guidelines and Student Expectations Handbook.

Team Selection

Selection will be determined by evaluating two categories: ability and attitude.

ABILITY (80% of selection criteria)

1. Each coach will develop assessment procedures for measuring skills involved in each activity.
2. Skills measured will be defined to students at the beginning of the first tryout.
3. The percentage/weighting of each skill will also be defined and given to students at the first tryout.

ATTITUDE (20% of selection criteria)

1. Attitude and sportsmanship displayed during tryouts will be evaluated by the coach.
2. The administration will have input into this category if a student has displayed behavioral problems during the year.

Physical Exams

•All students participating in any interscholastic sport are required to have a current physical exam on file in order to try out by a licensed physician. The sports physical exam is valid for one year and 30 days from the date of the exam and must be on file in the Nurse's Office. The IESA/IHSE Sports Physical Examination form is available in the office and online.

•Participation in interscholastic sports has certain inherent risks. A sports physical exam is essential for the health and safety of student athletes. If students have any special health needs, parents should notify the Nurse's Office and/or your student's coach at (847) 295-1560.

•A Concussion Information guide will be distributed to athletic team members. It is required for parents to review and return the signed page (by student and parent/guardian).

Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct applies to all school-sponsored activities that are neither part of an academic class nor otherwise carry credit or a grade.

This Code does not contain a complete list of inappropriate behaviors for students in extracurricular athletic activities. Violations will be treated cumulatively, with disciplinary penalties increasing with subsequent violations and a student may be excluded from sports or activities while the school is conducting an investigation regarding that student's conduct.

Students and their parents/guardians are encouraged to seek assistance from the student assistance program regarding alcohol or other drug problems. Family-referrals or self-referrals will be taken into consideration in determining consequences for Code of Conduct violations.

The student shall not:

1. Violate the school rules and district policies on student discipline;
2. Use a beverage containing alcohol (except for religious purposes);
3. Use tobacco in any form;
4. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any illegal substance (including mood-altering and performance enhancing drugs or chemicals) or paraphernalia;
5. Use, possess, buy, sell, barter, or distribute any object that is or could be considered a weapon or any item that is a look-alike weapon.
6. Attend a party or other gathering and/or ride in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed by minors;
7. Act in an unsportsmanlike manner;
8. Vandalize or steal;
9. Haze or bully other students;
10. Violate the written rules for the activity or sport;
11. Behave in a manner that is detrimental to the good of the group or school;
12. Be insubordinate or disrespectful toward the activity's sponsors or team's coaching staff;
13. Falsify any information contained on any permit or permission form required by the activity or sport.

Hazing is any humiliating or dangerous activity expected of a student to belong to a team or group, regardless of his or her willingness to participate. Bullying is any physical or verbal act or conduct that has or can be reasonably predicted to place a student in reasonable fear of harm; cause a detrimental effect on a student's physical or mental health; interfere with a student's academic performance; or interfere with a student's ability to participate in or benefit from school activities.

Due Process Procedures

Students who are accused of violating the Code of Conduct are entitled to the following due process:

The student should be advised of the disciplinary infraction with which he or she is being charged. The student shall be entitled to a hearing before an appropriate administrator. The student will be able to respond to any charges leveled against him or her. The student may provide any additional information he or she wishes for the administrator to consider. The administrator, with the help of other staff members if needed, may interview material witnesses or others with evidence concerning the case.

If the administrator finds, after reviewing the evidence, that the violation occurred, he or she will impose sanctions on the student, as follows:

Sanctions for violations other than drug and alcohol will be based on the nature of the offense and the number of offenses, and may include suspension from all sports or activities for one of the time periods described below:

A specified period of time or percentage of events, competitions, or practices; The remainder of the season or for the next season; or The remainder of the student's school career.

Sanctions for alcohol and other drug violations will be based on the following:

First violation

Use, possession, buying, selling, bartering, or distributing: A suspension of one third of the total number of performances, activities, or competitions or the remainder of the season, whichever is shorter. This penalty will be reduced if the student successfully completes a school-approved chemical awareness program. Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed: A suspension of one sixth of the total number of performances, activities or competitions, or the remainder of the season, whichever is shorter. The student will be required to practice with the group, regardless of the violation (unless suspended or expelled from school).

Second violation

Use, possession, buying, selling, bartering, or distributing: A suspension of 12 weeks or 1 season, including suspension from all performances, activities, or competitions during this period. To participate again in any activities, the student must successfully participate in and complete a school-approved alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and follow all recommendations from that assessment. Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed: A suspension of one third of the season and all extracurricular group performances, activities, or competitions during this period. The student may be required to practice with the group (unless suspended or expelled from school).

Third violation

Use, possession, buying, selling, bartering, or distributing: A suspension from extracurricular activities for the remainder of the student's school career. Attendance at a party or riding in a vehicle where alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances are being consumed: A suspension of one calendar year from the date of the suspension, including all extracurricular activities during this period. The administrator will make a written report of his or her decision and rationale. The student may appeal the decision to the building principal.

All students remain subject to the district's student discipline policy and/or the school's student handbook and the disciplinary measures listed in them.

PATRIOTS MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

The following schools are participants of the **Patriots Middle School Conference** for athletic and academic competition:

Aptakisic Junior High School, Buffalo Grove **Daniel Wright Junior High School**, Lincolnshire **Fremont Middle School**, Mundelein **Twin Groves Junior High School**, Buffalo Grove **West Oak Junior High School**, Mundelein **Woodlawn Junior High School**, Long Grove

•The Patriots Middle School Conference is governed by a constitution and by-laws. The purpose of the by-laws and constitution is to define the governing body of the Patriots Middle School Conference, its mission, and its operational procedures and policies.

