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ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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***“DEVELOPING CHAMPIONS IN THE CLASSROOM,
IN COMPETITION, AND IN CHARACTER.”***

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GRANBURY ISD ATHLETICS

MISSION STATEMENT

OF

GRANBURY ATHLETICS



EXCELLENCE

The mission of Granbury ISD Athletics is to provide **exceptional leadership**, support, and opportunities for every student-athlete while fostering a culture of **excellence, integrity, accountability, and inclusivity**.



INTEGRITY

We are committed to developing the whole student-athlete by promoting **academic achievement, character development, competitive success, and lifelong leadership**. Through outstanding coaching, equitable opportunities, ethical conduct, community engagement, and responsible stewardship of our facilities and resources, we strive to create a positive and enriching athletic experience that empowers every student-athlete to reach their full potential both on and off the field.



ACCOUNTABILITY

Granbury ISD Athletics is built upon the values of **sportsmanship, teamwork, service, and school pride**. We believe athletics is an extension of the classroom and plays a vital role in preparing students for success in life.



INCLUSIVITY

Our program places a high value on **multisport participation** and is committed to providing meaningful athletic opportunities for as many students as possible within our educational setting. We encourage student-athletes to grow through diverse competitive experiences while developing resilience, confidence, and leadership.



TEAMWORK

Our coaches are expected to serve as **positive role models** by demonstrating strong leadership, ethical behavior, professional excellence, and a genuine commitment to the holistic development of every student-athlete.



SERVICE

Together, we will cultivate an environment that inspires success, builds character, strengthens our schools, and unites our community.



Our Commitment
DEVELOPING CHAMPIONS
IN THE CLASSROOM, IN COMPETITION, AND IN CHARACTER.

UIL CONSTITUTION & CONTEST RULES COMPLIANCE



Granbury ISD Athletics is committed to conducting all athletic programs in accordance with the **University Interscholastic League (UIL) Constitution and Contest Rules**, Granbury ISD Board Policy, and Athletic Department procedures. Every student-athlete, parent/guardian, coach, and athletic staff member shares the responsibility of understanding and complying with these standards.

Participation Requirements

Participation in Granbury ISD Athletics is governed by the current UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, including but not limited to:

- Student Eligibility Requirements
- Academic Standards (No Pass, No Play)
- Residency & Transfer Rules
- Amateur Status
- Practice & Contest Regulations
- Health & Safety Requirements
- Sportsmanship Expectations
- Parent & Spectator Conduct

Student-Athlete Responsibility

Student-athletes are expected to maintain academic and athletic eligibility while representing Granbury ISD with integrity, accountability, respect, and sportsmanship. Failure to comply with UIL regulations, district policies, or Athletic Department expectations may result in disciplinary action, suspension, or loss of athletic participation privileges.

Parent & Guardian Responsibility

Parents and guardians are encouraged to become familiar with UIL rules and remain informed of updates that may affect athletic participation. Working together ensures a positive and successful athletic experience for every student-athlete.

Athletic Department Expectations

Granbury ISD Athletics reserves the right to establish additional procedures and standards that support the mission, values, safety, and daily operation of the athletic program.

For the most current UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, visit:

www.uil texas.org

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT



Participation in Granbury ISD Athletics is a privilege that carries the responsibility of demonstrating integrity, respect, and good sportsmanship. Student-athletes, coaches, and all individuals involved in the athletic program are expected to uphold the following standards:

1. COMPETE WITH INTEGRITY

Participate in all contests with honesty, fairness, and respect by following both the letter and the spirit of all rules.

2. PROMOTE ETHICAL CONDUCT

Coaches and sponsors will lead with integrity, avoiding unethical behavior or tactics that compromise the educational purpose of athletics.

3. RESPECT OFFICIALS

Accept the decisions of game officials with professionalism and without public criticism. Officials are guests of the contest and should be treated with courtesy and respect by athletes, coaches, school personnel, and spectators.

4. DEMONSTRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Treat opponents with respect before, during, and after competition. Compete with humility in victory and grace in defeat. While winning is valued, the pursuit of excellence, character development, and positive relationships are the true goals of interscholastic athletics.

5. FOSTER AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

Harassment, intimidation, discrimination, or threatening behavior based on race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, or any other protected characteristic has no place in Granbury ISD Athletics.

6. MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY AND INTEGRITY

Any concerns regarding the eligibility of a student-athlete or school should be reported promptly through the appropriate administrative channels. Honesty and transparency are essential to preserving the integrity of interscholastic competition.

7. COMPLY WITH RECRUITING RULES

Granbury ISD Athletics strictly prohibits the recruitment or solicitation of student-athletes in violation of UIL rules. Any inquiries from students residing outside the district or from another high school within a multiple-high school district should be referred to the appropriate school principal or district administration.

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Granbury ISD Athletics is committed to fostering an environment where character, accountability, respect, and sportsmanship are valued as highly as athletic achievement. Every participant is expected to represent the District with integrity and pride both on and off the field of play.

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SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS & GAME DAY CONDUCT



Granbury ISD Athletics is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all student-athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, and visitors. Athletic events are an extension of the educational environment, and all spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect.

SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

All spectators are expected to:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- Respect student-athletes, coaches, officials, event staff, and fellow spectators.
- Cheer positively for all participants without using profanity, personal attacks, or inappropriate language or gestures.
- Follow all directions provided by school administrators, game management personnel, security, and law enforcement.
- Remain in designated spectator areas unless otherwise authorized.
- Comply with all Granbury ISD policies, UIL regulations, and facility rules.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

The following behaviors are prohibited at all Granbury ISD athletic events:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, coaches, student-athletes, or spectators.
- Harassment, intimidation, or threatening behavior.
- Use of abusive, profane, vulgar, or discriminatory language.
- Entering the playing surface, locker rooms, team areas, or other restricted locations without authorization.
- Interfering with the conduct of the contest.
- Possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or vaping devices on District property.
- Any conduct that disrupts the event or compromises the safety of others.

