

**BENTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATHLETIC CODE BOOK
2010-2011**

Three Traditions. One Program.

2009-2010 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

GIRLS TENNIS

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

CO-ED CHEER

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BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

The following encompasses the following sports: Cross-Country, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Swim/Dive, Track, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Tennis, Wrestling, Bowling, and Cheer/Dance.

BENTONVILLE ATHLETICS

Vision Statement: We envision an athletic system that offers programs for its student-athletes that is considered premier in Arkansas. Our expectations for the athletic department are that it will match the high standards the District has for its academic programs. Our vision is that athletics will be considered an asset to the academic mission of the schools and will enhance the school life experience. We envision a program that offers quality facilities that provide our student-athletes and coaches a place to excel mentally and physically. Most importantly, we envision an athletic department that all of its participants: student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and parents can be proud of and one that promotes lifelong personal and community wellness as well as positive and productive citizens.

Mission: The mission of the athletic department is to provide its participants with the opportunity to develop life lessons and skills that enhance the educational experience and produce positive, productive citizens.

Beliefs:

- We believe that athletics are an integral part of the total education program and a unique part of the junior high and senior high experience.
- We believe athletics teaches student-athletes many invaluable, intangible traits necessary to be productive in society such as: self-discipline, personal commitment, loyalty, sportsmanship, teamwork, work ethic and the value of preparation.
- We believe athletics have a positive effect upon the student-athletes self image, mental and social well being, and ethical awareness.
- We believe athletics are a wholesome equalizer because individuals are judged for what they are and for what they do, not on the basis of the social or economic group to which they belong.

Objectives:

- To bring about the realization in our student-athletes that competition is a privilege that carries definite responsibilities.
- To allow every individual the maximum opportunity to participate in an activity while recognizing that sports, like life, is a competitive situation in which some will excel, some will succeed, some will fail, but all will benefit merely by being participants.
- To provide our student-athletes with the best possible administration, coaching, and instruction available.
- To provide our student-athletes with quality facilities and equipment that is safe and
- To provide our student-athletes with safe, quality transportation to and from all competitions and events.
- To provide our student-athletes with proper funding to meet all of their needs in the athletic arenas.

BEHAVIOR AND CITIZENSHIP

The conduct of an athlete is closely observed by many and it is important that an athlete's behavior be above reproach. Appearance, expression, and actions always influence people's opinions of the athletes as well as the sport itself. Once you have volunteered to be a member of a squad, you have made the choice to uphold certain standards expected of all athletes in this community. **Be proud to be an athlete, for it is a privilege, not a right!**

DRESS POLICY

The way an athlete acts and looks is of great importance, thus proper dress, appearance, grooming and personal cleanliness are expected. Athletes should be leaders and role models for fellow students. Proper dress and appearance will be established by the coach and is an ongoing process. Game day dress code- student athletes will be neat in appearance on game days whether at school or traveling with the team. Shirtrails will be tucked in, no ragged jeans or shorts, nothing will be worn that could be a disruption to the team. Jewelry will not be worn during practice or play due to safety concerns.

COMPLAINTS

The following order should be followed in reporting a complaint by conferring with:

1. The coach that has direct supervision of the athlete at the time.
2. The head coach of the sport in which the athlete participated.
3. The Athletic Director of the Bentonville School District.
4. The Principal of the school involved.
5. The Superintendent of the Bentonville School District.

NOTE: Parents should always call to schedule a meeting with the coach. Never approach a coach before, during, or after a practice or game. All complaints will be addressed during schedule meetings with the coach.

BENTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (BPS) ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ADE) AND ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (AAA) ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

1. Meet all Bentonville School District/ADE and AAA requirements.
2. All students are eligible to try out for the sports offered. Tryouts are held and cuts may be made.
3. Good discipline in the classroom, on and off campus, and at school-sponsored events must be maintained to remain in athletics.
4. Comply with alcohol, drug and tobacco policy.

Failure to Attend School:

A student who fails to attend school all day (excused or unexcused) on the day of a school-sponsored activity shall not be eligible to participate or compete in any extracurricular activity scheduled after school hours. This also includes practice sessions. On a case-by-case basis, the athletic director or her designee may approve an exception to allow participation based upon special circumstances. A student who participates in any practice session in violation of this procedure shall be suspended from participation in the next scheduled practice. Any student who participates or competes in a game, competition, or other school-sponsored activity in violation of this procedure shall be suspended from participation in the next scheduled game, competition, or activity (other than practice).

In addition to this procedure, students must also meet the eligibility requirements as set forth by the Arkansas Activities Association in order to be eligible to compete in AAA sanctioned activities.

Rule 1. Residence - A student's eligibility for interscholastic athletics is in the public school district of his/her parent's residence. (Legal guardians are not recognized as substitute parents.)

