

Coaches' Handbook

District Athletic Program



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Introduction

Handbook Purpose

The purpose of the handbook is to acquaint you with general policies and procedures of the Lee County School District that govern and affect your responsibilities as a coach.

Because this handbook is a general source of information, it is not intended to be, and should not be interpreted as, a contract. It is **not** an all-encompassing document and may not cover every possible situation or unusual circumstance. If a conflict exists between information in this handbook and Board policy or administrative procedures, the policies and procedures govern.

Some policies refer to specific forms that are available as part of the District's administrative procedures. It is the employee's responsibility to refer to the actual policies and/or administrative procedures for further information. Complete copies of those documents are available at the Central Office. Policies and procedures also are available online via the District's web site or through this Internet address: <http://policy.ksba.org/104/>. Any employee is free to review official policies and procedures and is expected to be familiar with those related to his/her job responsibilities. Employees and students who fail to comply with Board policies may be subject to disciplinary action. **01.5**

School council policies, which are also available from the Principal, may also apply in some instances. **02.4241**

In this handbook, **bolded policy codes** indicate related Board of Education policies. If an employee has questions, s/he should contact his/her immediate supervisor or any Central Office administrator.

This handbook is intended to be a tool to help implement local policies and procedures and guidelines established by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and other sport-specific governing bodies in the administration of student-athletics. For more detailed information about the KHSAA and the bylaws referenced in this handbook, please visit the following website:

www.khsaa.org

District Vision

In a world of diversity, our vision is to individualize opportunities for students today so our graduates can achieve their best tomorrow.

District Mission

Our mission is to Lead, Equip, and Empower students to visualize and achieve their dreams.

Athletic Program Philosophy

To promote safety, fairness and good sportsmanship at all levels of the District athletic program, coaches shall implement relevant policies and procedures of the Lee County Board of Education, the SBDM council and the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA).

It is the intent of the Board of Education that students participate in as many athletic activities for which they are eligible and their parents wish. To this end, coaches shall strongly encourage students to participate in all sanctioned sports programs offered by the school. It shall be the responsibility of all coaches to follow these guidelines:

- If student-athletes quit when faced with a possible suspension from eligibility or are removed from an activity for disciplinary reasons, they shall be ineligible to compete in another sport for the period of the disciplinary sanction imposed or for the period the sanction would have been imposed had s/he not quit.
- Student-athletes may participate in more than one (1) sport or sport activity during the same season if both coaches are able to coordinate a student's schedule.

Cutting of Participants

The coaching staff of each individual sport shall establish the process for deciding whether athletes will be "cut" during a tryout period during which the final composition of a team will be determined. If a coaching staff determines that "cuts" are necessary, they shall discuss with all athletes attending the tryouts the criteria to be used to evaluate the athletes during the tryout period. This procedure will be provided in writing to the athletes and parents prior to the tryouts. This procedure shall also describe the notification process that will be used to inform all athletes of their status following the tryout period. The coaching staff must make every effort to ensure that all athletes attending the tryouts clearly understand the criteria to be used to evaluate them.

The notification procedures used by the coaching staff should, if feasible, include individual conferences with each athlete that does not make the final team. These conferences shall include feedback to the athletes on the areas where they might improve athletically and always ensure the dignity and growth of the individual student.

Conduct of Program

All interscholastic and intramural athletic competition shall be in compliance with the constitution, bylaws, and competition rules of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and Title IX requirements. As a condition to KHSAA membership, each member school and Superintendent shall annually submit a written certification of compliance with 20 USC Section 1681 (Title IX).

Coaches shall abide by:

- Policies adopted by the school council relating to evaluation of the athletic program that address program equity for both male and female athletics.
- Program implementation requirements developed by Superintendent/designee to promote compliance with Title IX requirements.
- Rules and limitations established by 702 KAR 7:065 and the local Board for students participating in middle school sports and sport activities. **09.31**

STUDENTS FIRST, ATHLETES SECOND

KHSAA Imposition of Penalties

If KHSAA rules and regulations are violated, penalties may be imposed on the school or individual within the defined parameters of Bylaw 27, the KHSAA Due Process Procedures. The Principal shall be responsible for oversight of the school's athletic program to see that it remains compliant with KHSAA rules.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 27.
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Middle School Applicability

Per 702 KAR 7:065, the KHSAA has responsibility for the regulation of athletics at the Middle School level. An Advisory Committee will set any statewide regulations, with approval from the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky General Assembly through 702 KAR 7:065. This regulation sets very few statewide rules, but requires the establishment of many rules at the local level. Though there is not "membership" for middle schools in KHSAA at this time, the governance model requires local Boards of Education to ensure enforcement of a variety of restrictions, most of which are related solely to the health and safety of the student-athlete and to maintain the proper perspective for interscholastic athletics within the education model.