PARENT AND SPECTATOR COMMUNICATION

Parents and spectators are encouraged to support student-athletes in a positive and respectful manner. Questions or concerns regarding team matters should be addressed through the appropriate communication process and should never be discussed with coaches during or immediately following a contest.

REMOVAL FROM AN EVENT

Granbury ISD reserves the right to remove any spectator whose behavior is disruptive, inappropriate, or inconsistent with District expectations. Individuals who refuse to comply with requests from school personnel or event management may be removed from the facility and may be subject to additional restrictions, including denial of admission to future athletic events.

Game officials can ask that school administrators have unruly fans removed from a contest facility. If that occurs, the spectator will be suspended from future contests. The length of suspension will be determined by the athletic director along with the GISD school officials and will be based upon the severity of the offense.

COMMITMENT TO POSITIVE SPORTSMANSHIP

Granbury ISD believes athletics provide valuable opportunities to teach leadership, teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and respect. We ask all spectators to partner with us in creating an environment where student-athletes can compete with confidence, officials can perform their duties without intimidation, and everyone can enjoy a positive game-day experience.

Together, we set the standard for Pirate Athletics by demonstrating respect, integrity, and sportsmanship at every event.

GRANBURY ISD ATHLETICS ROLE



GRANBURY ISD ATHLETICS ROLE

The Athletic Department and coaching staff will:

- Provide general education regarding the recruiting process.
- Promote qualified student-athletes to college coaches through appropriate communication and networking.
- Respond to requests from college coaches in a timely manner.
- Assist student-athletes in preparing athletic résumés, highlight videos, schedules, and other recruiting materials when appropriate.
- Support campus visits and official recruiting opportunities in accordance with UIL rules and District procedures.
- Encourage student-athletes to pursue institutions that provide the best academic, athletic, and personal fit.

PLEASE NOTE: While every effort will be made to assist student-athletes, Granbury ISD cannot guarantee recruitment opportunities, roster positions, or athletic scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY

Student-athletes interested in competing at the collegiate level are responsible for meeting all eligibility requirements established by the governing association of the institution they plan to attend. Eligibility requirements may include:

- Academic coursework
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Standardized test requirements (when applicable)
- Amateurism certification
- NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA Eligibility Center registration

Students and parents should regularly review the eligibility requirements established by the college or university they are considering.

RECRUITING COMMUNICATION

Recruiting timelines and permissible communication vary by sport, division, and governing organization. Student-athletes and parents are encouraged to become familiar with the recruiting rules applicable to their sport.

Questions regarding recruiting should first be directed to the student's head coach or the Athletic Director.

NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL)

Student-athletes should be aware that NCAA, state, and institutional policies regarding Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) continue to evolve. Students are encouraged to seek guidance from the college or university they plan to attend regarding NIL opportunities and compliance requirements.

COMMITMENT TO STUDENT SUCCESS

The goal of Granbury ISD Athletics is to prepare student-athletes for success beyond high school. Whether pursuing collegiate athletics, military service, career training, or higher education, we encourage every student-athlete to strive for excellence in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.

Our mission is to develop leaders of character who compete with integrity, represent Granbury ISD with pride, and are prepared for success in life beyond athletics.

GENERAL ATHLETIC REGULATIONS

Participation in Granbury ISD Athletics is a privilege. Student-athletes are expected to represent themselves, their team, their school, and the District with integrity, responsibility, and good sportsmanship at all times. The following regulations apply to all student-athletes, managers, and student athletic trainers participating in Granbury ISD Athletics.

TEAM DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

A student-athlete may be dismissed from a team only after the following steps have been completed:

1. The head coach has reviewed the reasons for dismissal with the student-athlete.
2. The head coach has discussed the situation with the Athletic Director.
3. Appropriate documentation of the incident(s) and corrective actions has been completed.
4. The student-athlete and parent/guardian have been notified of the proposed action.
5. All documentation has been submitted and maintained on file.

MAJOR DISCIPLINARY INCIDENTS

Head coaches must report any major disciplinary incident to the Athletic Director and the appropriate campus principal within 24 hours of the incident.

When removal from a team is being considered, the following due process will be followed:

1. Notification to the campus principal and Athletic Director within 24 hours.
2. Notification to the parent/guardian within 24 hours.
3. Suspension from team activities for up to three (3) school days, beginning on the date of the incident.
4. A conference with the parent/guardian, if requested by either the parent or the Athletic Department.
5. A final decision regarding team membership will be communicated at or before the conclusion of the suspension period.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

- Student-athletes assigned to Behavior Transition Center (BTC), In-School Suspension (ISS), Administrator Detention, Out-of-School Suspension (OSS), Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), or Expulsion may lose athletic participation privileges.
- A student assigned to BTC or ISS is ineligible to participate in contests or other athletic activities during the assignment.
- Student-athletes assigned to ISS are expected to attend practice if it occurs outside the regular school day, unless otherwise directed by school administration.
- Repeated disciplinary assignments during the same school year may result in additional athletic consequences, including suspension or removal from the athletic program.

Violations requiring administrative action that would suspend a student athlete from regular school attendance, excluding BTC/AEP, will result in:

1. **First offense:** The student athlete will be suspended for one athletic contest.
2. **Second offense:** The student athlete will be suspended for the remainder of the sports season.

CRIMINAL CONDUCT

- A student-athlete who is alleged to have engaged in conduct that constitutes a felony may be suspended from athletic participation pending administrative review.
- Any student athlete engaged in conduct punishable as a felony and is referred to a court, **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in athletics.
- If it is a felony without being referred to a court, this will result in a suspension depending on the degree of the felony charge determined by the head coach, school administrator, and athletic director.
- Participation decisions will be made by the Athletic Director, campus administration, and the head coach after considering the nature of the allegations, student safety, District policy, and applicable law.

UIL ELIGIBILITY

All student-athletes must meet eligibility requirements established by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and Granbury ISD. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Academic eligibility
- Physical examinations
- Residency and transfer rules
- Insurance requirements
- Equipment regulations
- Participation dates
- Amateur status and other UIL regulations

Student-athletes and parents are responsible for complying with these requirements.

