



Gateway School's After-School Sports Agreement 2021-2022

Sports at Gateway School are intended to be a positive student experience. Our coaches use practices to teach skills and emphasize the importance of teamwork and effort to our players. We teach that winners are people who give the maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and refuse to let mistakes stop them. We also strive to teach our players to honor the game and to respect the rules, our opponents, our teammates, the officials, and ourselves. We require all of the above from our parents/guardians as well.

The structure of the sports teams will depend upon the number of students interested in participating. In some cases, we might have 5th/6th grade teams and 7th/8th grade teams, and in others, we may be able to field teams for each grade. Practices will be grouped to maximize the learning environment and will be based on the players' skill level. In many cases, different grades will practice together. We will post our practice and game schedules on Gateway's online calendar for all teams. On occasion, we may have to change a practice or game time and we send a notice of the new schedule as soon as we learn of the change.

Every practice is important for learning and working as a team. We require that players make a commitment to their team by attending each practice and game. Out of respect and fairness to the team, if a player is unable to attend a practice or game, coaches may adjust their playing time accordingly. Coaches should be informed in advance when a player has to miss a practice or game.

The Family-Student Handbook states that faculty members may not transport children to or from practices or games. If a child needs a ride and they do not have pre-arranged transportation, the student should come to the Gateway's Front Office to contact their parent/guardian to make arrangements. As is also stated in the Family-Student Handbook, students who do not attend school on a given day may not play in that day's game or practice (however, exceptions can be made for medical or academic appointments). According to the Middle School Handbook, all 6th - 8th grade student-athletes must maintain a 75% grade in all classes to participate on sports teams (grades are checked on the 1st of each month and at the beginning of each season). Student-athletes in 5th grade must be in good standing by meeting the academic expectations of their classroom and specialist

teachers. Failure to maintain these academic standards will result in a one-week removal from the team to allow them to meet the minimum grade requirements. Removal from the team will continue until the student-athlete has achieved this requirement. In addition, any student receiving an after-school detention or exhibiting negative behavior while participating on a sports team must miss their next game or practice, whichever comes first. A suspension from the school will result in a two-week suspension from the team.

Please remember there is a \$120 fee for each player per sport to help defray the costs of equipment, referees, staff, gym rental, and uniforms. This fee will be added to your student's Smart billing account. If you have any billing questions please contact Yvonne Reynolds, Gateway School's Business Office Manager, at (831) 423-0341 x 303 or by email at yvonne.reynolds@gatewaysc.org.

Thank you,
Zachary Raney
Athletic Director
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To indicate that you understand and agree with this policy, please complete all of the fields below, sign, and return this Agreement to the coach.

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Season (check one): Fall Winter Spring

Team or Sport: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s) _____

Would you be interested in carpooling to practices/games?

Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature(s): _____

Date: _____