Future Changes

Although every effort will be made to update the handbook on a timely basis, the Lee County School District reserves the right, and has the sole discretion, to change any policies, procedures, benefits, and terms of employment without notice, consultation, or publication, except as may be required by contractual agreements and law. The District reserves the right, and has the sole discretion, to modify or change any portion of this handbook at any time.

School Calendar



Committee & Board Approval 11-8-22

Lee County 2023-24 School Calendar



July 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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31st - PD Day

August 2023						
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1st - 3rd PD Days; 4th & 11th Planning; 7th Opening Day; 8th First Student Day

September 2023						
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4th Holiday

October 2023						
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5th - 1st Term Ends; 6th Planning Day; 20th & 23rd Break Days

November 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10th Break Day; 22nd & 24th Break Days; 23rd Holiday

December 2023						
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31						

15th - 2nd Term Ends; 18-29 Break Day except 25th Holiday

January 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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1st Holiday; 2nd Planning Day; 15th Break Day

February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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19th Make Up Day

March 2024						
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1st - 3rd Term Ends; 11th Planning Day

April 2024						
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1st - 5th Spring Break (Break Days)

May 2024						
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13th - 31st Make Up Days; 27th Break Day

June 2024						
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3rd and 4th make-up days (17); 5th closing day

	Students in Session
	Planning Days - No School Students
	PD Days - No School Students
	Opening & Closing Days

	School Closed/Holidays
	Break Days - No School
	Make-Up Days
	Last Day of nine weeks
	NTI/Virtual School Days
	Weather/Cancelled Days

Section

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Program Guidelines

Equal Educational and Employment Opportunities

Employment

As required by Title IX, the District does not discriminate on the basis of sex regarding admission to the District or in the educational programs or activities operated by the District. Inquiries regarding Title IX Sexual Harassment may be referred to the District Title IX Coordinator (TIXC), the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, or both.

Lee County Schools is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), genetic information, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, age, disabling condition, or limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities or limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions will be provided as required by law.

If considerations of sex, age or disability have a bona fide relationship to the unique requirements of a particular job or if there are federal or state legal requirements that apply, then sex, age or disability may be taken into account as a bona fide occupational qualification, provided such consideration is consistent with governing law. **03.113/03.212**

Education

No pupil shall be subject to unlawful discrimination because of age, color, disability, race, national origin, religion, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), or veteran status.

Parents of students who have a temporary or permanent disability may request that the Principal or other District administrator to provide appropriate accommodations necessary for them to have an equal opportunity to participate in instructional and extracurricular activities, as required by law. Students who are at least eighteen (18) years of age may submit their own requests. **09.13**

If you have questions concerning District compliance with state and federal equal educational and employment opportunity laws, contact Tina Lucas or Carla Lyons at the Board of Education’s Central Office.

Harassment/Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment

Lee County Schools intend that employees and students have a safe and orderly work and learning environment. Therefore, the Board does not condone and will not tolerate harassment of or discrimination against employees, students, or visitors to the school or District, or any act prohibited by Board policy that disrupts the workplace or the educational process and/or interferes with an employee’s job responsibilities or student learning.

Employees or students who believe that they, or any other employee, student, or a visitor to the school or District is being or has been subjected to harassment or discrimination shall bring the matter to the attention of the Principal/immediate supervisor or the District’s Title IX/Equity Coordinator in the Central Office as required by Board policy. The District will investigate any such concerns promptly and confidentially.

No employee or student will be subject to any form of reprisal or retaliation for having made a good-faith complaint under Board policy. For complete information concerning the District’s position prohibiting harassment/discrimination, assistance in reporting and responding to alleged incidents, and examples of prohibited behaviors, employees should refer to the District’s policies and related procedures. Complaints of harassment/discrimination, whether verbal or written, shall lead to a documented investigation and a written report. **03.162/03.262/09.42811**

The following have been designated to handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination under Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX Sexual Harassment/Discrimination: **01.1**

The District’s Title IX Coordinator (TIXC) is Danny Wright.

242 Lee Avenue Beattyville, KY 41311	606-464-5000	Danny.wright@lee.kyschools.us
Office Address	Telephone #	Email Address

The District’s Section 504 Coordinator is Carla Lyons.

242 Lee Avenue Beattyville, KY 41311	606-464-5000	carla.lyons@lee.kyschools.us
Office Address	Telephone #	Email Address

Any person may report sex discrimination, including sexual harassment (whether or not the person reporting is the person alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment), in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, using the contact information listed for the TIXC, or by any other means that results in the TIXC receiving the person's verbal or written report. Such a report may be made at any time (including during non-business hours) by using the telephone number or electronic mail address, or by mail to the office address, listed for the TIXC. **09.428111**

Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures are located on the District Website.

Employees wishing to initiate a complaint concerning discrimination in the delivery of benefits or services in the District's school nutrition program should go to the link below or mail a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington D.C. 20250-9410, or email, program.intake@usda.gov.