GENERAL ATHLETIC REGULATIONS



CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that positively represents Granbury ISD at school, during athletic activities, while traveling, and in the community.

Conduct determined by school administration or the Athletic Department to be detrimental to the athletic program or the District may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from athletics.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Profanity directed toward officials, opponents, teammates, or spectators
- Fighting or intimidation
- Bullying or harassment
- Violation of District policies or the Student Code of Conduct

CHANGING SPORTS DURING A SEASON

A student-athlete who voluntarily quits a sport may not participate in another sport until the original sport's season has concluded and all issued equipment has been returned.

Exceptions may be approved only when both head coaches and the Athletic Director determine that the change is in the best interest of both the student-athlete and the athletic program.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at all scheduled practices, contests, meetings, and team activities is expected.

Unexcused absences will be addressed by the head coach and may result in disciplinary action based on the circumstances.

SCHOOL SUSPENSION CONSEQUENCES

Violations of school rules resulting in suspension from regular classroom attendance may also result in athletic consequences.

Unless otherwise determined by campus administration:

- **First offense:** Suspension from one athletic contest.
- **Second offense:** Suspension for the remainder of the athletic season.

SENIOR NIGHT PARTICIPATION

Participation in Senior Night recognition activities is based on athletic classification (senior athlete status within the program) rather than academic classification.

DRESS AND GROOMING

- Student-athletes are expected to maintain a neat, clean, and appropriate appearance that positively represents Granbury ISD.
- Hairstyles protected under the Texas CROWN Act will be fully respected.
- Student-athletes are expected to wear attire appropriate for school travel, competitions, and team functions.
- The head coach, in consultation with the Athletic Coordinators and Athletic Director, will determine appropriate team dress expectations.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- Cell phones, cameras, smart devices, and recording equipment are strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, and other private athletic spaces.
- Student-athletes shall not photograph, video record, livestream, or distribute images from these areas.
- During athletic trips, electronic devices should be used responsibly and in accordance with team expectations. Cell phone use should be limited to communicating with parents or guardians regarding transportation, emergencies, or other approved purposes.
- Student-athletes are expected to use social media responsibly and understand that online conduct reflecting negatively on themselves, their team, or Granbury ISD may result in disciplinary action.

The Athletic Director reserves the authority to interpret and enforce these regulations and may address situations not specifically outlined in this handbook when necessary to maintain the integrity, safety, and educational mission of Granbury ISD Athletics.

COLLEGE RECRUITING

Granbury ISD Athletics is committed to supporting student-athletes who aspire to compete at the collegiate level. While coaches and school staff will provide guidance throughout the recruiting process, the primary responsibility for pursuing collegiate athletic opportunities rests with the student-athlete.

STUDENT-ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

Student-athletes who desire to participate in collegiate athletics should:

- Maintain strong academic performance and meet all graduation requirements.
- Register with the appropriate eligibility center when required by the NCAA or NAIA.
- Become familiar with NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, or other collegiate association eligibility requirements.
- Communicate proactively with college coaches through emails, phone calls, questionnaires, and campus visits.
- Develop and maintain an athletic résumé and highlight video, when appropriate.
- Demonstrate good character, leadership, and sportsmanship both on and off the field of play.
- Notify their head coach of recruiting interest and communications from college programs.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents play an important role in the recruiting process by:

- Encouraging academic success as the highest priority.
 - Assisting with research on colleges that are a good academic, athletic, and personal fit.
 - Understanding recruiting rules and timelines.
 - Supporting their child while allowing the student-athlete to take ownership of communication with college coaches.
 - Maintaining realistic expectations regarding collegiate athletic opportunities and scholarship availability.
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TEAM TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS

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Travel to and from athletic contests is considered an extension of the school day.

Student-athletes are expected to represent Granbury ISD Athletics with professionalism, integrity, respect, and outstanding sportsmanship at all times.

While traveling to and from athletic events, all District transportation policies, team expectations, and the Granbury ISD Student Code of Conduct remain in effect.

Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on their team, coaches, school, and community.

TRANSPORTATION

- Varsity student-athletes are expected to travel to and from all contests using District-provided transportation.
- Student-athletes may be released to ride home only with their parent or legal guardian after completion of a Granbury ISD Athletic Department Travel Consent Form and with approval from the head coach.
- Requests to ride home with anyone other than a parent or legal guardian must receive prior approval from the Athletic Director.
- The Athletic Department encourages student-athletes to utilize District transportation whenever possible. Requests for alternate transportation should be limited to extenuating circumstances.
- Middle School student-athletes may be released to a parent or legal guardian after away contests upon completion of the required Travel Consent Form.
- Sub-varsity teams may have additional travel procedures established by the head coach with approval from the Athletic Director.
- Travel Consent Forms are available on the Granbury ISD Athletics website.

TRAVEL ATTIRE

- Student-athletes are expected to present a professional appearance while representing Granbury ISD.
 - When not traveling in a team uniform, student-athletes shall wear attire approved by the head coach.
 - Team-issued travel apparel may be required for certain sports.
 - Clothing must comply with the Granbury ISD Student Dress Code and be clean, neat, and in good condition.
 - Head coaches may establish sport-specific travel dress expectations with approval from the Athletic Director.
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TEAM TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS



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CONDUCT DURING TRAVEL

Student-athletes are expected to:

- Follow all directions provided by coaches and bus drivers.
- Treat District vehicles with respect.
- Maintain appropriate behavior at all times.
- Keep the bus clean and dispose of trash before exiting.
- Demonstrate courtesy and respect toward teammates, coaches, officials, drivers, and members of the public.
- Follow all District policies regarding electronic devices and appropriate language.
- Food and beverages may be permitted on the bus only with approval from the coaching staff.
- The coaching staff reserves the right to restrict the use of cell phones, headphones, gaming devices, speakers, or other electronic devices during team travel.