- Definition -** The term residence in this rule and the sub-sections that follow is the domicile of parents as defined by Arkansas statutes and court interpretations. The association recognized only one such residence (domicile) per family.
- Rule 2. Dropouts -** A student dropping out of school at any time during the school year must return to school and meet the scholarship requirements for one full semester.
- Rule 3. Semesters -**
- Junior High:** A student repeating either the 7th or 8th grade will not be eligible at all during the complete year that is repeated.
- Senior High:** A student is limited to eight (8) consecutive semesters of opportunity for eligibility beginning with the 9th grade (5th and 6th semesters).
- Rule 4. Age -**
- Junior High:** A junior high student whose 16th birthday is on or before September 1 may not participate in a junior high interscholastic event.
- NOTE:** In the year a student in junior high school becomes too old for junior high participation, he/she may be allowed to participate for the senior high and the number of senior high semesters shall begin.
- Senior High:** A senior high student whose 19th birthday is on or before September 1 may not participate in an interscholastic event.
- Rule 10. Scholarship**
- Rationale -** An athlete must first be a student and must meet certain minimum academic requirements.
- A student may regain or lose academic eligibility the first day of classes in a new semester. Eligibility shall be determined twice per year, once at the beginning of the fall semester (August/September) and once at mid-term (December/January).
- A. Junior high.** A student promoted from the sixth to the seventh grade automatically meets the academic eligibility (scholarship) requirements. A student promoted from the seventh to the eighth grade automatically meets the academic eligibility requirements for the first semester.
- The second semester eighth grade student and the first semester ninth grade student meet the academic eligibility requirements for junior high by successfully passing four (4) academic courses the previous semester, three of which shall be in the core curriculum areas specified by the Arkansas Department of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools.
- First semester ninth grade students must pass four academic eligibility by the end of the second semester of the ninth grades.
- Ninth grade students must meet the senior high academic eligibility by the end of second semester in order to be eligible to participate the fall of their tenth grade year.
- B. Senior high.** The requirements for senior high (10-12) eligibility shall be;
1. Passing four academic courses; and 2. A minimum GPA of 2.0. This shall be based on the previous semester.
1. The student must have passed four academic courses in the previous semester. Any of these four courses for which concurrent high school credit is earned may be from an institution of higher recognized by the Arkansas Department of Education
 2. To participate in interscholastic competition, students passing four academic courses but failing to meet the 2.0 GPA must be enrolled in and attending 100 minutes per week of a Supplemental Instruction Program meeting established criteria as approved by AAA.

3. To maintain eligibility under the Supplemental Instruction Program, the student must show improvement of at least one tenth of one point in their GPA after the final semester of participation in the supplemental program. To continue to participate following the second semester in the SIP the student must have reached the 2.0 GPA
4. The student must have no unexcused absences for the current semester or its equivalent.
5. The student must have no school disciplinary action for the current semester. School disciplinary action may be defined by the school but, as a minimum, the policy shall state that a student has been disciplined when being placed on suspension where the student is out of school for a period of time.
6. The student must have no known criminal convictions.
7. The rule restricts a student to a maximum of two semesters in the SIP any time a student's GPA falls below a 2.0 for the previous semester.

Academic Course: An academic course is one for which class time is scheduled and which can be credited to meet minimum requirements for graduation; which is taught by a teacher required to have state certification in the course, and which has a course content guide approved by the Arkansas Department of Education.

NOTE: P.E. may be considered an academic course for one full credit within the 21 minimum credits. The first time a P.E. grade appears on the transcript in grades 9-12 is when it will be considered an academic course.

C. A student may satisfy the requirement by successfully completing a course(s) failed or courses(s) needed or an equivalent course(s) in a summer term(s) or a correspondence course(s) approved by the Arkansas Department of Education for granting credit for graduation requirements. Such credit shall be applied to the previous semester.

D. Special Education (Handicapped) - A student must have earned passing grades in four academic courses of the I.E.P. for the previous semester. In junior high three of the four courses must be in the core curriculum areas (Math, Science, English, Social Studies).

BENTONVILLE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

8th grade requirements

- Beginning of the first semester
 - A student promoted from the 7th grade to the 8th grade automatically meets AAA eligibility requirements for the first semester.
- Beginning of the second semester
 - Student meets AAA eligibility requirements by successfully passing four (4) academic courses the previous semester, three of which must be core curriculum areas.

9th grade requirements

- Beginning of the first semester
 - Student meets AAA eligibility requirements by successfully passing four (4) academic courses the previous semester, three of which must be core curriculum areas.
- Beginning of the second semester
 - Student meets AAA eligibility requirements by successfully passing four (4) academic courses the previous semester.

*Note - Ninth grade students must meet senior high academic eligibility by the end of the second semester in order to be eligible to participate the fall of their tenth grade year.

10th - 12th grade requirements

- Beginning of the first semester
 - Student meets AAA eligibility requirements by successfully passing four (4) academic courses the previous semester,

- Student meets AAA eligibility requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.0, based on the previous semester,
- If student is not meeting AAA requirements he/she must enroll in SIP for the semester and complete 100 minutes a week in the program.
 - If the student has above a 2.0 GPA at the end of the semester he/she may stop attending SIP,
 - The student must improve his/her GPA at least one tenth of a point after the first semester of participation in SIP to remain in the program for the following semester,
 - If the student does not have a 2.0 at the end of the semester but improved his/her GPA one tenth of a point he/she must continue SIP the following semester,
 - A student is limited to two consecutive semesters in the SIP any time a student's GPA fall's below a 2.0 for the previous semester
- Beginning of the second semester
 - Student meets AAA eligibility requirements by successfully passing four (4) academic courses the previous semester,
 - Student meets AAA eligibility requirements with a minimum GPA of 2.0, based on the previous semester,
 - If student is not meeting AAA requirements he/she must enroll in SIP for the semester and complete 100 minutes a week in the program.
 - If the student has above a 2.0 GPA at the end of the semester he/she may stop attending SIP,
 - The student must improve his/her GPA at least one tenth of a point after the first semester of participation in SIP to remain in the program for the following semester,
 - If the student does not have a 2.0 at the end of the semester but improved his/her GPA one tenth of a point he/she must continue SIP the following semester,
 - A student is limited to two consecutive semesters in the SIP any time a student's GPA fall's below a 2.0 for the previous semester
 - Failure to attend SIP or to meet for 30 minutes each week with required teacher/s will result in forfeiture of eligibility.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (SIP)

SIP is an academic aid program designed by the Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) that allows student-athletes an opportunity to compete while working to meet AAA eligibility requirements. The following criteria must be met and maintained to be eligible for SIP:

- The student must have no unexcused absences for the current semester or its equivalent,
- The student must have no school disciplinary action for the current semester. The school may define school disciplinary action, but as a minimum the policy shall state that a student has been disciplined when being placed on suspension where the student is out of school for a period of time,
- The student must have no known criminal convictions,
- The rule restricts a student to a maximum of two consecutive semesters in the SIP any time a student's GPA falls below a 2.0 for the previous semester.