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html

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Confidentiality

In certain circumstances employees will receive confidential information regarding students' or employees' medical, educational or court records. Employees are required to keep student and personnel information in the strictest confidence and are legally prohibited from passing confidential information along to any unauthorized individual. Employees with whom juvenile court information is shared as permitted by law shall be asked to sign a statement indicating they understand the information is to be held in strictest confidence.

Access to be Limited

Employees may only access student record information in which they have a legitimate educational interest. **03.111/03.211/09.14/09.213/09.43**

Both federal law and Board policy prohibit employees from making unauthorized disclosure, use or dissemination of personal information regarding minors over the Internet. **08.2323**

Information Security Breach

Information security breaches shall be handled in accordance with KRS 61.931, KRS 61.932, and KRS 61.933 including, but not limited to, investigations and notifications.

Within seventy-two (72) hours of the discovery or notification of a security breach, the District shall notify the Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Attorney General, and the Education Commissioner. **01.61**

Compensation

For employees who are assigned coaching responsibilities, compensation shall be made according to a schedule approved annually by the Board. Compensation for all services rendered as an employee of the District shall be processed through standard payroll procedures. **03.121/03.221**

All sponsors of extracurricular activities shall be employees of the District. **09.3**

No coach shall receive from any other source a salary supplement for coaching school-sponsored athletics. All coach compensation must be made through standard payroll, including applicable taxable benefits, to ensure compliance with state and federal law.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 25.
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Reduction in Salary and Responsibilities

Salaries for certified personnel shall not be less than the preceding year unless such reduction is part of a uniform plan affecting all teachers in the entire District or unless there is a reduction of responsibilities. Reduction of coaching responsibilities for teachers may be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in salary. Written notice that states the specific reason(s) for the reduction shall be furnished to teachers no later than ninety (90) days before the first student attendance day of the school year, or May 15, whichever is earlier. **03.1212**

Assignment of supplemental coaching duty to a certified employee is on a year-by-year basis only and does not give rise to any expectation of a continued right to hold and receive compensation for such duties.

Section

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Staff Responsibilities

Supervision of Coaches

Every employee is assigned an immediate supervisor. All employees receive a copy of their job description and responsibilities for review. Immediate supervisors may assign other duties as needed. Employees should ask their supervisor if they have questions regarding their assigned duties and/or responsibilities. **03.11/03.21/03.132/03.232**

Coaches shall answer directly to the Athletic Director or designated representative who shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school's athletic program. Although s/he may assign duties to other staff members, the Athletic Director shall retain the responsibility for the satisfactory conduct of the athletic program.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 1.

All employees are expected to use sound judgment in the performance of their duties and take reasonable and commonly accepted measures to protect the health, safety, and well-being of others, as well as District property. In addition, employees shall cooperate fully with all investigations conducted by the District as authorized by policy or law. **03.133/03.233**

Certified Employees: All coaches in the District shall review records of assigned students to determine whether an IEP or 504 plan is in place.

Professional Development

All coaches shall abide by the requirements of KHSAA Bylaw 25: Requirement for Coaches and Others Working with High School Teams regarding qualifications and continuous improvement training. This continuous improvement shall include, but not be limited to, CPR, and AED training along with participation in the Coaches Education Program, Sports Safety Training course, Medical Symposium Updates, and KHSAA Rules clinics.

All coaches are encouraged to grow professionally in their knowledge and understanding of their respective sport through participation in voluntary and required continuous improvement and membership in local, state, and national organizations.

Athletic Program Volunteers

Athletic program volunteers are persons who do not receive compensation for assisting in program activities. All volunteers shall work only under the direction and supervision of the coach, Principal, or other designated member of the professional administrative and teaching staff. **03.6**

Age Restriction/Criminal Background Check and Testing

All coaches, assistant coaches, non-faculty coaches, non-faculty assistant coaches, and athletic program volunteers shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must undergo a criminal history background check(s) as required by Board policy and by KRS 160.380 and KRS 161.185. **03.11/03.21/03.6/09.31**

As employees, newly hired coaches, non-faculty coaches, non-faculty assistant coaches, and assistant coaches must have both a state and a federal criminal history background check and a letter (CA/N check) from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services documenting the individual does not have an administrative finding of child abuse or neglect in records maintained by the Cabinet. **03.11/03.21**

The District shall conduct a state and national criminal records check on all athletic program volunteers who have contact with students on a regularly scheduled and/or continuing basis, or who have supervisory responsibility for children at a school site or on school-sponsored trips.

Pursuant to KRS 160.380, the athletic program volunteers shall submit to a state and national criminal history background check and have a clear CA/N check. With prior approval of the Superintendent/designee, the background checks will be conducted at District expense. Otherwise, except as stated previously, the volunteer must pay for the background checks.