DEPARTURE AND RETURN TIMES

The head coach will communicate departure times, itineraries, and anticipated return times prior to each trip.

Student-athletes are responsible for:

- Arriving on time for all departures.
- Bringing all required equipment and personal items.
- Promptly notifying the coaching staff of any emergency that may affect travel plans.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to arrive on time when picking up their student-athlete following the team's return to campus.

ADDITIONAL TEAM EXPECTATIONS

Head coaches may establish additional travel procedures that are specific to their sport.

Any supplemental team travel expectations must:

- Be approved by the Athletic Director.
- Be provided to student-athletes and parents in writing.
- Be maintained on file with the Athletic Department.

Representing Granbury ISD while traveling is both a privilege and a responsibility. Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on their team, school, and community at all times.

LETTER JACKET POLICY



RECOGNIZING COMMITMENT & ACHIEVEMENT

Granbury ISD Athletics recognizes student-athletes who demonstrate dedication, commitment, and achievement through the awarding of a varsity letter and letter jacket.

VARSITY LETTER & LETTER JACKET

In accordance with University Interscholastic League (UIL) regulations, Granbury ISD may award one (1) letter jacket to a student-athlete during their high school athletic career at Granbury High School.

A varsity letter will be awarded when the student-athlete meets the established lettering requirements for their sport.

Additional varsity letters or sport-specific inserts may be obtained through the head coach.

LETTERING CRITERIA

Each head coach is responsible for establishing written lettering criteria for their respective sport.

These criteria will:

- Be approved by the Athletic Director.
 - Be maintained on file in the Athletic Director's Office.
 - Be made available to student-athletes and parents upon request.
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SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

In situations where a student-athlete does not fully meet the published lettering criteria but has demonstrated exceptional commitment or circumstances warrant additional consideration, the head coach may recommend the student-athlete for a letter award.

Final determination will be made jointly by the head coach and the Athletic Director.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Granbury ISD Athletics believes that positive communication between parents, student-athletes, and coaches is essential to the success and development of every student-athlete. Open, respectful communication helps build trust, resolve concerns, and foster a positive athletic experience.

Coaches will communicate the following information to student-athletes and parents:

- Team expectations and standards of conduct.
 - Practice and competition schedules.
 - Team rules and disciplinary expectations.
 - Participation requirements, including offseason activities, equipment needs, and other program expectations.
 - Procedures for communication and conflict resolution.
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STUDENT CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS



Granbury ISD Athletics is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment where student-athletes can grow as leaders, teammates, and competitors. Hazing, bullying, harassment, intimidation, discrimination, and derogatory conduct have no place in our athletic program and will not be tolerated.

HAZING/BULLYING

In accordance with Texas law and Granbury ISD Board Policy, hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing is any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed against a student for the purpose of initiation into, affiliation with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in an athletic team or other organization when the act endangers the student's physical health, mental health, or safety.

EXAMPLES OF HAZING INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Physical abuse, including hitting, striking, branding, paddling, or other acts of physical violence.
- Forced physical activity, excessive exercise, sleep deprivation, confinement, or exposure to extreme weather conditions.
- Forced consumption of food, beverages, alcohol, drugs, or any other substance.
- Acts that humiliate, embarrass, intimidate, or degrade another individual.
- Requiring a student to engage in conduct that violates school rules or state law.
- Any activity that creates an unreasonable risk of physical or emotional harm.

CONSENT BY THE STUDENT DOES NOT EXCUSE OR JUSTIFY HAZING.

BULLYING

Bullying is prohibited in all Granbury ISD athletic programs. Bullying is intentional, repeated behavior that exploits an imbalance of power and causes physical, emotional, or psychological harm.

BULLYING MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- Physical aggression or intimidation
- Verbal abuse, threats, or name-calling
- Social exclusion or humiliation
- Cyberbullying through text messages, social media, or electronic communication
- Repeated teasing or harassment intended to cause emotional distress

ALL REPORTS OF BULLYING WILL BE INVESTIGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DISTRICT POLICY.

No student, student athlete, or school employee shall engage in any form of hazing or, nor encourage or assist any other person in hazing or bullying. Acts of known hazing and / or bullying, as well as failure to report known acts, can result in criminal penalties, as well as school discipline.

- 1. First offense:** Suspension from one athletic contest.
- 2. Second offense:** Suspension for the remainder of the sport season.

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COACHES WILL COMMUNICATE

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COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS

Parents are encouraged to:

- Communicate concerns directly with the coach in a respectful manner.
- Notify coaches of schedule conflicts or circumstances affecting attendance as early as possible.
- Support the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect.
- Encourage their student-athlete to communicate directly with the coach regarding team-related concerns.

APPROPRIATE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

The following topics are appropriate for discussion with a coach:

- The treatment and well-being of your child.
- Ways your child can improve individually.
- Academic or behavioral concerns affecting your child.
- Questions regarding team expectations or program policies.

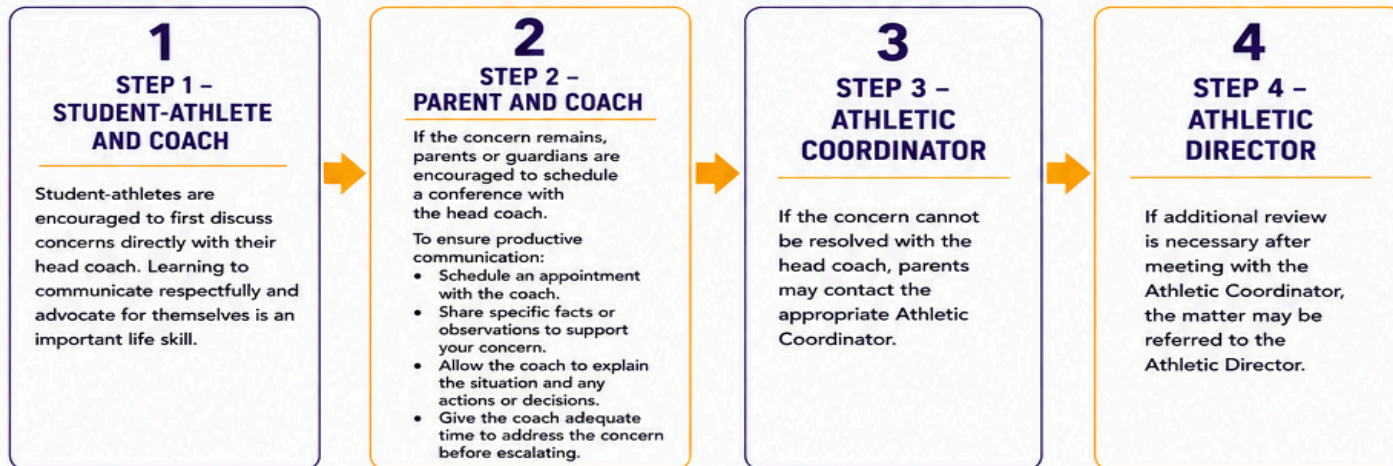
TOPICS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION

Because these decisions are based on professional judgment and the needs of the entire team, the following topics are generally not appropriate for discussion:

- Playing time
- Team selection or depth chart decisions
- Game strategy
- Play calling
- Other student-athletes

RESOLVING CONCERNS

Granbury ISD encourages concerns to be addressed at the lowest appropriate level through respectful communication.



PARENT MEETING EXPECTATIONS

To promote open and respectful communication:

Meetings are conducted with the individual parent(s) or guardians — not with student-athletes.

Group meetings involving multiple families regarding athletic concerns will not be scheduled.

All participants are expected to communicate respectfully and work collaboratively toward a resolution that supports the best interests of the student-athlete and team.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION CHAIN OF COMMAND



To ensure concerns are addressed appropriately, the following process should be followed:

1

**Student-Athlete
and Head Coach**

Coach, parent, and student athlete will meet; if no resolution then,

2

**Parent/Guardian
and Head Coach**

Head Coach, Coach, parent, and student athlete will meet; if no resolution then,

3

**Campus
Athletic
Coordinator**

Athletic Campus Coordinator, Head Coach, parent, and student athlete will meet; if no resolution then,

4

**Campus Principal
(when appropriate)**

Campus Principal, Middle School Athletic Campus Coordinator, Head Coach, parent, and student athlete will meet (this level only applies at the middle school); if no resolution then,

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**District
Administration,**
in accordance
with Granbury ISD
Board Policy and
the District's
complaint process

High School Athletic Campus Coordinator, Middle School Athletic Campus Coordinator, Head Coach, parent, and student athlete will meet (this level only applies at the middle school); if no resolution then,

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**Athletic
Director**

Athletic Director, Athletic Campus Coordinator, Head Coach, parent, and student athlete will meet; if no resolution then,

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Superintendent

Superintendent, Athletic Director, parent, and student

Our hope is to find common ground to make a rational decision that is both appropriate for the student athlete and athletic program. We will treat each conflict individually but with the knowledge that the athletic department has to ultimately do what is best for the program and must be consistent with district policies.

DEROGATORY COMMENTS, HARASSMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION



Student-athletes are expected to treat teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, school personnel, and spectators with dignity and respect.

DEROGATORY LANGUAGE OR CONDUCT IS PROHIBITED

Derogatory language or conduct is prohibited, including comments or actions that are:

- Racially or ethnically offensive
 - Sexist or gender-based
 - Discriminatory toward religion, disability, or other protected characteristics
 - Personally degrading, insulting, or intended to humiliate another person
 - Threatening, intimidating, or abusive
1. **First offense:** Suspension from one athletic contest.
 2. **Second offense:** Suspension for the remainder of the sport season.

REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

Every student-athlete shares responsibility for maintaining a safe and respectful athletic environment.

Student-athletes who experience or witness hazing, bullying, harassment, discrimination, or other inappropriate conduct should report the behavior immediately to:

- A coach
- The Athletic Coordinator
- The Athletic Director
- A campus administrator
- A school counselor or other trusted school employee

Retaliation against any individual who reports concerns in good faith or participates in an investigation is strictly prohibited.

COMMITMENT TO RESPECT

Granbury ISD Athletics is committed to building a culture of integrity, accountability, inclusion, and respect. Every student-athlete is expected to contribute to an environment where all individuals feel safe, valued, and supported both on and off the field.

THEFT AND VANDALISM

Theft or intentional damage to school property or the property of others will not be tolerated.

CONSEQUENCES MAY INCLUDE:

- Suspension from athletic participation.
- Restitution for damages.
- Referral to campus administration.
- Removal from the team.
- Additional District disciplinary action.

Incidents occurring during school-sponsored athletic trips or events may result in suspension from athletics for 90 to 180 calendar days, depending on the severity of the offense.

Theft or malicious destruction of any school or individual's equipment or property is not to be tolerated.

1. **First offense:** The student athlete will be suspended from the team for five calendar days. At the end of this period and following counseling by the head coach and a school administrator, a decision regarding further competition will be made. The time spent out of athletics CAN be counted against time served.
2. **Second offense:** The student athlete will be suspended from the team for the remainder of the sport season and will be referred to the school administrator.

We all have a role in creating a positive and welcoming environment that reflects the values of Granbury ISD and the Pirate tradition.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, NICOTINE PRODUCTS, DRUGS, AND PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING SUBSTANCES



Participation in Granbury ISD Athletics is a privilege. Student-athletes are expected to make healthy, responsible choices that reflect positively on themselves, their team, and the District.

The possession, use, distribution, sale, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, narcotics, controlled substances, marijuana, performance-enhancing drugs (including anabolic steroids), hallucinogens, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), vaping devices, nicotine products, or similar substances is strictly prohibited.

VIOLATIONS

Violations may result in consequences under:

- The Granbury ISD Student Code of Conduct
- Granbury ISD Board Policy
- UIL Rules and Regulations
- Applicable state and federal law
- Granbury ISD Athletic Department policies

Athletic consequences may be imposed in addition to any school disciplinary action.