PRACTICE

Students are approved for athletic participation with a valid physical on file with the office of the athletic trainer and on the basis of interest, scholarship, athletic ability, and desire to participate in each athletic activity. To maintain status as a team member, students are required to attend and participate in all practice sessions. Failure to attend practices may result in temporary benching or being dropped from the team. Any student who fails to attend school (excused or unexcused) on the day of a school-sponsored activity shall not be eligible to participate or compete in any extracurricular activities scheduled after school hours. This also includes practice sessions. On a case-by-case basis, the athletic director or her designee may approve an exception to allow participation based upon special circumstances. A student who participates in any practice session in violation of this policy shall be suspended from participation in the next scheduled practice. Any student who participates or competes in a game, competition, or other school-sponsored activity in violation of this procedure shall be suspended from participation in the next scheduled game, competition, or activity (other than practice).

PHYSICALS

All student-athletes are required to have a valid physical on file with the office of the athletic trainer prior to participation in any tryout, practice or game. Physicals are valid for one calendar year (365 days). The athletic department will make every attempt to provide physicals through local doctors at a reduced rate. Coaches will be notified well in advance if physicals will be offered by the athletic department.

Article III – Eligibility Rule 13. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

In any year that a student engages in interscholastic competition, the student must present to the coach verification of a physical examination prior to beginning practice.

Rationale - The coaches and school administration must be assured that the athletes are physically fit prior to beginning practice as well as competition.

Athletic physicals are for participation in Bentonville Public Schools athletic programs only. Request for individual physicals will not be honored. If a physical is needed for a non-BPS sponsored athletic camp or clinic please consult your family physician. **All requests for copies of physicals must be made by May 15 of the school year. Please allow 48 hours to receive a copy.**

DROPPING A PLAYER

In cases of violation of eligibility, training rules, or insubordination, the coaches will advise the athlete and should the situation continue, the student will face possible dismissal from the team. The coach will confer with the athletic director about any dismissal.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

All students participating in a sport in which the coach has a Physical Education certification will receive PE credit. To earn this credit the student must complete the course in full. Any student that is removed from the course will forfeit his/her right to a credit for the course. (Removal may be at the coaches, player, or parent discretion.)

IN-SEASON/OUT OF SEASON

A student-athlete will be considered in-season 30-days prior to the first day of AAA sanctioned competition through the completion of the last AAA sanctioned competition in the AAA defined sports season.

A student-athlete participating in a pre-season or off-season workouts under the direction/supervision of the Bentonville Athletic Department will be subject to random drug screening as stated in the Student-Athlete Procedure on Possession of /and or Use of Illegal Drugs.

BENTONVILLE ATHLETIC TRAINING RULES

It is the overwhelming opinion of health educators and coaches that athletic performance is best when athletes follow intelligent training rules with restriction on tobacco, alcohol, and any type of mood-modifying substance producing harmful effects on the human organism.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND TOBACCO

Use or possession of alcohol, drugs or tobacco in any form by junior or senior high athletes will not be tolerated and may result in the dropping of a player from a team. Our athletic program strives to uphold school spirit and loyalty and to represent our school and athletic program to the highest traditions.

RANDOM DRUG SCREENING FOR ATHLETICS

Student's participation in athletics shall be drug free. Participants in all athletic programs will be subject to random drug screenings:

1. Participants will be chosen on a random basis. In a random selection, **the same student-athlete may appear more than once during the year.**
2. Participants may be tested in the case where reasonable suspicion of use of an illegal substance exist
4. Any positive test will immediately be re-tested.
5. A Medical Review Officer (MRO) will notify the Athletic Director of any positive test that could be altered due to legally prescribed medication for the student-athlete. Written documentation from the student-athlete's physician verifying any/all prescription drugs currently being taken by the student-athlete must be provided to the Athletic Director within 48 hours of a positive drug screen notification.

PROCESS FOR RANDOM DRUG SCREENING:

1. Bentonville High School and both Junior High Schools will provide a list of current student-athlete rosters to Employee Screening Management, a third party administrator.
2. The random selection of student-athletes will be performed by Employee Screening Management using a randomizer (DOT approved) software. Student-athletes that are selected through the randomizer software will be screened.

** Refer to page 20-23*

#1 Training Rule: THE TEAM COMES FIRST!!!

Any student who represents the Bentonville Public Schools by participating in extracurricular activities or is a member or participant in any Bentonville sponsored club or organization will be suspended from membership and/or any and all participation if the student is found by Bentonville Public Schools to have engaged in conduct which would constitute a violation of any law related to alcohol (possession, under the influence, distribution.).

A student would lose extracurricular privileges if found to have violated this practice by one of the following means.

- Student admission through discussion with coaches/sponsors/directors or school administrators
- Witnessed by, legal citation issued or arrested and taken into custody by any law enforcement agency
- Bentonville Public Schools employee witness
- Information found on the internet and/or personal blogs

The Bentonville Public School District reserves the right to require any student suspected of being under the influence of alcohol to provide a breath sample conducted by a law enforcement officer.

In addition to school discipline, disciplinary action will include but not limited to the following

AAA SANCTIONED ACTIVITY

- Any student participating in a AAA sanctioned practice and/or competitive event that is observed by any person acting under the authority of the Bentonville Public Schools using, under the influence or distributing alcohol or other illegal substance will be dismissed from school sanctioned organizations for one calendar year (365 days). This standard will be enforced for the safety of students year round.