•The PMSC will serve its mentor schools by providing leadership in the organization of interscholastic, co-curricular activities and sports which enrich middle school experiences and promote educational goals.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Daniel Wright Junior High School is committed to promoting sportsmanship. We are representatives of our school and as such, we directly reflect on our school. The way we present ourselves on the bus, in the locker room, on the court or field, in the stands or on the sidelines, and before and after the contest, sends messages to everyone around us.

Good sportsmanship is viewed by the Patriots Middle School Conference as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities that are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines.

Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship.

As a member of the Patriot Middle School Conference, the following behavioral guidelines shall be adhered to:

Expectations of Student Participants

•Treat teammates with respect. •Treat opponents with respect: shake hands prior to or after contests. •Respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest and display no behavior that could incite fans. •Cooperate with officials, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest. •Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing school and community; display positive public action at all times. •Live up to high standards of sportsmanship established by coaches.

Expectations of Parents, Students, Fans or Audience

•Respect decisions made by contest officials.
•Be an exemplary role model by supporting teams in a positive manner, including content of cheers and signs.
•Respect fans, coaches, directors and participants.
•Realize that being a spectator is a privilege.

Expectations of Spirit Groups

•Stimulate desired crowd response using only positive cheers, signs and praise without antagonizing or demeaning opponents. •Treat opposing spirit groups and fans with respect. •Recognize outstanding performances

on either side of the playing field or court.

•Know rules and strategies of the contest in order to cheer at proper times. •Maintain enthusiasm and composure, serving as a role model.

***ANYONE (students or adults) WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RULES MAY BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT/BUILDING.**

TRANSPORTATION

All students must travel to sporting events and activities and return home from such events with the team on which the student participates by use of school approved means of transportation. A written waiver of this rule may be issued by the teacher, sponsor or coach in charge of the sport or activity upon advance written request of a student's parent/guardian and provided the parent/guardian appears and accepts custody of the student. Oral requests will not be honored and oral permissions are not valid.

Any student found to be in violation of this rule will be subject to discipline in accordance with the Extracurricular Athletic Code of Conduct.

FALL INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Grades: 6, 7, & 8

Season: August – October

This sport is open to all students interested in long distance running. Emphasis is placed on conditioning and running on different types of terrain. Competitive meets will be held with schools from the area along with any invitational being hosted by area schools.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grades: 7 & 8

Season: August - October

This sport is open to all girls who want to participate in a competitive team sport that teaches basketball skills and strategies, with an emphasis on the value of teamwork.

SOCCER

Grades: 7 & 8

Season: August - October

DW offers a Boys and Girls soccer team. This sport is open to all interested students in the seventh and eighth grades. The purpose of the team is to develop and improve soccer skills. Students will compete against teams in our area.

WINTER INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Grades: 7 and 8

Season: November - January

Boys participating in basketball will develop skills, sportsmanship and team concept. Boys will play a competitive schedule including games and tournaments with schools from the surrounding area.

CHEERLEADING

Grades: 7 and 8

Season: November - January

This sport is open to all girls who enjoy creating school spirit with skills in basic gymnastics, “loud” voice, clarity, and precision of movement. Team will cheer at home basketball games & competitions.

POM PONS

Grades: 7 and 8

Season: November – January

This sport is open to girls who enjoy creating school spirit with skills in precision of movement, dance, and imaginative routines. Students perform at home basketball games and competitions.

WRESTLING

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

Season: January – March

Students will develop skills which will allow them to wrestle other students in the same weight class. Wrestlers will participate in the IESA State Wrestling series in early March as well as individual/dual meets

SPRING INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

SCHOLASTIC BOWL

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

Season: January – April

This team combines trivia and academic know-how to compete with schools in matches of the mind. Students apply their math, language, science, and social studies knowledge to answer questions and solve problems in a competitive format.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Grades: 7 and 8

Season: January - March

This sport is open to all girls interested in improving their volleyball skills and participating in a competitive atmosphere against schools in our area. Emphasis is placed on team play.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Grades: 7 and 8

Season: April - May

This sport is open to all boys interested in improving their volleyball skills. Emphasis is placed on team play. Competitive games will be held with schools from the area.

TRACK & FIELD

Grades: 6, 7 and 8

Season: April - May

This is an individual sport for any and all students interested in running sprints, middle or long distances, or competing in field events (high jump, long jump, shot put, or discus). Students have an opportunity to develop skills in various events. There will be track meets scheduled against schools in our area with Stevenson High School hosting a meet at the end of the season. Qualifiers may participate in the IESA regional, sectional, and state meets.

Please see next page for Athletic Consent Form

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Student Athletes:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Daniel Wright Junior High offers various

competitive activities for our student athletes. We are part of the Patriot Middle School Conference, which includes Aptakisic, Fremont, Twin Groves, Woodlawn, and West Oak.

We ask that parents carefully review the contents of this handbook with their student athlete. Inside this book you will find our co-curricular and interscholastic sports policies, expectations for behavior, Code of Conduct, conference information, school location and directions, and other essential details. It is important that both you and your child understand the guidelines and expectations set forth by both Daniel Wright Junior High and the Patriot Middle School Conference. We look forward to having your child participate in our athletic programs.

2022 - 2023 Athletic Consent

I have reviewed the Daniel Wright Junior High Athletic Handbook, including the Code of Conduct with my child and agree to its standards.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Grade _____

Parent or Guardian Signature

Please detach or print this page and return to the participants's coach at the start of the season. ONLY ONE FORM PER STUDENT IS REQUIRED PER SCHOOL YEAR.