

Dear Athlete

We are pleased that you have expressed a desire to participate in the Advantage Academy athletic program. Each student-athlete must understand that it is an honor and privilege to be selected to represent the school and an athletic team. By becoming a member of an athletic team you must assume the responsibility and fulfill a commitment to your teammates, coaches and ultimately yourself and your family. The student-athlete must recognize this position and know that they will be held to a higher standard of accountability than that of the general school population. Student-athletes are considered representatives of the school and must demonstrate the highest levels of character and behavior at all times. Before any athlete of Advantage Academy begins play they must make a commitment to, and comply with the following Requirements:

As a **student-athlete**, I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to:

- Follow the spirit and the letter of the rules and regulations of my chosen sport(s) and of Advantage Academy at all times.
- Maintain regular attendance at school and attend all scheduled practices and meetings on time. (athletes must be in school on the day of any contest to be eligible to play)
- Maintain a passing grade in all academic classes from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year.
- Abstain from the use of illegal chemical substances including drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- Be a leader and a positive role model for my teammates and my classmates.
- Make a commitment to my team mates and coaches to continually strive to contribute to the program and exercise responsible sportsmanship.
- Trust, commit and follow all decisions of my coaches, especially the head coach.
- Abstain from participation in discrimination, harassment or hazing in any manner.
- Discuss issues of concern with my coach, team captains and parents before they become problems.
- Communicate my sports schedule well in advance to my parents and teachers.
- Schedule my personal life so that it does not conflict with team expectations.
- Give my coach notice well in advance of any commitments I have that conflict with the team schedule.
- Abide by all the training rules set forth by my coach, the athletic department and Advantage Academy.
- Maintain a positive and healthy training regime.
- Return all issued equipment or pay for replacement.

As **parent/guardian**, I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to:

- Grant permission for my daughter/son to participate in the program.

- Work closely with all school personnel to assure an appropriate academic and athletic experience for my daughter/son throughout her/his school career.
- Cooperate with coaches, school personnel and other parents to assure a wholesome and successful athletic program for the school.
- Support my daughter/sons decision to commit to the team by attending as many team meetings, contests and special events as my schedule will permit.
- Help my daughter/son understand the policies and procedures outlined in the Athletic Handbook, the Student Code of Conduct and the Student/Parent Handbook.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other athletic event.
- Assure that my daughter/son attends all practices, contests, special events and follows all training rules.
- Stay informed about my daughter/son's athletic schedule to minimize conflicts between our family schedule and the athletic schedule.
- Discuss issues of concern with my daughter/son and the coach before they become problems.
- Affirm that it is the responsibility of the coach to determine strategy and player selection.

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**Please Note:**

When participating in athletics, the possibility exist that athletes may sustain an injury and it is very important that you and your child acknowledge this risk. While our overriding concern is the physical well-being of our students, there is a possibility that an athlete may suffer a severe injury as a result of participation in athletics.

***\*Please confirm your commitment and pledge by signing the acknowledgement form on the following page and returning it to the Site Athletic Coordinator.***

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

Please sign, indicating your understanding and support of this **Athletic Contract** which includes some but not all expectations that student-athlete and parent must agree to abide by as well as your acknowledgement of the risk of injury to athletes. Completed forms must be returned to the Site Athletic Coordinator before student-athlete may participate in any athletic activity or event.

As a student-athlete, I understand my responsibilities for participating in the Advantage Academy Athletic program. I also understand there are consequences for violating any of the expectations outlined in this contract, the Athletic handbook, the Student/Parent Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct which may include my removal from the athletic program.

Signature of Student Athlete \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent, I understand my responsibilities and those of my athlete participating in the Advantage Academy Athletic program. I also understand there will be consequences for my athlete for violating any of the expectations outlined in this contract, the Athletic handbook, the Student/Parent Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. I further pledge my loyalty and support to my athlete and to the school.

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Please return this signed acknowledgement form page to the Site Athletic Coordinator.***