



Hamilton Athletic Department Vision

Goals

- To provide extra-curricular activities and after school opportunities for our student community, especially at risk students
- To teach student-athletes life skills including teamwork, discipline, dedication, communication, sportsmanship and leadership
- To enhance school morale and spirit
- To create a structure where Athletics hold students accountable for their grades and behavior in the classroom

Participation on an athletic team is a privilege that is extended to every student who is eligible under Hamilton Middle School rules. Every privilege includes responsibility. Many people closely observe the conduct of a student-athlete. An athlete is a representative of the team, the school, and the community. Therefore, it is important that each student-athlete be of high moral integrity at all times and in all places. This extends beyond the playing field, into the classroom, and within the community.

Athletes strive to:

- Represent their school in a positive manner.
- Be on time, enthusiastic, dependable, and cooperative.
- Be responsible and open to coaching.
- Be team players.
- Abide by the general rules of discipline as established by the school and leagues.

Athletes will always:

- Place academics first.
- Strive to improve.
- Be positive.
- Support their teammates.
- Seek educational assistance when required.
- Demonstrate respect for teachers, coaches, officials, and fellow athletes at all times.
- Maturely accept constructive criticism.
- Take responsibility.
- Use appropriate language.

Academics

Academics are the number one priority for middle school student-athletes. During the season, student should plan to do projects, homework, and studying outside of practice. Key lessons learned through participating in middle school athletics are planning, prioritizing and understanding one's time limitations. If there is an unavoidable conflict involving athletics and academics, academics always takes priority.