

MONROE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CODE AND GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

As well as physical education classes, MCS provides an athletic program for students in grades 6th through 8th (5th graders depending on team availability). At this time Soccer, Basketball/Cheer, and Track and Field are the after-school athletic programs offered to the students.

Participation in athletics at MCS is a privilege, not a right. Athletic programs are provided by the school for the purpose of allowing the student athlete to develop the skills and abilities given to him or her by God.

Because God expects each of us to respond to Him in an orderly, cooperative, and Christ-like way, the following guidelines have been established for student athletes.

BEHAVIOR CODE FOR STUDENTS:

Monroe Christian believes that all children are created in the image of God. Because of this fundamental belief, we also are committed to training up our children to respect and care for one another. We are committed to installing in students basic principles that will guide them in appropriate Christian behavior.

We are concerned about student attitudes as well as behavior. We believe as a child's relationship with Jesus Christ becomes more intimate, their desire to walk in love towards others will also develop. To help our children in their Christian walk, we seek to challenge our students to work together in a responsible, Christ-like manner in all school involvements. We expect our students to live by the following standards:

1. The student is expected to be honest, dependable, and cooperative (Proverbs 12:17).
2. The student is to show good stewardship of his/her and others' personal property and rights (I Corinthians 4:1-2).
3. The student will treat classmates and staff with the respect due to someone created in the image of God (Philippians 2:3-4).
4. The student is to respect the authority of God, their parents, teachers, and all other staff persons in positions of authority (Romans 13:1-2).
5. The student shall conduct him/herself in school and out of school, both with and without supervision, in such a way that brings honor to God, the school, the family and him/herself (Proverbs 17:17).
6. The student will abide by the MCS Junior High Handbook in regard to behavior, discipline, and consequences.

(continued on next page)

STUDENT ATHLETE GUIDELINES

1. Student athletes are expected to be at every practice session on time. If an athlete cannot be at practice, he or she must inform the coach at least one day in advance when absence from practice is known ahead of time. Failure to do so may result in the coach taking appropriate action.
2. Student athletes are responsible for care of equipment. This includes uniforms, balls, and any other equipment used. Equipment and uniforms are to be returned to the school in good condition.
3. Displaying a lack of self-control will not be tolerated. This includes arguing with the referee, teammates, opponents, or coaches. Displays of anger may result in removal from the game.
4. Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. This includes open criticism of teammates, opposing team members, referees, or coaches.
5. Proper sportsmanship is encouraged and expected of all student athletes.
6. Student athletes are expected to maintain athletic eligibility according to the academic standards.
 - a. This includes keeping up on homework according to teacher's discretion.
 - b. Maintaining a "C" average or above. Should the average fall below a "C," the student risks being removed from the team.
7. If a student athlete is absent at school, he or she may not participate in a practice or game that same day.
8. If a student quits the team before the end of the season, he/she will not be allowed to join another MCS sports team that school year, pending a meeting with parents, the MCS Athletic Director, and Administrator.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Athlete Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____