No athletic program volunteer shall be utilized to supervise students, or deemed to have the authority to supervise students, unless the volunteer has been designated to supervise students by the Athletic Director and approved by the Superintendent/designee, and the volunteer has undergone the required records check. **03.6**

Link to DPP-156 Central Registry check and more information on the required CA/N check:

<http://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter30/33/Pages/3013RequestfromthePublicforCANCHECKsandCentralRegistryChecks.aspx>

Physical Examinations

Coaches

All newly employed personnel, including coaches, shall present documentation of a medical examination performed by a licensed physician, physician assistant (PA), or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) or by a licensed medical practitioner of the employee's choice. **03.111/03.211**

Students

Each student seeking eligibility to participate in any school athletic or sport activity at the middle or high school level must pass an annual medical examination performed and signed by a medical practitioner as required by law. Consistent with guidelines issued by KHSAA or the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE), the required physical examination and parental authorization shall include acknowledgement of receipt of information on the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including the continuance of playing after concussion or head injury. **09.311**

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 12.

Fund-Raising Activities

All athletic booster group fund-raising activities shall be approved in advance by the Principal, SBDM and the Board of Education (in that order).

No student shall be compelled to participate in or meet any kind of quota in a fund-raising activity, nor be required to do door-to-door selling as part of a fund-raising event.

All booster groups wishing to be recognized by and/or affiliated with the District shall adhere to applicable state and federal laws, including taxable income reporting requirements, when conducting fund-raising activities to benefit the school or District. Those wishing to form booster groups shall make written notice to the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will share the request with the Superintendent and a decision will be made regarding the formation of a booster group. The group will receive written notification regarding the approval or denial of the booster group.

All funds raised for a specific purpose by athletic program booster clubs shall comply with the requirements established by the Board and shall be used for that purpose. **04.312/09.33**

Coaches, other athletic staff, and volunteers shall not collect money from students for any non-school sponsored activity.

All funds collected shall be submitted to the finance clerk at the appropriate school on the same day as collected.

Safe Working Environment

It is the intent of the Board to provide a safe and healthful working and learning environment for all employees and students. Employees should report any security hazard or conditions they believe to be unsafe to their immediate supervisor.

In addition, employees are required to notify their supervisor immediately after sustaining a work-related injury or accident. A report should be made within 24-48 hours of the occurrence and prior to leaving the work premises, UNLESS the injury is a medical emergency, in which case the report can be filed following receipt of emergency medical care.

In order to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, employees must comply with the District’s Bloodborne Pathogen Control Plan. When bodily fluid spills occur, employees shall follow procedures posted in each school building or worksite. Disposable gloves and plastic bags are available in elementary classrooms and, in each school, the Principal's office, food service office, or the custodian's storage area.

The District shall follow established timelines in policy when making oral reports to the Kentucky Labor Cabinet to report employee fatalities, amputations, hospitalizations, including hospitalization resulting from a heart attack, or the loss of an eye.

File a report	After Hours Hotline
(502) 564-3070	(800) 321-6742

For information on the District’s plans for Hazard Communication, Bloodborne Pathogen Control, Lockout/Tagout, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or Asbestos Management, contact the Principal or see the District’s *Policy Manual* and related procedures.

Employees should use their school/worksite two-way communication system to notify the Principal, supervisor or other administrator of an existing emergency. **03.14/03.24/05.4**

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

The District shall maintain AEDs in designated locations throughout the District. An AED shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent/designee. Expected users documented as having completed required training shall be authorized to use a defibrillator. **05.4**

Disrupting the Educational Process

Any employee who participates in or encourages activities that disrupt the educational process may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination.

1. Behavior that disrupts the educational process includes, but is not limited to:
 - conduct that threatens the health, safety or welfare of others;
 - conduct that may damage public or private property (including the property of students or staff);
 - illegal activity;
 - conduct that interferes with a student's access to educational opportunities or programs, including ability to attend, participate in, and benefit from instructional and extracurricular activities; or
 - conduct that disrupts delivery of instructional services or interferes with the orderly administration of the school and school-related activities or District operations.
03.1325/03.2325
 - Staff of Lee County School will be held accountable to all EPSB standards. EPSB Standard one states, all school employees "shall exemplify behaviors which maintain the dignity and integrity of the profession." Social Media in relationship to this standard should exemplify and maintain the dignity and integrity to the profession. Items and comments posted that are negative in nature to our school district. These include extreme profanity, nudity, confidentiality, negative comments about our school district or other employees will not be tolerated.

Drug-Free/Alcohol-Free Schools

Employees must not manufacture, distribute, dispense, be under the influence of, purchase, possess, use, or attempt to obtain, sell or transfer any of the following in the workplace or in the performance of duties:

1. Alcoholic beverages;
2. Controlled substances, prohibited drugs and substances, and drug paraphernalia; and or any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana or any other controlled substance as defined by federal regulation.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Substances that "look like" a controlled substance. In instances involving look-alike substances, there must be evidence of the employee's intent to pass off the item as a controlled substance.

In addition, employees shall not possess prescription drugs for the purpose of sale or distribution.