ATHLETIC CONSEQUENCES

Abuse of illegal drugs during the school or while representing GISD as an athlete:

1. **First offense:** two weeks suspension from contests.
2. **Second offense:** suspension from ALL athletic programs for a period of 180 calendar days.
3. **Third offense:** removal from ALL the athletic programs for 1 calendar year.

Abuse of alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping products during the school or while representing GISD as an athlete:

1. **First offense:** one week suspension not to exceed two contests
2. **Second offense:** two week suspension of contests and 20 hours of community service
3. **Third offense:** suspension from program for the remainder of season and/or semester.

*Additional offense results in one calendar year suspension of all athletic programs.

*Contract required Re-evaluation consists of a two-pronged criteria for possible early reinstatement.

CONSEQUENCES MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Parent/guardian conference
- Suspension from athletic participation
- Counseling or intervention
- Removal from team leadership positions
- Community service
- Removal from the athletic program
- Suspension from contests

REINSTATEMENT

Student-athletes may be required to complete educational or intervention programs before reinstatement.

SUSPENSION DURING ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION



UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

- Student-athletes serving an athletic suspension may continue to attend practices if permitted by the head coach.
- Student-athletes may not participate in contests, scrimmages, or other competitive events during the suspension period.
- Time served while assigned to Behavior Transition Center (BTC), In-School Suspension (ISS), Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), or other disciplinary placement will be governed by District policy and may affect athletic participation.

REINSTATEMENT

Following an athletic suspension, reinstatement may require consideration of the student's overall conduct and commitment to the program.

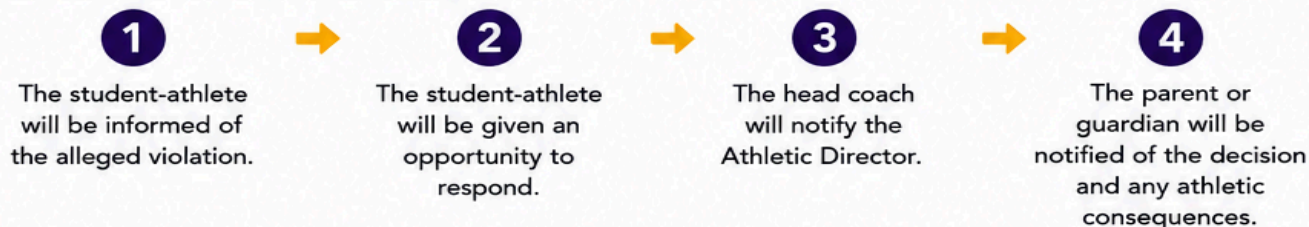
FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED INCLUDE:

- Compliance with school attendance expectations
- Academic eligibility
- Completion of assigned disciplinary consequences
- Demonstrated positive behavior
- Participation in counseling or educational programs, when required

The Athletic Director may require additional documentation or conditions before approving reinstatement.

SUSPENSION PROCEDURES

Before athletic consequences are imposed:



Athletic suspensions will be served during the student's competitive season whenever practical.

RANDOM DRUG TESTING PROGRAM



Granbury ISD maintains a mandatory random drug testing program for students in Grades 7–12 who voluntarily participate in UIL extracurricular activities, including athletics.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

Promote a safe and drug-free educational environment.

Deter the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and performance-enhancing substances.

Encourage healthy decision-making.

Support students through education and early intervention.

Participation in athletics requires annual consent to the District's Random Drug Testing Program.

Students under the age of 18 must have parent or guardian consent before participating in extracurricular activities.

DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES

Granbury ISD contracts with a certified laboratory to administer our drug testing program.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Random selection of eligible students throughout the school year.
- Confidential collection and testing procedures.
- Confirmation of any initial positive result through additional laboratory testing.
- Protection of student confidentiality in accordance with state and federal law.
- Drug testing results are maintained separately from academic records and are disclosed only to individuals authorized to administer the program or as otherwise required by law.

REFUSAL TO TEST OR TAMPERING

A student who refuses to submit to a required drug test or who attempts to alter or tamper with a test sample will be treated as having a positive test result and will be subject to the consequences outlined in District policy.

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

Upon confirmation of a positive drug test:

- The student and parent/guardian will be notified.
- A conference will be scheduled with appropriate District personnel.
- The student or parent may provide documentation of any legitimate medical explanation within the timeline established by District policy.
- Students who receive a confirmed positive drug test may be subject to follow-up testing in accordance with the District's Random Drug Testing Policy.

CONSEQUENCES OF POSITIVE DRUG TESTS

Athletic consequences for confirmed positive drug tests are administered in accordance with the Granbury ISD Random Drug Testing Policy, applicable Board Policy, and administrative regulations. Consequences include:

FIRST OFFENSE

Upon a first offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity for seven calendar days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results. During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.

SECOND OFFENSE

Upon a second offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from any extracurricular activity for 90 calendar days, in accordance with administrative regulations, following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results. During the period of suspension, the student may participate in practices but not in any competitive activities or performances.

THIRD OFFENSE

Upon a third offense of receiving a confirmed positive drug test, a student shall be suspended from participation in any extracurricular activity for 365 calendar days following the date the student and parent are notified of the test results. During the period of suspension, the student shall not be permitted to participate in practices.

APPEALS

A student or parent/guardian may appeal decisions related to the District's Random Drug Testing Program in accordance with Granbury ISD Board Policy FNG (LOCAL) and other applicable District grievance procedures.

Unless otherwise provided by District policy, a student remains ineligible for participation in extracurricular activities while an appeal is pending.

Granbury ISD Athletics is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles, personal responsibility, and sound decision-making. Student-athletes are expected to represent themselves, their teammates, and Granbury ISD with integrity both on and off campus.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY



Academic success is the foundation of participation in Granbury ISD Athletics. Student-athletes are expected to maintain academic eligibility and make satisfactory progress toward graduation while representing Granbury ISD.

All student-athletes must meet the eligibility requirements established by the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and Granbury ISD in order to participate in extracurricular athletic activities.