ATHLETICS

- Any student-athlete reported by a law enforcement officer, admitting to, and/or witnessed by a Bentonville Public School employee or Bentonville Athletic Department coach to have been in possession, and/or consumed, and/or under the influence of alcohol, or any other illegal substance according to the Bentonville Public Schools athletic department practices and procedures will be suspended from participation in all scheduled athletic activities (including all meetings, practices, performances, and games/competitions) for 30% of the defined “in-season” and 15 days for the defined “off-season”. This standard will be enforced during the defined sports season. Any athlete found in violation of this practice and procedure during the post season will be suspended from all post season games.
- A second violation within the same school year will result in the student being suspended from all activities for one school calendar year (365 days).

DEFINITIONS

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

A student consumes ANY amount of alcohol or illegal substance into the body.

POSSESSION

Defined in the Bentonville Public School District Student Handbooks.

DISTRIBUTION

Selling or giving any amount of alcohol or illegal substance to another individual.

These consequences are incorporated in addition to any other applicable consequences for school related activities as outlined in the Bentonville Public School Student Handbooks.

Tobacco Usage: Absolutely no smoking or chewing at any time.

- 1st offense - Extra running
- 2nd offense - Double the running
- 3rd offense - One year dismissal from team

Stealing: Absolutely no stealing at any time.

- 1st offense - One year dismissal

Vandalism: Absolutely no vandalizing of school facilities or equipment at any time.

- 1st offense - Dismissal from team.

Juvenile Law Violations: The Bentonville Public Schools Superintendent and the secondary building administrators reserve the right to suspend or dismiss any student from athletic participation under the Arkansas Juvenile Law 9-27-309.

Suspension/Dismissal: If a student athlete is suspended from games in one sport, they will not be allowed to participate in another sport until the suspension is served.

Out-of-season offenders of the above rules will be subject to disciplinary action determined by the coaching staff. Other rules pertinent to a particular sport may be set by the head coach of said sport after clearing them through the athletic director and principals of particular school. These rules are given to the team members both in written form and orally.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITY

1. Common goals and group loyalties.
2. Set aside self interest in order to attain team values.
3. Self-discipline and personal sacrifice for team goals.

The coach and athletic director are primarily responsible for implementing these goals and standards. No student is obligated to take part in athletics. **Athletics is a privilege, not a right.** Since it is a privilege, the coach should have authority to revoke the privilege when rules are broken, using the appropriate procedure. Each athlete will realize that the school wishes the athlete to reach his/her very best achievement level, both in life and in interscholastic athletics. **THE TEAM COMES FIRST!!!**

CARE OF EQUIPMENT

1. Equipment should be turned in within one week following the end of the season.
2. An athlete is financially responsible for all equipment checked out to him/her. The cost of destroyed/lost equipment will be replacement cost.
3. An athlete must treat school equipment as though it were his/her personal property. It should never be abused.
4. If an athlete is involved in the theft of school equipment, he/she will face possible dismissal from the team.

ATHLETIC INJURIES

1. Any injury, large or small, should be reported immediately to the coach in charge and the district athletic trainer.
2. Any injuries requiring a doctor's care should be noted and a doctor's release required before the athlete is allowed to play or practice. Any athlete not having a doctor's release would not be allowed to play or practice unless the parent or guardian contacts the coach in charge or athletic director and signs a release form.

3. Any student-athlete injured during a tryout, practice or competition for a Bentonville Public School athletic team that needed professional medical care must see the office of the athletic director and complete an Incident Report within 10 days of the incident.
4. Injuries not requiring a doctor's care should be left up to the Athletic Trainer or head coach, in the absence of the Trainer, to assess the athlete's ability to play or practice.
5. **"BLOOD RULE"** - Athletes may be required to leave a game and cleanse their uniform or possibly change uniforms before they can re-enter the game.

INSURANCE

The District provides supplemental insurance – **for AAA sanctioned activities only** - that is secondary to the parent's insurance (refer to page 19-20). It is the responsibility of the student-athlete and his/her family to file the appropriate forms and paperwork with UICI.

PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETES IN DIFFERENT SPORTS

1. The athletic department's philosophy is that each sport complements the other, both physically and competitively.
2. Students will be encouraged by the coaching staff to participate in all sports. Sports in session offered by Bentonville Public Schools will have priority over all other sports programs.
3. An athlete who wishes to participate in two sports at the same time shall request permission from both coaches of the respective sports.
4. Both coaches will meet first to determine if this dual participation is possible. If an agreement can not be reached between the two coaches the athletic director will make the final decision.
5. Once a decision has been made the athlete will be notified. The decision made will be final.

NOTE: Dual participation will be determined by giving priority to the sport which season began first.

DROPPING AND TRANSFERRING STUDENTS

An athlete who is participating in a sport is not allowed to quit that sport while in season and take up another sport. Athletes that are dismissed from a team may not begin another sport until the sport in which they were dismissed from has been completed.

UNDERCLASSMEN PLAYING ON VARSITY TEAMS

It is possible for freshman to play on varsity teams only if the sport is not offered at the freshman level. However, it will be the coaches of those particular teams to determine if it is in the best interest of the team and athlete. This includes all athletic activities offered in the Bentonville Public Schools.

SUMMER WORKOUTS

All athletes are expected to maintain their physical conditioning throughout the summer. Coaches should inform athletes of any special workout programs to be followed. Weight rooms and gyms will be open as scheduled through the summer. A workout schedule will be provided by the coach of each sport.