Any employee who violates the terms of the District's drug-free/alcohol-free policies may be suspended, nonrenewed or terminated. Violations may result in notification of appropriate legal officials.

Any employee convicted of any criminal drug statute involving use of alcohol, illicit drugs, prescription drugs, or over-the-counter drugs shall, within five (5) working days after receiving notice of a conviction, provide notification of the conviction to the Superintendent.

Employees who know or believe that students or other employees have violated the District's alcohol-free/drug-free policies have been violated must promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police. **03.13251/03.23251/09.423**

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTING

In the furtherance of achieving the Board's goals and objectives as enumerated above, all applicants being considered for safety-sensitive positions shall be required to submit to a urinalysis test for the detection of the illegal use of drugs as part of the currently required post-offer, pre-employment physical. Applicants for positions that require testing shall be given a copy of this policy in advance of the post-offer, pre-employment physical. The District shall pay the cost of post-offer, pre-employment testing fees for those classified applicants in safety sensitive positions who are being considered for full-time employment. Persons wishing to apply for substitute, safety sensitive positions will be responsible for paying post-offer, pre-employment testing fees.

Applicants shall acknowledge having read or having received an explanation of this policy and should understand compliance with this policy is a condition of employment. Applicants shall sign an acknowledgment prior to substance screening permitting the summary result to be transmitted to the Medical Review Officer (MRO) and the Superintendent. An applicant refusing to complete any part of the drug-testing procedure shall not be considered an eligible candidate for employment with the District and shall be deemed to have withdrawn his/her application.

If substance screening shows a confirmed positive result for which there is no current physician's prescription, The MRO may request a second confirming test. If the first or any requested subsequent confirming test is positive, any job offer shall be revoked.

The Board has several positions that are considered safety sensitive. In general, these are positions where a single mistake by employees can create an immediate threat or serious harm to students and fellow employees.

Safety-sensitive positions requiring post-offer, pre-employment drug testing are: administrator, teacher, traveling teacher, teacher aide, substitute teacher, school secretary, Central Office staff,

custodians, cooks, and itinerant staff. The procedure for testing these positions may be found in **03.13251 AP.1/03.23251 AP.1**. Testing of school bus drivers and other covered transportation employees is dealt with under a separate policy.

Note: With the enactment of the revision to this policy, all staff currently employed in a safety-sensitive position shall take the initial drug testing required for pre-employment.

RANDOM SCREENING

The Lee County Board of Education has established a random drug-testing program for employees in a safety-sensitive position. The procedure is set forth in **03.13252 AP.1/03.23251 AP.1**.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse for CDL/CLP Operators

Reporting of the following information on individual drivers to the federal Clearinghouse is required, verified positive, adulterated, or substituted test results, confirmed alcohol tests at .04 or higher; refusal to submit to required tests, the reporting of actual knowledge (as defined by federal regulation) or Department of Transportation (DOT) regulatory violations, including violations based on prohibited on duty, pre-duty, or post-accident alcohol use and controlled substance use, and regulatory return to duty and follow-up testing information as applicable.

The District shall not allow a driver to perform any safety-sensitive function if the results of a Clearinghouse query on the driver demonstrate a disqualification as provided by regulation and such driver may be subject to personnel action up to and including termination. **06.221**

Weapons

Except where expressly and specifically permitted by Kentucky Revised Statute, carrying, bringing, using or possessing any weapon or dangerous instrument in any school building, on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited. Except for School Resource Officers (SROs) as provided in KRS 158.4414, and authorized law enforcement officials, including peace officers and police as provided in KRS 527.070 and KRS 527.020, the Board prohibits carrying concealed weapons on school property. Staff members who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action, including termination.

Employees who know or believe that this policy has been violated must promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police. **05.48**

Assaults and Threats of Violence

Employees should immediately report any threats they receive (oral, written or electronic) to their immediate supervisor. A “threat” shall refer to a communication made by any means, including, but not limited to, electronic and/or online methods. **09.425**

Tobacco, Alternative Nicotine Product, or Vapor Product

The use of any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product as defined in KRS 438.305 is prohibited for all persons and at all times on or in all property, including any vehicle, that is owned, operated, leased, or contracted for use by the Board and while attending or participating in any school-related student trip or student activity and is in the presence of a student or students.

School employees shall enforce the policy. A person in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline or penalties as set forth by Board. **03.1327/03.2327**

Students shall not be permitted to use or possess any tobacco product, alternative nicotine product, or vapor product as defined in KRS 438.305 on or in all Board property at all times, including any vehicle owned, operated, leased, or contracted for use by the Board and while participating in any school-related trip or student activity.

Signage shall be posted on or in all property, including any vehicle that is owned, operated, leased, or contracted for use by the Board, clearly stating that the use of all such products is prohibited at all times and by all persons on or in the property. **09.4232**

Use of School Property

Employees are responsible for school equipment, supplies, books, furniture, and apparatus under their care and use. Employees shall immediately report to their immediate supervisor any property that is damaged, lost, stolen, or vandalized.