UIL ELIGIBILITY

- Student-athletes who do not meet UIL academic eligibility requirements will become ineligible to participate in contests and performances until eligibility is regained in accordance with UIL regulations.
- Student-athletes and parents are encouraged to become familiar with the UIL No Pass, No Play requirements and academic eligibility calendar.

ADDITIONAL TEAM ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Head coaches may establish additional academic expectations for participation within their respective programs, provided those expectations:

- Support student academic success.
- Are communicated in writing to student-athletes and parents at the beginning of the season.
- Are approved by the Athletic Director.
- Are applied consistently to all members of the team.
- Examples may include mandatory tutorials, grade checks, academic progress monitoring, or additional team consequences for repeated academic deficiencies.

ADVANCED COURSES EXEMPTION

- In accordance with Texas Education Code §33.081 and UIL eligibility requirements, Granbury ISD may consider certain Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit, Honors, and other approved advanced academic courses as exempt from the standard No Pass, No Play provisions.
- A student enrolled in an approved advanced course who earns a grade between 65 and 69 at the first six-weeks eligibility evaluation or any subsequent grading period may remain eligible for UIL participation, provided the course is included on the District's approved exemption list.
- A student earning below a 65 in an approved exempt course will be ineligible for UIL participation until eligibility is regained at the next designated eligibility evaluation in accordance with UIL rules.
- The official list of Granbury ISD approved advanced academic courses exempt from No Pass, No Play is maintained by the District and is available through the Counseling Department and Athletic Department.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY

- In accordance with Granbury ISD policy, middle school student-athletes must maintain a grade of **70 or higher** in all courses to remain eligible for athletic participation.
- Student-athletes are encouraged to seek academic assistance early and utilize available campus resources, including tutorials, teacher conferences, and academic support programs, to maintain eligibility throughout the school year.



Granbury ISD Athletics believes that **excellence in the classroom** is the foundation for success in athletics and in life. Academic achievement will always remain the **first priority** for every student-athlete.



***All course work for GISD Middle Schools will be **70 and above** credit for eligibility purposes.

SPORTS MEDICINE AND ATHLETIC INJURY PROCEDURES



The health and safety of Granbury ISD student-athletes is the highest priority. The Athletic Training Staff is committed to providing quality injury prevention, evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, and return-to-play management for all student-athletes.

PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

In accordance with UIL rules and Granbury ISD policy, all student-athletes must complete an annual UIL Pre-Participation action before participating in any athletic practice, workout, conditioning session, or competition.

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- A current UIL Physical Examination Form completed by a licensed physician or other approved medical provider.
- A completed Medical History signed by both the student-athlete and parent/guardian.
- Submission of all required forms before participation.

****The cost of the physical examination is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.**

No student-athlete may participate until all required documentation has been submitted and approved.

REPORTING ATHLETIC INJURIES

Student-athletes are required to report all athletic-related injuries or illnesses to a Granbury ISD Licensed Athletic Trainer as soon as possible.

PROMPT REPORTING ALLOWS THE ATHLETIC TRAINING STAFF TO:

- Evaluate the injury.
- Develop an appropriate treatment plan.
- Coordinate physician referrals when necessary.
- Assist with injury documentation and insurance claims.
- Parents are encouraged to notify the Athletic Trainer before seeking outside medical care whenever possible.

RETURN TO PARTICIPATION

A student-athlete who is under a physician's care for an injury or illness may not return to athletic participation until:

- A written medical release has been provided by the treating physician.
- The student has been evaluated and cleared by a Granbury ISD Licensed Athletic Trainer.

Verbal authorization, text messages, emails, or parental permission will not replace a physician's written medical release.

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

Student-athletes are responsible for all equipment issued by the Athletic Department.

All equipment must be:

- Properly maintained.
- Returned promptly at the conclusion of the season or when requested.
- Returned in reasonable condition, allowing for normal wear.

Replacement costs may be assessed for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment beyond normal use.

BRACES AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Student-athletes using braces, sleeves, supports, or other protective equipment must be evaluated by the Licensed Athletic Trainer to ensure:

- Proper fit.
- Appropriate medical use.
- Compliance with UIL regulations.

The Athletic Trainer will also provide guidance regarding rehabilitation and injury prevention.

OUTSIDE ATHLETIC INJURIES

Student-athletes injured while participating in club, select, travel, recreational, or other non-school athletic activities may be evaluated by the Granbury ISD Athletic Training Staff as scheduling permits.

Medical expenses resulting from injuries sustained during non-school athletic participation are not covered by the District's student athletic accident insurance.

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT



Granbury ISD is committed to protecting the health and safety of student-athletes through the prevention, recognition, and proper management of sports-related concussions.

THE DISTRICT FOLLOWS ALL REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE:

- Texas Education Code
- University Interscholastic League (UIL)
- Granbury ISD Concussion Oversight Team (COT)
- Current evidence-based medical standards

RECOGNIZING A CONCUSSION

A concussion is a traumatic brain injury caused by a blow or jolt to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly within the skull.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE:

- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Confusion
- Balance problems
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Blurred vision
- Difficulty concentrating
- Memory problems
- Changes in mood or behavior
- Sleep disturbances

Symptoms may appear immediately or develop over several hours or days.

RETURN-TO-LEARN

Because a concussion affects brain function, temporary academic accommodations may be necessary.

The Athletic Trainer will work collaboratively with parents, physicians, teachers, counselors, and campus administrators to support the student's safe return to the classroom.

PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Student-athletes and parents share responsibility for reporting all concussion symptoms honestly and immediately.

ANY STUDENT-ATHLETE SUSPECTED OF HAVING SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION WILL BE:

- Immediately removed from practice or competition.
- Evaluated by a Granbury ISD Licensed Athletic Trainer or other qualified healthcare professional.
- Referred for medical evaluation when appropriate.
- Prohibited from returning to play on the same day the injury occurred.

