

GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
---ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT---
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ATHLETIC POLICY-GRADES 6-12

Dear Parent/Guardian, Coach

The Garfield Public School Athletic Program has a long and proud tradition. It is our goal to provide young men and women with the opportunity to develop athletic skills, personal dedication and a sense of team above self. The "Athletic Policy" outlines those rules and regulation that governs your child while he/she is a member of any athletic team. Please review the policy with your son or daughter.

In an effort to give directions to all athletes regarding proper attitudes and values, and to encourage a positive image within the school and community, the following policy is to be strictly adhered to by administrators, coaches and athletes.

- A. Absence from School:** An athlete shall not practice or participate in any athletic event on a day in which he/she was absent from school. If an athlete is absent on a day preceding a non school day(Saturday) that student must receive special permission from the Principal, Athletic Director or coach in order to participate in any athletic activity. Any athlete, not signed in by 9:00 AM will be considered absent for the day, unless written pre-notification of tardiness has been submitted to the coach. Excessive tardiness may be cause for suspension from school and an athletic team. An excused absence or tardiness must be supported by a written memo from a Physician, Dentist, or Motor Vehicle. (Not Parent). A student who signs out of school "Sick" cannot return to participate afterschool.
- B. Suspension from School:** An athlete shall not participate in any athletic activities for the duration of the suspension from school. An Athlete suspended from school may be reinstated to the team after a conference with the athletic director, coach, parent and athlete. Repeated suspensions shall result in permanent removal from the team.
- C. Personal Training Rules:** An athlete shall not violate any training rules pertaining to smoking, use of alcoholic beverages, possession, sale, or use of illegal drugs, and unacceptable behavior. Any athlete determined to have violated any training rules shall be immediately reported to the building principal and athletic director by the head coach. The building principal and athletic director shall suspend the athlete until the next season. Reinstatement of that athlete shall depend upon the result of the review of the athletes conduct and academic progress. The building principal must involve the substance abuse counselor and police juvenile authorities in cases where their presence is deemed necessary. Any athlete, who willingly leaves a team after the first scheduled contest, cannot try out for another sport during that season unless mutually agreed upon by both head coaches. Any athlete removed from a team for disciplinary reasons will not be allowed to participate in any sports during that season.
- D. Athletic Equipment:** An athlete shall not participate in any sport unless all equipment Responsibilities for the previous sport have been resolved. It is every athlete's Responsibility to return issued equipment immediately at the end of the season or upon Leaving the team.
- E. Eligibility:** NJSIAA academic eligibility rules and guidelines shall apply to all high School students. Eligibility of middle school athletes shall be determined by middle School administration.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date