No employee shall perform personal services for themselves or for others for pay or profit during work time and/or using District property or facilities.

An employee shall not use any District facility, vehicle, electronic communication system, equipment or materials for personal or private use or gain. These items (including security codes and electronic records such as e-mail) are District property.

Employees may not use a code, access a file, or retrieve any stored communication unless they have been given authorization to do so. Employees cannot expect confidentiality or privacy of the information in their e-mail accounts. Authorized District personnel may monitor the use of electronic equipment from time to time.

District-owned telecommunication devices shall be used primarily for authorized District business purposes. However, occasional personal use of such equipment is permitted. **03.1321/03.2321**

Coaches shall advise individuals with disabilities who request accommodations at District athletic activities to contact the District ADA/504 Coordinator for assistance and guidance. **10.5**

Use of Personal Cell Phones/Telecommunication Devices

Due to privacy concerns, and except for emergency situations, personally owned recording devices are not to be used to create video or audio recordings or to take pictures while on duty or working with students except with prior permission from the Principal/designee or immediate supervisor. Such devices include, but are not limited to, personal cell phones and tablets.

For exceptions, see Board Policies **03.13214/03.23214**.

Athletic Camps and Competitions

Coaches in all sports may organize and operate youth sports camps in their respective sports if approved by their immediate supervisor. All camps must be operated as a school-sponsored activity and comply with all relevant policies and procedures as described in other sections of this handbook or in District policy and procedures. All personnel serving as camp instructors shall be:

1. Currently employed coaches of the school,
2. Volunteers as described in previous handbook sections, or
3. Student-athlete members of the respective athletic team offering the camps.

All revenues and expenditures for athletic camps shall comply with school and District financial policies as described in this handbook or in the complete District policy and procedure manual.

Interscholastic athletic contests involving more than half of a normal team (i.e. six [6] or more football players, three [3] or more basketball players) may not be held in school-owned facilities outside the determined limitation of seasons.

All athletic camps should be scheduled so they do not conflict with the regular academic calendar of the Lee County Schools nor the District's regular academic programming. No athletic camp will be permitted to be scheduled during the KHSAA-designated "Dead Period," June 25 to July 9.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaws 23 and 24.

Inventory of Athletic Equipment

Athletic equipment shall be subject to policies and procedures concerning the District's inventory process and related reporting requirements. **04.7**

Gifts

No employee shall accept, for personal use, any gifts from current or potential suppliers or vendors. Personnel are also prohibited from accepting rebates in the form of gifts or gratuities from organizations or persons to whom they have referred or may refer parents and students. Exceptions may be made for those businesses that offer discounts to various employee groups. **03.1322/03.2322**

Solicitations

Salesmen, representatives, or agents shall not solicit or contact pupils, teachers, or other employees in the school during the school day without notice to and express prior approval of the Board or the Superintendent. **10.4**

District employees shall not use the advantage of their position for personal gain through soliciting school patrons, pupils or fellow employees.

Unless required or allowed by the Open Records Law or other laws and regulations, no school employee shall provide to any outside group or individual a list of parents, students, teachers or other employees for solicitation or other purposes without the prior approval of the Board or the Superintendent. **03.1323/03.2323**

Alteration of School Property

Any change or modification to be made in the landscape of school grounds, construction of driveways or roads across such grounds; renovation of the school buildings or the alteration of any part thereof; or the construction of buildings, playing fields, tennis courts, or the erection of lighting systems for such fields or courts shall be done only after the approval of the project by the Board and appropriate state agencies. **05.11**

Advertising

No advertising shall be allowed in the facilities or on the grounds of school property, except as expressly approved by the Board. However, this requirement does not prevent advertising in publications which are published by booster clubs. **10.4**

District Representation

Use of the school mascot, school logos, and/or school and District imagery is restricted and, as such, cannot be altered. No one shall use these logos or images without the expressed permission of the school or District administration. All logos and images that are to be used shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee and shall comply with the style guide adopted by the District.

Political Activities

Employees shall not promote, organize, or engage in political activities while performing their duties or during the work day. Promoting or engaging in political activities shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Encouraging students to adopt or support a particular political position, party, or candidate; or
- Using school property or materials to advance the support of a particular political position, party, or candidate. **03.1324/03.2324**

In addition, KRS 161.164 prohibits employees from taking part in the management of any political campaign for school board.

Employee Religious Expression

The District shall not punish or prohibit an employee from, or punish an employee for, engaging in private religious expression otherwise protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution absent a showing that the employee has engaged in actual coercion. **03.13241/03.23241**

Copyrighted Materials

The use and duplication of copyrighted material for educational purposes shall be within the generally accepted uses delineated by applicable law and procedures developed by the Superintendent. In reference to copyrighted electronic materials, employees shall use such materials only in accordance with the license agreement under which the materials were purchased or otherwise procured. **08.2321**

Search and Seizure

All searches of students must be conducted in compliance with Board Policy **09.436**.

