

Imagine Schools At West Gilbert Athletic Handbook

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Athletics, like all “extra-curricular activities,” are valuable in developing the individualized God-given abilities and interests of our students. Participation in athletics implies that a student is of good character and is always conscious that he/she represents the values identified with Imagine Schools athletes and should strive to model the Character Counts six pillars: TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING, and CITIZENSHIP.

Participation means a commitment to the development of the **whole** person – body, mind, and spirit. Coaches should always work to reinforce such expectations.

Junior high athletics events are an educational event and we expect everyone in attendance to act accordingly. Players are to play, coaches coach, officials administer the rules of the game to the best of their ability, and fans are encouraged to cheer in a positive manner for their team and show respect for their opponents.

Remember, competition is a game and when our opponents visit our school, they are to be treated as guests. With this goal in mind, athletics strive to encourage social maturity, cooperation, respect for the individual, loyalty to the school, and a positive spirit of competition.

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In addition to being under regular school supervision, all athletic functions are carried out according to the rules of the AZ Charter Athletic Association. Participation in the athletic program at Imagine Schools at West Gilbert by a student athlete (boy or girl) is an important part of the young man or young woman's career in school. Athletics are unique, since success in team sports is based on cooperation, loyalty, discipline, and a close relationship between player and coach. To benefit completely and contribute extensively, a player must be willing to make personal sacrifices for the betterment of the team. Although a coach at Imagine Schools At West Gilbert is always interested and concerned in the academic and athletic progress of each student-athlete, he or she must at times place the welfare of the entire team before the personal interests of a single student-athlete.

Codes of Conduct and Appearance

This shall be formulated by each athletic squad with meetings set between the coaching staff, athletes and parents at the beginning of the season. The rules shall be adhered to and are enforceable by the coach.

The athletic department believes that by abiding by the following rules our athletes will create a positive self-image, gain peer acceptance, learn self-control and self-discipline, and establish a positive set of values for future involvement in society. Each coach will see that each athlete on the squad receives a set of rules before the athlete's season starts so there are no misunderstandings on anyone's part.

1. Every athlete must follow the rules established by his or her coach and the rules of the athletic department.
2. Smoking, consumption of unauthorized drugs or alcohol, or undesirable conduct will not be tolerated on any athletic squad.
3. A student participating in athletics must dress in a manner that reflects a gentleman/lady in the eyes of his/her coach.
4. An athlete represents more than himself/herself. Because he/she represents the team, our school, and the community, his/her appearance must reflect this responsibility. Good health standards are to be maintained in the locker rooms and in the use of equipment. It is clearly understood that all coaches will enforce grooming rules as are necessary for their particular sport.
5. Every athlete will meet the rules and regulations of Imagine Schools At West Gilbert.
6. All discipline problems will be handled by the coach and, when necessary, a meeting with the parents will be scheduled. In very serious problems of discipline, a decision will be reached by the coach, Athletic Director and Principal after a thorough investigation.
7. If a denial of privilege of participation is recommended to the Athletic Director by the coach, the notice will be made by the coach. This may be appealed to the Athletic Director. The appeal must be written and submitted within 48 hours after parental notification.
8. Every student must turn in an Athletic Participation Contract (online or by printing signed by the student and his/her parents or guardian) and a copy of the Concussion in Sports course completion certificate. This contract and course completion certificate must be on file with the coach before the first game.

Athletic Participation Contract

Athletic Participation Contract for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

I, _____, having the desire to participate in athletics for Imagine Schools At West Gilbert, promise to follow the training rules and expectations listed below. I will conduct myself in a manner that is a credit to myself, my family, my team, and my school. I realize that I am the one responsible for following the rules. I realize that my parents, my teammates, or any member of the Imagine Schools At West Gilbert community, may report any violations of this contract. Failure to live up to this contract will result in possible consequences ranging from running sprints to dismissal from the team. A conference with parent(s) will be required for serious offenses.

Moreover:

- A. I will abstain from illegally consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages.
- B. I will abstain from the use or possession of tobacco in any form.
- C. I will abstain from all illegal use or possession of drugs, including "look alike" drugs.
- D. I will abstain from any serious violations such as, but not limited to, bullying, hazing, illicit and/or inappropriate internet or cell phone usage, etc.
- E. I will abide by all curfews given by the coach.

Any athlete breaking rules A, B, C, D, and / or E mentioned above, will serve the following consequences:

First Offense: Athlete will be suspended from athletic participation for one game.

Second Offense: Athlete will be suspended from all athletic participation for the season.

Athletic Eligibility

All athletes must be currently enrolled and must have a passing grade in each class.

Grades are checked on Mondays and any athlete having a GPA below 2.0 or an F in any class will be suspended from participation in any games beginning that day of the grade check through the next Monday. During the suspension athletes are expected to continue to attend practices and come to games to show support.

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Grades are checked on Fridays and any athlete having a GPA below 2.0 or an F in any class will be suspended from participation in any games beginning Monday immediately following the Friday grade check through the next Monday. During the suspension athletes are expected to continue to attend practices and come to games to show support.

If an athlete has improved their grades (to reflect a GPA of 2.0 or higher and no F's in any class) over the course of the week, the suspension will be lifted once grades have been checked again on the next Friday. If the GPA remains below 2.0 or the student still has an F in the same class or now has an F in any other classes, the suspension will continue.

Supervision of Activities

No Imagine Schools West Gilbert student or athlete is to be in the school building at any time unless he/she is under the supervision of a coach or teacher. Students are to be with their teachers at dismissal and will then re-enter the building through the front office. Students should

immediately change and report to practice. This rule also applies to weekends, school vacations, and days when school is not in session.

Student Attendance in School

Any student that participates in an athletic event or practice must be in school the day of the practice or event and on time. A student would be excused for a family illness, emergency, or a funeral. At no time will it be a practice to sleep in on the day of a game / event, nor will it be acceptable to miss the day after a game / event. It will be up to the coaches and attendance office to monitor this situation and to be certain that the school philosophy is being followed. If you are not to school on time or if you leave early on a game day you will not play the first quarter / half of the game.

Any student who misses the day of school on a game day or is to serve a detention or suspension the day of a game will NOT be permitted to play that day's game.

Fees

There is a one-time \$50.00 fee due for each sport that the student athlete participates in. This fee will be charged for each sport (excluding cheer) each season to offset the many fees that are part of a sports program. These fees include: league fees, referee fees, field rentals, equipment replacement, etc.

Transportation

Transportation to and from games is the responsibility of the athlete. Permission slips are sent home prior to a game if students need to leave school before the regular dismissal time and must be signed and returned prior to the game in order for the athlete to play. At no time will any staff members or coaches be permitted to drive an athlete to a game.

Uniforms

Uniforms are the property of Imagine Schools West Gilbert and are loaned to the player for the duration of the season. Uniforms should be washed and cared for properly during this time (machine wash COLD, air dry or tumble dry LOW HEAT, do not iron printed areas, do not dry clean).

At the end of the season, uniforms must be returned to the coach in the condition they were given to the player. Any uniforms that are lost or any with damage to the uniform will result in a \$60 fee to be paid by the player, which is due within 15 days of the end of the season. Cheer uniforms are the exception. They are not loaned and are the property of the student. They are measured to fit and are to be purchased by the parent/guardian.

Signed:

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Coaches Signature