COLLEGE RECRUITING

In the event an athlete should be contacted personally by a college recruiter, he/she has an obligation to work through his/her coach. Inform your coach of such contact as soon as possible. College recruiting information is available in the athletic office. Athletes interested in participation in college athletics should pick up a NCAA clearinghouse form from their counselor, complete the form, and turn it in by the end of their junior year. Bentonville High School will host a seminar on the realities of recruiting each year. Those interested in college athletics should attend.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from athletic events is provided by the school. In order for the feeling of team "spirit" and "loyalty", it is our practice to have athletes to remain with their team for the trip home. Student-athletes will not be allowed to be signed out after a game to travel home with their parents.

Exceptions will be dealt with on an individual basis only, but even then, only if an emergency or prior arrangements have been made with the coaches involved.

Athletes will not be allowed to leave an event with anyone other his/her parent.

PRE-AND POST GAME CONDUCT

During away games, all participating athletes will sit together in support of the other teams playing. Seating is preferably behind our bench or another area designated by the coach. All cheering must be positive and in unison with the cheerleaders. Any conduct unbecoming to our program or school will not be tolerated.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

A. Requirements for High School Letter:

1. Sixteen (16) quarters played in football
2. Twenty (20) quarters played in basketball
3. Predetermined total points in track
4. Participate in 50% of baseball games
5. Attend 75% of mandatory morning practices and participate in two (2) high school swim meets
6. Be a member of the traveling tennis squad and compete in four (4) singles or doubles matches
7. Must play in at least five (5) varsity golf matches or been out for golf for three (3) years
8. Participate in 50% of softball games
9. Participate in 50% of volleyball games
10. Participate in 50% of soccer games
11. Participate in 50% of cross-country meets
12. Discretion of coaches involved
13. Player's attitude and effort
14. A senior who participates for three (3) years
15. A letter will be given by the school one (1) time
16. A bar and sport insert will be given after the first letter is received

ATHLETIC CAMPS

There are a number of excellent camps held each summer in the state of Arkansas. Students are encouraged to participate because of the availability of quality coaches directing the camps. However, these camps are not a required part of the Bentonville athletic program. Information about athletic camps may be obtained from any coach.

ATHLETIC PASSES

Each athlete listed on an official roster for a Bentonville athletic team will be issued an athletic pass sticker to be placed on their school ID card. This pass will allow athletes to be admitted into all Bentonville athletic contests for \$1.00. The athlete must present his/her pass on a valid school ID at the designated pass gate to gain attendance at this price. This pass is a privilege of being a member of the Bentonville Athletic Department and should not be abused. Any athlete caught giving his/her pass to someone else will have this privilege revoked for the entire school year. Athletes will be given one pass sticker for the entire school year. If the pass is lost or stolen it is the athlete's responsibility to report this to the athletic department.

BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY AND ATHLETIC CODE

Athlete _____ **Grade** _____

I/We give our permission for _____ to participate in organized school athletics, realizing that such activity involves the potential for injury which is inherent in all sports. I/We acknowledge that even with the coaching, use of the most advanced protective equipment and strict observance of rules, injuries are still a possibility. On rare occasions these injuries can be so severe as to result in total disability, paralysis or even death.

I/We acknowledge that I/we have read and understand this warning. In signing this form, I/we are also acknowledging that I/we have received and understand the Bentonville School Districts Athletic Philosophy and Athletic Code.

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL FORM

I/We give permission for _____ to travel on school provided transportation to out-of-town games, performances, or other school oriented activities. I/We understand that all team members must travel to and from out-of-town activities on school provided transportation unless clearance has been made by teacher, coach, principal, or doctor due to extenuating circumstances. I/We acknowledge that the arrival home from these events is sometimes at a late hour and _____ will have a reliable means of transportation awaiting upon return.

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Telephone Number/s

Home: _____

Work: _____

Emergency: _____

BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

PERMISSION FOR TREATMENT

Permission is hereby granted to the attending physician to proceed with any medical or minor surgical treatment, x-ray examinations, or immunizations for _____. In the event of serious illness, the need for major surgery, or significant accidental injury, I understand that an attempt will be made by the attending physician to contact me in the most expeditious way possible. If said physician is not able to communicate with me, the treatment necessary for the best interest of the above named student may be given.

In the event that an emergency arises during a practice session, an effort will be made to contact the parents or guardians as soon as possible. Permission is also granted to the athletic trainer to provide the needed emergency treatment to the athlete prior to his/her admission to the medical facilities.

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Child's date of Birth _____

List of medications currently taking _____

List of any medical conditions we need to have knowledge of _____

Allergic to any medications? List _____

Person to contact in emergency other than parent: _____

Phone number _____ Other Phone _____

Name of Family Physician _____

Phone Number of Family Physician _____

Insurance information: _____
Company Group #

Student-athlete's social security number: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Student Athlete Procedure on possession of and/or use of Illegal Drugs

The Bentonville Public School's Board of Education, in an effort to protect the health and safety of its student athletes from the possession or use of dangerous, illegal, or performance-enhancing drugs, thereby setting a positive example for all other students of the Bentonville Public School District, adopts the following **"Student Athlete Procedure on possession of and/or use of Illegal Drugs"**.

1. STATE OF PURPOSE AND INTENT:

– It is the desire of the Board of Education, administration, and staff that every student in the Bentonville Public School District refrain from using or possessing illegal drugs. Notwithstanding this desire, the administration and board of education realize that their power to restrict the possession or use of illegal drugs is limited. Therefore, the sanctions of this Procedure relate solely to limiting the opportunity of any student determined to be in violation of this Procedure to participate in athletic activities. This Procedure is intended to supplement and complement all other policies, rules and regulations of the Bentonville Public School District regarding possession or use of illegal drugs.

– Participation in school sponsored activities such as interscholastic athletics at the Bentonville Public School District is a privilege. Students who participate in these activities are respected by the student body and are expected to hold themselves as good examples of conduct, sportsmanship, and training. Accordingly, student athletes carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents and their school to set the highest possible examples of conduct, which includes avoiding the use or possession of illegal drugs.