Searches of a pupils person or his or her personal effects shall only be conducted by a certified person directly responsible for the conduct of the pupil or the Principal/designee of the

school which the student attends. Before a student's outer clothing, pockets, or personal effects (e.g., handbags, backpacks, etc.) are searched, there must be reasonable grounds to believe the search will reveal evidence that the student has violated or is violating either a school rule or the law or possesses an item harmful to the school and its students. Search of a pupil's person shall be conducted only with the express authority of the Principal.

However, when an immediate threat to the health or safety of others occurs off site with no certified employee reasonably available, coaches that are responsible for the student are authorized to conduct the search of a student or his/her personal effects. Examples of immediate threats would include reasonable suspicion of the presence of illegal drugs or a weapon.

No search of a pupil shall be conducted in the presence of other students, except for situations involving an imminent threat to students or staff where immediate action is required to prevent harm to health and safety. No strip searches of students shall be permitted. **09.436**

Child Abuse

Per KRS 620.030, any school personnel who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child under eighteen (18) is dependent, abused or neglected, or a victim of human trafficking, or is a victim of female genital mutilation, shall immediately make an oral report to a local law enforcement agency, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designated representative, the Commonwealth's County Attorney.

After making that oral report, the employee shall then immediately notify the Principal of the suspected abuse. If the Principal is suspected of child abuse, the employee shall notify the Superintendent/designee.

Upon notification, the Principal or the Superintendent/designee shall facilitate the cooperation of the school with the investigation of the report. Any person who knowingly causes intimidation, retaliation, or obstruction in the investigation of the report shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Coaches complete the child abuse training within ninety (90) days of being hired, and every two (2) years thereafter. **09.227**

The number to call is 866-229-2196 or toll free 606-788-7132.

Reporting telephone numbers:

Social Services	606-464-8801
Local Police	606-464-5030
Kentucky State Police	800-222-5555
County Attorney	606-464-9966

Corporal Punishment

Employees shall not utilize corporal punishment as a penalty or punishment for student misbehavior. Corporal punishment shall refer to the deliberate infliction of physical pain on a student by any means. **09.433**

Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

Use of physical restraint and seclusion shall be in accordance with Board policy and procedure. **09.2212**

Civility

Employees should be polite and helpful while interacting with parents, visitors and members of the public. Individuals who come onto District property or contact employees on school business are expected to behave accordingly. Employees who fail to observe appropriate standards of behavior are subject to disciplinary measures, including dismissal.

In cases involving physical attack of an employee or immediate threat of harm, employees should take immediate action to protect themselves and others. In the absence of an immediate threat, employees should attempt to calmly and politely inform the individual of the provisions of Policy **10.21** or provide him/her with a copy. If the individual continues to be discourteous, the employee may respond as needed, including, but not limited to: hanging up on the caller; ending a meeting; asking the individual to leave the school; calling the site administrator/ designee for assistance; and/or calling the police.

As soon as possible after any such incident, employees should submit a written incident report to their immediate supervisor. **10.21**

Required Reports

Although you may be directed to make additional reports, the following reports are required by law and/or Board policy:

- Within seventy-two (72) hours of the discovery or notification of a security breach, the District shall notify the Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Attorney General, and the Education Commissioner. **01.61**
- An employee shall report to the Superintendent if the employee has been found by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to have abused or neglected a child, and if the employee has waived the right to appeal such a substantiated finding or the finding has been upheld upon appeal. **03.11/03.21**
- Report to the immediate supervisor damaged, lost, stolen, or vandalized school property or if District property has been used for unauthorized purposes. **03.1321/03.2321**
- Notify the Principal as soon as possible when you use seclusion or physical restraint with a student, but no later than the end of the school day on which it occurs, and document in writing the incident by the end of the next school day. **09.2212**
- If you know or believe that the District's alcohol-free/drug-free policies have been violated, promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police. This is required if you know or have reasonable cause to believe that conduct has occurred which constitutes the use, possession, or sale of controlled substances on the school premises or within one thousand (1,000) feet of school premises, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored or sanctioned event. **03.13251/03.23251/09.423**
- Upon the request of a victim, school personnel shall report an act of domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse to a law enforcement officer. School personnel shall discuss the report with the victim prior to contacting a law enforcement officer.
School personnel shall report to a law enforcement officer when s/he has a belief that the death of a victim with whom s/he has had a professional interaction is related to domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse. **03.13253/03.23253/09.425**
- Report potential safety or security hazards to the Principal and notify your supervisor immediately after sustaining a work-related injury or accident. **03.14/03.24/05.4**
- Report to the Principal/immediate supervisor or the District's Title IX Coordinator if you, another employee, a student, or a visitor to the school or District is being or has been subjected to harassment or discrimination. **03.162/03.262/09.42811**
- Employees who believe or have been made aware that they or any other employee, student, or visitor has been subject to Title IX Sexual Harassment shall report it to the TIXC. Failure to make such a report shall be grounds for discipline up to and including termination. If the knowledge of the reporting party gives rise to reasonable cause to believe that the reported conduct constitutes child abuse Policy 09.227 or a reportable criminal offense Policy 09.221, notification of state officials shall be made as required by law. **03.1621/03.2621/09.428111**

