

STUDENT – PARENT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION & FORM

Interscholastic athletics support the academic mission of EL Haynes Public Charter School and assists students in their growth and development. Athletics assists in promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. Interscholastic athletics is highly competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success.

Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play. Students who partake in team competition have a responsibility to manage their time in order to commit fully to their teams, their teammates and the obligations that come with team participation. As in classroom attendance, it is expected that parents will understand and explain the significance of this requirement to their student-athlete. Learning to balance coursework and athletics can be challenging, but mastering this process is one of the great benefits of a stringent, educational athletic program.

EL Haynes Public Charter School is a member-school of the DCSAA – District of Columbia State Athletic Association; and the PCSAA – Public Charter School Athletic Association in most sports but not all.

Student Eligibility Requirements

Students must meet eligibility requirements as set in the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR); Subtitle A (Office of the State Superintendent of Education) of Title 5(Education), Chapter 27(Interscholastic Athletics), to be eligible to participate. Participation of ineligible students could result in individual and team sanctions, including forfeits for the team.

1. Physical Examinations—As mandated by the DCMR, in Chapter 27, Section 2701.4(k), a student shall provide a physician's certification that the student has been examined and found to be physically fit for the sport in which the student seeks to participate. A current and completed District of Columbia Universal Health Certificate must be on file with the school, or accompany this form. The student-athlete must be cleared to participate in competitive sports.
2. Students must submit a current Tryout & Conditioning Permission and Emergency Consent form and Student-Parent Athletics Participation Contract and Parent Permission Form before being allowed to participate in tryouts or conditioning activities
3. Academic Eligibility—As required and monitored by the DCSAA and PCSAA, students must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 to participate fully in our athletic programs at the HS Level and must not have failed a class in the previous marking period or be failing in the current marking period for Middle School. A student who is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics may not play, practice, or otherwise participate with the school sports team during the period of such ineligibility. The period of ineligibility will last until the end of the next grading period when report cards are issued. Eligibility for Fall sports is based upon the previous 4th Quarter GPA. All incoming 9thGrade students are eligible for the fall season. A student in grade nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) must be eligible at the end of the grading period immediately preceding the sport season in which the student wishes to participate. If the student is ineligible at the beginning of the season, then the student may not try-out, or join, the team at any point during the season.
4. Residency Requirement—Students must meet residency requirements as set in the DCMR, Chapter 27, 2701.4(a) & (b).
5. If a student is absent for no more than two periods with a legitimate excused absence, he or she may participate in athletics on that day. This policy is subject to the discretion of the Athletic Director.
6. If during the season a student has an unexcused absence, he/she may not compete in the next contest unless the violation has been verified. A detention is considered an unexcused absence.
7. In addition to other infractions, a student may be suspended or removed from a team for unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to classes or team practices. Removal from a team will result in loss of the season for the student athlete.
8. Students who are 19 years old, or older, as of July 1 preceding the school year are ineligible for participation.
9. Students may not participate in more than one interscholastic sport in one season.
10. A student may not participate when he/she is serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension. The student becomes eligible to participate on the next school day following the suspension. **A SUSPENSION OF ANY TYPE WILL RESULT IN AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.**
11. Three (3) unexcused absences from practice may result in removal from a team for the season.
12. Students must satisfy Participation Standards.

Assumption of Risk

Participation in interscholastic athletic activities often includes intense competition and poses the potential for serious, catastrophic, or life-threatening injury. Participants and parents are urged to consider that there are inherent risks and hazards associated with athletic participation. Risks vary from sport-to-sport and can occur under direct supervision and with use of proper safety equipment.

Participation in our athletics programs, in many cases requires middle school and high school student / athletes to walk to practices and games which are held at various locations throughout the area. Additionally, public transportation and private transportation is sometimes used to transports student athletes to and from practices and games.

Hazing

Hazing is prohibited at all times and may lead to immediate dismissal from a team.

Parent / Guarding Communication with Coaches

Parents should not attempt to address coaches immediately after games and practices. Coaches have much post game/practice responsibilities, including supervision of players. Also, the post game/practice period is often emotionally charged, and not conducive to productive discussion. *If a parent feels a need to communicate a concern, the parent should contact the coach and/or athletic director to arrange a later meeting.*

Parent/ Guarding and Family Standards

At a minimum, the following standards are required of all parents, guardians and families of our student-athletes:

1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the team, school, and community.
2. Exhibit responsible, respectful, and trustworthy behavior to administrator's, players and the coach.
3. Exhibit appropriate behavior and use of language at all team and school-related activities.
4. Respect and comply with decisions made by the coaching staff and athletic department.
5. Respect calls and decisions made by game officials.