Parents or guardians should immediately notify the Athletic Trainer if they believe their child has sustained a concussion outside of school-sponsored activities.

RETURN-TO-PLAY PROTOCOL

A student-athlete diagnosed with a concussion may not return to athletic participation until:

1. They are symptom-free.
2. They have received written medical clearance from an approved healthcare provider.
3. They have successfully completed the District's graduated Return-to-Play Protocol under the supervision of the Licensed Athletic Trainer.

If symptoms return at any point during the progression, the student-athlete will return to the previous symptom-free stage before advancing again.

Failure to report symptoms may place the student-athlete at risk for prolonged recovery or more serious injury.

STUDENT ATHLETIC ACCIDENT INSURANCE



Granbury ISD provides a Student Athletic Accident Insurance Policy for eligible student-athletes participating in UIL athletic activities. The District pays the premium for this coverage as a benefit to participating student-athletes.



**COVERING STUDENT-ATHLETES.
SUPPORTING THEIR FUTURE.**

COVERAGE

The District's athletic accident insurance is designed to help offset medical expenses resulting from injuries sustained during covered UIL athletic activities.

If the student-athlete has personal health insurance, the Granbury ISD policy serves as secondary coverage and may assist with eligible out-of-pocket expenses after the primary insurance has processed the claim.

If the student-athlete does not have personal health insurance, the District's policy serves as the **primary insurance**, subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions, and benefit limits of the policy.

Please note that this is a limited benefit accident policy and is not intended to cover 100% of medical expenses. Families may be responsible for costs that exceed the policy limits or are not covered by the plan.



COVERAGE PERIOD

Eligible student-athletes are covered for injuries that occur:

- On or after the first scheduled day of athletic practice.
- During authorized UIL practices, competitions, and other covered athletic activities and through the coverage period established by the District's insurance policy.

To qualify for benefits:

-  Medical treatment must begin within **90 days** of the injury.
-  Insurance claims must be submitted within **90 days** of the date of injury.
-  Covered medical expenses are generally eligible for reimbursement for up to **one year** from the date of injury, subject to policy limitations.

FILING AN INSURANCE CLAIM

To initiate an athletic accident insurance claim:

- 1** Report the injury **immediately** to a Granbury ISD Licensed Athletic Trainer.
- 2** Contact the Sports Medicine Department for assistance with the claims process.



SPORTS MEDICINE CONTACT INFORMATION



Email: sportsmedicine@granburyisd.org



Phone: (817) 408-4655 or (817) 408-4645

The Athletic Training Staff will assist with the required documentation; however, parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for ensuring that all insurance requirements are met in a timely manner.

CLAIM PROCEDURES



FOR AN INSURANCE CLAIM TO BE CONSIDERED, THE INJURY MUST: _____

- Occur during a covered Granbury ISD UIL athletic practice, contest, or approved athletic activity.
- Be properly documented by the Granbury ISD Athletic Department.
- Meet all eligibility requirements of the District's insurance policy.

STUDENTS WITH PERSONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (INCLUDING AN HMO OR PPO)

1. Submit all medical claims to your primary insurance carrier **first**.
2. After your insurance has processed the claim, provide the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) and any itemized medical bills to the school accident insurance carrier.
3. Eligible remaining expenses will be considered for payment according to the terms and limits of the District's policy.

STUDENTS WITHOUT PERSONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

1. Inform your healthcare provider that the injury occurred during a covered school athletic activity.
2. Ask whether they will file directly with the District's athletic accident insurance carrier.
3. If payment is required at the time of service, retain all receipts, itemized statements, diagnosis information, and medical documentation for reimbursement consideration.

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding athletic injury coverage or the insurance claims process should be directed to the Sports Medicine Department.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION



GRANBURY ISD IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
AND ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS.

A district shall provide equal opportunities to all individuals within its jurisdiction or geographic boundaries.

EDUCATION CODE 1.002(a)

No officer or employee of a district shall, when acting or purporting to act in an official capacity, refuse to permit any student to participate in any school program because of the student's race, religion, color, sex, or national origin.

CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE 106.001

A district may not deny services to any individual eligible to participate in its special education program, but it shall provide individuals with disabilities special educational services as authorized by law.

EDUCATION CODE 1.002(b)

GRANBURY ISD ATHLETICS

STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK



STUDENT-ATHLETE & PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CONSENT

Participation in Granbury ISD Athletics is a privilege that carries the responsibility of demonstrating character, integrity, accountability, respect, and sportsmanship.

The 2026–2027 Granbury ISD Student-Athlete Handbook has been developed to communicate the expectations, responsibilities, policies, and standards for participation in the Granbury ISD Athletic Program.

Parents/guardians and student-athletes are encouraged to review this handbook together. By signing below, both acknowledge that they understand the expectations and responsibilities associated with participation in Granbury ISD Athletics.

BY SIGNING BELOW, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- ☒ We have received, read, and understand the 2026–2027 Granbury ISD Student-Athlete Handbook.
- ☒ We understand that participation in athletics is voluntary and that student-athletes are expected to comply with all Athletic Department expectations, District policies, UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, and the Granbury ISD Student Code of Conduct.
- ☒ We understand that violations of the Student-Athlete Handbook, District policy, UIL rules, or the Student Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from athletic participation.
- ☒ We understand that participation in athletics involves inherent risks of injury despite reasonable efforts by Granbury ISD to provide a safe environment, qualified supervision, and appropriate instruction.
- ☒ We agree to support and uphold the values of integrity, accountability, respect, teamwork, sportsmanship, and character that define Granbury ISD Athletics.
- ☒ We understand that this acknowledgement confirms receipt of the handbook and does not waive or limit any rights afforded under District policy, state law, or applicable grievance procedures.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name (Printed): _____

Campus: _____ Grade: _____

Sport(s): _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Student-Athlete Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN

Please return this signed acknowledgement page to your Head Coach by the designated deadline.

Questions regarding the Student-Athlete Handbook or Athletic Department policies should be directed to your campus Athletic Coordinator or the Granbury ISD Athletic Director.