– The purpose of this Procedure is to prevent illegal drug use, to prevent injury, illness and harm as a result of illegal drug use, and to strive within the Bentonville Public School District for an athletic environment free of illegal drug possession and use. This Procedure is not intended to be disciplinary or punitive in nature. The sanctions of this Procedure relate solely to limiting the opportunity of any student found to be in violation of this Procedure to participate in extra-curricular athletic activities. There will be no academic sanction for violation of this Procedure.

2. DEFINITIONS:

– "Student athlete" means a 7th – 12th grade member of any Bentonville Public School District sponsored interscholastic sports team, including athletes, cheerleaders, spirit-group, and pom-pom squad members.

"In-season" means anytime during the day, night, weekends, or holidays, including all time in and away from school. A student-athlete will be considered in-season 30-days prior to the first day of AAA sanctioned competition through the completion of the last AAA sanctioned competition in the AAA defined sports season.

"Out-of-season" - A student-athlete participating in a pre-season or off-season workouts under the direction/supervision of the Bentonville Athletic Department will be subject to random drug screening as stated in the Student-Athlete Procedure on Possession of /and or Use of Illegal Drugs.

– "Illegal drugs" means any substance which an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute or purchase under either Federal or Arkansas law. "Illegal drugs" include, but not limited to all prescription drugs obtained without authorization, all prescribed and over-the-counter drugs being used for an abusive or performance-enhancing purpose, and paraphernalia to use such drugs.

– "Performance-enhancing" drugs includes anabolic steroids and any other natural or synthetic substance used to increase muscle mass, strength, endurance, speed or other athletic ability. The term "performance-enhancing" drug does not include dietary or nutritional supplements such as vitamins, minerals and proteins which can be lawfully purchased in over-the-counter transactions.

– "Drug use test" means a scientifically substantiated method to test for the presence of illegal or performance-enhancing drugs or the metabolites thereof in a person's urine.

– "Random Selection Basis" means a mechanism for selecting student athletes for drug use testing that:

- A. results in an equal probability that any student athlete from a group of student athletes subject to the selection mechanism will be selected, and
- B. does not give the School District discretion to waive the selection of any student athlete selected under the mechanism.

– "Positive" when referring to a drug use test administered under this procedure means a toxicological test result which is considered to demonstrate the presence of an illegal or performance-enhancing drug or the metabolites thereof using the standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test.

– "Reasonable suspicion" means a suspicion based on specific personal observations concerning the appearance, speech or behavior of a student athlete, and reasonable inferences drawn from those observations in the light of experience. Information provided by a reliable source, if based on personal knowledge, shall constitute reasonable suspicion. In the context of performance-enhancing drugs, reasonable suspicion specifically includes unusual increases in size, strength, weight or other athletic abilities.

– "Possession" means to have illegal drugs and/or performance enhancing drugs on one's personal effects, such as coat, purse, bookbag, clothing, etc.; to handle or touch illegal drugs and/or performance enhancing drugs; to have illegal drugs and/or performance

enhancing drugs in one's locker or in one's vehicle; to be in a vehicle either as a driver or passenger with the knowledge that illegal drugs and/or performance enhancing drugs are contained in the vehicle; to have illegal drugs and/or performance enhancing drugs under one's control.

– "Observation" means observation of student athlete using and/or possessing, or being under the influence of illegal drugs and/or performance enhancing drugs by Law Enforcement Officers, Bentonville Public School's Administration, Bentonville Public School's Coaching Staff and Bentonville Public School's Faculty.

3. PARTICPATION AND PROCEDURES:

– Illegal drug possession or use is incompatible with participation in athletics on behalf of the Bentonville Public School District. For the safety, health and well being of the student athletes of the Bentonville Public Schools, the Bentonville Public School District has adopted this Procedure for use by all participating student athletes at the 7th – 12th grade level. Any student athlete found to be in possession of, or having used illegal drugs, either by observation or drug use test, will be considered to have violated this Procedure.

– Each student athlete shall be provided with a copy of the "**Student Athlete Procedure on possession of and/or use Illegal Drugs**". The "**Student Athlete Contract and Consent for Drug Use Testing**" – shall be read, signed, and dated by the student athlete, parent or custodial guardian, and coach/sponsor before such student athlete shall be eligible to practice or participate in any athletics. No student shall be allowed to practice or participate in any athletics unless the student has returned the properly signed "**Student Athlete Contract and Consent for Drug Use Testing**."

– The Athletic director, an athletic trainer, and coach shall be responsible for determining whether a violation of the "Student Athlete Procedure on possession of, and/or use of Illegal Drugs" has occurred, when an observation of possession or use of illegal drug by a student athlete has been reported. If a violation of the Procedure is determined to have occurred, the Athletic Director will contact the Athletic Trainer, the student athlete, the head coach, and the parent or custodial guardian of the student athlete and schedule a conference. At the conference, the violation of the Procedure will be described and the restrictions explained.

– The consent for drug use testing shall be to provide a urine sample: a) as chosen by the random selection basis, and b) at any time requested based on reasonable suspicion to be tested for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs.

– Drug use testing for student athletes will be chosen on a random selection basis monthly at Bentonville High School, and alternating every other month at Lincoln Jr. High School, and Washington Jr. High School from a list of all athletes participating in any pre-season, and/or off-season training, and in-season athletes. The Bentonville Public School District will randomly draw 10% of student athlete's names to provide a urine sample for drug use testing for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs. Employee Screening Management will send a laboratory technician to Bentonville High School on a monthly basis, and every other month at Lincoln Jr. High School, and Washington Jr. High School to administer the drug use tests.