Player Participation Standards

At a minimum, the following standards are required of all student-athletes:

1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the team, school, and community.
2. Exhibit responsible, respectful, and trustworthy behavior to teammates and the coach.
3. Exert efforts to maintain a high level of academic achievement.
4. Comply with all team and school rules, regulations, and policies.
5. Exhibit appropriate behavior at all team and school-related activities.
6. Attend all practices, games, and team functions unless ill, or given prior permission to be absent by the Head Coach.
7. Respect and comply with decisions made by the coaching staff and athletic department.
8. Respect calls and decisions made by game officials.
9. Display good sportsmanship at all times.
10. Report to the coach any issues or developments that may affect eligibility status.

Illegal Substances/Alcohol/Tobacco/Steroids/Controlled Substances

Student-athletes shall not use or possess tobacco products, drugs, alcohol or performance enhancing drugs such as steroids, whether it occurs on or off of school property or at an EL Haynes function.

Awards

A student athlete who receives an award for participation has reached achievement that represents perseverance and success. To receive an award the first criteria that needs to be satisfied is the student athlete remains academically eligible for the entire sport season. Coaches will communicate other team specific criteria to earn a varsity award/letter.

In addition to the academic qualifier, all students who participate in EL Haynes Athletics sign, and agree, to this contract at the beginning of the season that states that they will abide by all eligibility requirements, as well as, team standards developed by the coaching staff. If in the eyes of the Director of Athletics and/or the Head Coach, an athlete does not satisfy the terms of the agreement, then an award / letter will not be provided.

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Student: _____

Season: Fall / Winter / Spring (Coach circles) Level: Varsity / JV / Freshman / MS Year: 20_____

Sport: Soccer / Basketball / Flag Football / Cross Country / Track / Other: _____

Parent and Student-Athlete: Review this contract carefully, complete information as requested, affix signatures, and return the completed (4 page) contract/permission form to the Director of Athletics

Stipulations

The student-athlete and his or her parent/guardian have received and read the Student-Parent Athletic Participation Information. Based on this information, the student and parent/guardian understand and stipulate to the following:

1. I/We understand the eligibility regulations required for participation.
2. I/We affirm that the student has satisfied all of the eligibility requirements, including age, residence, and academics.
3. I/We understand that participation of ineligible players will result in individual and team sanctions, including forfeits for the team.
4. I/We affirm that the student will exert effort to maintain a high level of academic achievement.
5. I/We understand there is potential for serious, catastrophic, or life-threatening injury associated with participation in a sport.
6. I / We understand that there are potential risks associated with walking to practices and games in order to participate in a sport.
7. I/We affirm that the student will not participate in hazing at any time, of any nature.
8. I/We, as a participant or spectator / family, will exhibit a high level of sportsmanship at contests.
9. I/We will follow appropriate procedures in communicating concerns to coaches.
10. I/We affirm that the student will abide by all eligibility requirements, team and participation standards.
11. I/We affirm that the student will not use steroids, illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco unless medically prescribed for a specific condition or illness.

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STUDENT FIRST & LAST NAME _____

SPORT _____

I/We hereby authorize and consent to our child's participation in interscholastic athletics and sports at EL Haynes Public Charter School. We understand that the sport in which our child will be participating is potentially dangerous, and that physical injuries may occur to our child requiring emergency medical care and treatment. I/We assume the risk of injury to our child that may occur in an athletic activity.

In consideration of the acceptance of our child by the EL Haynes Public Charter School in its athletic program, and the benefits derived by our child from participation, I/we agree to release and hold harmless EL Haynes Public Charter School Board members, the Head of School, the principals, all coaches, and any and all other of their agents, servants, and/or employees and agree to indemnify each of them from any claims, costs, suits, actions, judgment, and expenses arising from our child's participation in interscholastic athletics.

I/We hereby give our consent and authorize EL Haynes Public Charter School and its agents, servants, and/or employees to consent on our behalf and on behalf of our child, to emergency medical care and treatment in the event we are unable to be notified by reasonable attempts of the need for such emergency medical care and treatment.

I, _____, and I, _____
(parent's name) (student's name)

I have carefully reviewed the Student- Parent Athletic Participation Information and the Student/Parent Athletic Participation Contract and Parent Permission Form. I/We understand the conditions for participation in the EL Haynes Public Charter School interscholastic athletic program, and we understand there are inherent risks associated with participation.

I/We agree as follows:

- My son/daughter has my/our permission to participate in _____. (name of sport)
- I/We understand and conform to all of the statements in the Stipulations portion of the Contract.

Please affix signatures below.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date

Signature of Student Date

*In the event that both parents retain legal guardianship of the student, the signatures of both parents are required.