Mendham Borough School District
Mountain View Middle School

Mountain View Middle School Athletic Code of Conduct

The administration and staff of Mountain View Middle School believe that athletics are an integral part of the middle school experience. To ensure a positive and productive season, please review the contents of the below code of conduct carefully.

Academics: Board of Education policy 2430 states that students must maintain passing grades (minimum 63%) in all classes to participate in Interscholastic Sports. Grades will be checked at the midpoint of each season (see below), and those students who do not meet the criteria will be ineligible to participate in athletics until their academic performance improves.

Fall midpoint: October 2 Winter midpoint: December 18 Spring midpoint: April 22

Attendance: Students must be in attendance for a full day (minimum 4 hours) to participate in games/practices.

Commitment: Once selected to participate on a Mountain View team, the athlete's primary commitment is to practice and/or play in games for the school. Participation on an outside team is permissible; however, in fairness to the other players, Mountain View teams must be the first priority in the event of conflicts. If a conflict arises, it must be discussed with the coach at least one day in advance of the issue. If there is no advanced notice, the player will be suspended for 1 game and not permitted to play in subsequent games until they have participated in a practice.

Practices: Players are expected to attend ALL practices. If a player misses a practice, they will not be permitted to play in a game until they have participated in another practice. If the player is absent from school, they are excused. If a player is too injured to practice, they must still attend but will not be permitted to play in a game until they have completed another practice.

Discipline: Members of Mountain View Middle School athletic teams are expected to display acceptable, respectful behavior at all times. Athletes who are consequenced per the school code of conduct may lose their privilege of participating in games/practices.

Game Play & Player Evaluation: The Mountain View athletic program is competitive in nature. With that in mind, when the team is established, players that give the team the best chance to win will receive a majority of the playing time. Playing time can vary significantly. Players will be constantly evaluated on their coachability, hustle, mental and physical toughness, loyalty to the team, selflessness, and the desire to improve their skills.

Participation in Physical Education Class: Any athlete that is medically excused from Physical Education by a parent, nurse, or doctor cannot participate in school team practices or games until cleared. Furthermore, any athlete that fails to participate in Physical Education class cannot participate in the school team practice or game.

Sportsmanship: It is expected that members of Mountain View athletic teams will display good sportsmanship at all times. Any display of poor sportsmanship toward fellow team members, opposing team members, coaches, or officials may result in suspension from the team or other disciplinary action.

Transportation: Every member of the team is expected to take the bus to and from games. A parent may take their child home from a game (with note/email). Students will not be dismissed to anyone other than their guardian without prior permission/documentation. Additionally, parents are expected to pick their child up promptly at the end of practice or games.

Tryouts: The structure of tryouts will give each student athlete a fair opportunity to demonstrate their skills. Upperclassmen have no advantage over younger students, and vice-versa. The team is picked based on the athlete's skill level and ability to contribute to the team.

I have carefully reviewed the above expectations and policies.

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Student name	Student signature	Date
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Parent name	Parent signature	Date