– In addition to the drug use tests required by paragraph 3.5, any student athlete may be required to submit to a drug use test for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs or the metabolites thereof at any time upon reasonable suspicion by the athletic director, athletic trainer, or coach of the student athlete.

– Any drug use test required by the Bentonville Public School District under the terms of the procedure will be administered by or at the direction Employee Screening Management using scientifically validated toxicological methods. The professional laboratory shall be required to have detailed written specifications to assure chain of custody of the specimens, proper laboratory control and scientific testing.

– All aspects of the drug use testing program, including the taking of specimens, will be conducted so as to safeguard the personal and privacy rights of student athletes to the maximum degree possible. The test specimen shall be obtained in a manner designed to minimize intrusiveness of the procedure. In particular, the specimen must be collected in a restroom or other private facility behind a closed stall. The athletic director shall designate a coach of the same sex as the student athlete to accompany the student athlete to a restroom or other private facility behind a closed stall. The monitor shall not observe the student athlete while the specimen is being produced, but the monitor shall be present outside the stall to listen for the normal sounds of urination in order to guard against tampered specimens and to insure an accurate chain of custody. The monitor shall verify the normal warmth and appearance of the specimen. If at any time during the testing procedure the monitor has reason to believe or suspect that a student athlete is tempering with the specimen, the monitor may stop the procedure and inform the athletic director who will then determine if a new sample should be obtained.

– If the initial drug use test is positive, the initial test result will be subject to confirmation by a second and different test of the same specimen sent off to a reference lab by Employee Screening Management.

– If the drug use test of any student athlete has a positive result, the laboratory will contact the Athletic Director with the results. The Athletic Director will contact the Athletic Trainer, the student athlete, the head coach, and the parent or custodial guardian of the student athlete and schedule a conference. At the conference, the Athletic Director will solicit any explanation of the positive result and ask for doctor prescriptions of any drugs that the student athlete was taking that might have affected the outcome of the drug use test. If the student athlete and his/her parent or custodial guardian desires another test of the remaining portion of the specimen, the Athletic Director will arrange for another test at the same laboratory or at another laboratory agreeable to the Athletic Director. Any such re-test shall be at the expense of the student athlete and his/her parent or custodial guardian.

– If the student athlete asserts that the positive test results are caused by other than consumption of an illegal or performance-enhancing drug by the student athlete, then the student athlete will be given an opportunity to present evidence of such to the Athletic Director. The Bentonville Public School District will rely on the opinion of the laboratory which performed the test in determining whether the positive test result was produced by other than consumption of an illegal or a performance-enhancing drug.

– A student athlete who has been determined by the Athletic Director to be in violation of this Procedure shall have the right to appeal the decision to the superintendent or his/her designee(s). Such appeal must be lodged within five (5) business days of notice of the initial report of the offense as stated in paragraph 3.10 of this Policy, during which time the athlete will remain ineligible to participate in any extra-curricular athletic activities. The superintendent or his/her designee(s) shall then determine whether the original finding was justified. There is no further appeal right from the superintendent's decision and his/her decision shall be conclusive in all respects. Any necessary interpretation or application of this Procedure shall be in the sole and exclusive judgment and discretion of the superintendent which shall be final and non-appealable.

– Before a student athlete who has tested positive in a drug use test may rejoin his/her athletic activity after a first offense, such student athlete must submit a negative drug screen test and will also be required to submit to a drug screen test during the random screenings for the remainder of the school year. The Bentonville Public School District will rely on the opinion of the laboratory which performed or analyzed the additional drug use test in determining whether a positive result in the additional drug use test was produced by illegal or performance-enhancing drugs used by the student athlete before the offense or by more recent use.

4. VIOLATION

– Any student athlete who is determined by ***observation and/or possession of; or a positive drug use test***, to have violated this Procedure shall be subject to the loss of their privilege to participate in athletics.

– For the First Offense: Suspension from participation in all scheduled athletic activities (including all meetings, practices, performances, and games/competitions) for 30% of the defined "in-season" and 15 days for the defined "off-season". These restrictions and requirements shall be consecutive in nature and begin immediately following the determination of an observed violation as stated in paragraph 3.3 of this Procedure, or the reporting of the results of a positive drug use test as stated in paragraph 3.10 of the Policy. Such suspension will extend into a succeeding athletic season if necessary to fulfill the suspension.

– For the Second Offense (in the same school year): Complete suspension from participation in all athletic activities including all meetings, practices, performances, and competition for one year (365) days.

5. REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO DRUG USE TEST

5.1 – If a participating student athlete refuses to submit to a drug use test authorized under this Procedure, such student athlete shall not be eligible to participate in any athletic activities including all meetings, practices, performances, and competition for eighteen (18) continuous and successive school weeks. Such suspension will extend into a succeeding school year if necessary to fulfill the suspension.

Please read this Procedure in its entirety before signing the Student Athlete Contract & Drug Use Testing Consent

BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Student Athlete Contract & Drug Use Testing Consent

Statement of Purpose and Intent

Participation in school sponsored extra-curricular athletics in the Bentonville Public School District is a privilege. Such Privilege is governed by the attached **Student Athlete Procedure on possession of and/or use of Illegal Drugs**. Students who participate in these activities are respected by the student body and are expected to hold themselves as good examples of conduct, sportsmanship and training. Accordingly, student athletes carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents and their school to set the highest possible examples of conduct which includes avoiding the use of possession of illegal drugs.

Participation in Extra-Curricular Athletics

Illegal drug possession or use of any kind is incompatible with participation in extra-curricular athletics on behalf of the Bentonville Public School District. For the safety, health and well being of the student athletes, the Bentonville Public School District has adopted the attached **Student Athlete Procedure on possession of and/or use of Illegal Drugs** and this **Student Athlete Contract & Drug Use Testing Consent** for use by all participating student athletes at the 7th - 12th grade level. Each Student athlete shall be provided with a copy of the **Student Athlete Procedure on use of Illegal Drugs** and **Student Athlete Contract & Drug Use Testing Consent** which shall be read, signed and dated by the student athlete, parent or custodial guardian, and coach/sponsor before such student athlete shall be eligible to practice or participate in any extra-curricular athletics.

Consent for Drug Use Testing

The consent shall be to provide a urine sample: a) as chosen by the random selection basis, and b) at any time requested based on reasonable suspicion to be tested for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs. No student shall be allowed to practice or participate in any extra-curricular athletics unless the student has returned the properly signed Student **Athlete Contract & Drug Use Testing Consent**.

By signing below, I verify that I have read and understood the "Student Athlete Procedure on possession of and/or use of Illegal Drugs" and give consent for random drug testing.

Student Athlete Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

TO: Parents or Guardians of All Students Who Participate in [Athletics and/or AAA Sponsored Activities]
FROM: Bentonville Public School District
DATE: August 2, 2010
RE: Accident Insurance for Students in [AAA Activities]

The following facts should be fully understood by the parents and guardians of all Bentonville Public School District athletes and students who participate in [school sponsored activities in grades 7th through 12th].

1. The Bentonville Public School District has entered into a contractual agreement with Student Insurance, a Division of UICI, for [athletic and extra-curricular insurance for students in grades 7th through 12th]. This coverage is for [AAA sponsored activities, including all AAA athletic events]. Your child will be covered while participating in, practicing for, and traveling to and from such an activity.
2. Bentonville Public School District assumes no responsibility as a result of injuries that occur during an athletic or AAA event, however, this insurance is provided at school expense. This is SECONDARY INSURANCE to whatever health insurance the parent or guardian has for their children, and all claims should be filed with the primary health insurance company and with Student Insurance, a Division of UICI. You will need to indicate on the Student Insurance, a Division of UICI, claim form the name and address of your regular insurance carrier.
3. If the student has no other insurance coverage, Student Insurance, a Division of UICI, will become the primary carrier and will pay accordingly. The parent or guardian should indicate on the claim form if they have no other health insurance.
4. All policies have limitations. Student Insurance, a Division of UICI, will pay up to the amounts that are listed on the student brochure. (See attached) Parents will be responsible for any amounts remaining after both the primary health insurance and Student Insurance, a Division of UICI, limitations have been reached.
5. The Bentonville Public School District and its employees are NOT responsible for any cost for treatment to your child by any doctor.
6. In case of an injury, it is the responsibility of the parent to file a claim form. These forms are available in the office of the athletic director at 1702 SE J Street, Bentonville, AR. Bentonville Public School District or its employees are not responsible for filing your claim.
7. As with any policy, there are policy exclusions. Please review the Policy Limitations that are listed in the brochure.
8. Treatment must be within **30 days** from the injury and claims must be filed within **90 days** of the injury. Benefits will be paid for covered expenses incurred within 52 weeks from the date of the accident.
9. Since the insurance is for [AAA sponsored events only], you may wish to purchase the additional insurance that is available to your child. This should be purchased at the beginning of the school year and is the same basic coverage. The At School Coverage provides coverage for injuries that occur at school or during school-sponsored activities during the regular school year. The 24 Hour Coverage provides coverage 24 hour a day until the first day of the following school year.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Athletic Dept. at 1-479-254-5120, or ask your coach.

I have read and understand that the supplemental insurance coverage provided by Bentonville Public School District has certain limitations. I further understand that Bentonville Public School District is not responsible for payment of any medical expenses not paid by the Student Insurance, a Division of UICI.

Student's Name: _____ School: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

**ACCIDENT BENEFITS
ARKANSAS PLAN**

Up to \$25,000 Maximum Benefit Paid As Specified Below – For Each Injury

The Policy provides for loss due to a covered Injury up to the Maximum Benefit of \$25,000 for each Injury. Provided that the treatment begins within **30 days** from the date of the accident, benefits will be paid for Covered Medical Expenses incurred within **52 weeks** from the date of accident up to the maximum benefit per services as scheduled below:

High Option

INPATIENT

Room & Board:	Semi- private room rate/\$200 per day
Hospital Misc:	\$150 per day/\$750 maximum
Registered Nurse:	100% of Usual and Customary Charges
Physician's Visits:	\$35 first day/\$25 each subsequent day (Benefits are limited to one visit per day and do not apply when related to surgery)

OUTPATIENT

Day Surgery Misc: (Facility Charge)	\$150 maximum
Physician's Visits:	\$35 first day/\$25 each subsequent day (Benefits are limited to one visit per day and do not apply when related to surgery or physiotherapy)
Physiotherapy:	100% of Usual and Customary Charges/ \$125 maximum per Policy year
Emergency Room:	\$150 maximum (Use of room and supplies, treatment must be rendered within 72 hours from time of injury)
X-Rays:	80% of Usual and Customary Charges/ \$500 maximum per Policy year (Including the professional interpretation)
Prescription Drugs:	100% of Usual and Customary Charges/ \$25 maximum per Policy year
Orthopedic Braces & Appliances	\$75 maximum

INPATIENT AND/OR OUTPATIENT

Surgeon's Fees:	\$172 coefficient value/\$1,000 maximum (Specified surgery based on data provided by Ingenix Inc.) (No more than one procedure through the same incision will be paid)
Anesthetist:	25% of surgery allowance
Ambulance:	100% of Usual and Customary Charges
Dental:	\$150 per tooth (Benefits paid on Injury to Sound, Natural Teeth Only)
Motor Vehicle Injury:	\$500 maximum