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- If you suspect that financial fraud, impropriety or irregularity has occurred, immediately report those suspicions to Principal or the Superintendent. If the Superintendent is the alleged party, employees should address the complaint to the Board chairperson. **04.41**
- Report to the Principal any student who is missing during or after a fire/tornado/bomb threat drill or evacuation. **05.41 AP.1/05.42 AP.1/05.43 AP.1**
- When notified of a bomb threat, scan the area noting any items that appear to be out of place, and report same to Principal/designee. **05.43 AP.1**
- If you know or believe that the District's weapon policy has been violated, promptly make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police. This is required when you know or have reasonable cause to believe that conduct has occurred which constitutes the carrying, possession, or use of a deadly weapon on the school premises or within one thousand (1,000) feet of school premises, on a school bus, or at a school sponsored or sanctioned event. **05.48**
- District bus drivers taking medication either by prescription or without prescription shall report to their immediate supervisor and shall not drive if that medication may affect the driver's ability to safely drive a school bus or perform other driver responsibilities. **06.221**
- District employees who know or have reasonable cause to believe that a student has been the victim of a violation of any felony offense specified in KRS Chapter 508 (assault and related offenses) committed by another student while on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at a school-sponsored event shall immediately cause an oral or written report to be made to the Principal of the school attended by the victim.

The Principal shall notify the parents, legal guardians, or other persons exercising custodial control or supervision of the student when the student is involved in such an incident.

Within forty-eight (48) hours of the original report of the incident, the Principal also shall file with the Board and the local law enforcement agency or the Department of Kentucky State Police or the County Attorney a written report containing the statutorily required information. **09.2211**

- If you know or have reasonable cause to believe that a child under eighteen (18) is dependent, abused or neglected, or a victim of human trafficking, or is a victim of female genital mutilation, **immediately** make an oral report to a local law enforcement agency, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designated representative, the Commonwealth's County Attorney, and then make a report to the Principal (See **Child Abuse** section.) **09.227**.
- District employees shall report to the Principal or to their immediate supervisor those situations that threaten, harass, or endanger the safety of students, other staff members, or visitors to the school or District. Such instances shall include, but are not limited to, bullying or hazing of students and harassment/discrimination of staff, students or visitors by any party. In serious instances of peer-to-peer bullying/hazing/harassment, employees must report to the alleged victims' Principal as directed by Board Policy **09.42811**.

In certain cases, employees must do the following:

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1. Report bullying and hazing to appropriate law enforcement authorities as required by Policy **09.2211**; and
 2. Investigate and complete documentation as required by Policy 09.42811 covering federally protected areas. **09.422**
- Report to the Principal any threats you receive (oral, written or electronic). **09.425**

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 18.

Section

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Pre-Season Planning

Notifications to Students/Parents

Each coach of an athletic or sport activity is responsible for distributing the forms required by KHSAA to each prospective student athlete, as well as forms required by the Board of Education.

Coach-Parent Communications

To demonstrate the District's commitment to productive school-home communications, coaches are expected to respond to requests from parents via phone calls, e-mail messages, and written requests within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the message unless extraordinary circumstances prevail. If the message is received on Friday or the day before a break in the school calendar, every reasonable effort shall be made to respond that day, but certainly no later than the next school day.

Scheduling

Coaches shall adhere to the following scheduling guidelines, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, in which case they shall confer with the Principal.

Scheduling of athletic competitions and sport activities shall be approved in advance by the Principal and meet all applicable conference, district or regional requirements in keeping with KHSAA rules and regulations. **09.31**

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaws 19-24.
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To the extent possible, athletic competitions and sport activities shall be scheduled:

1. To assure that scheduling of District facilities, practice times and competition times for both male and female sports are consistent with Title IX requirements.
2. To avoid scheduling regular season athletic games and sport activities on a date that will require loss of instructional time for travel or competition in compliance with KDE regulations and local Board policy.

3. To minimize travel distances and compete with schools of comparable size and classification.
4. To avoid overlap with other school athletic activities already scheduled on the same date.

Examples of scheduling of athletic practices and sport activities which should be avoided include the following:

- a. Conflict with end of semester exams;
- b. Occur during professional development activities;
- c. Coincide with religious observances and/or times of worship;
- d. Conflict with school open house events.

Cancellation of Athletic or Sport Activities

The decision to cancel athletic or sport activities is made by the Superintendent or designee in consultation with the building administration and the Athletic Department. If conditions warrant the cancellation of activities, Head Coaches will be notified by the Athletic Department. The District will also advertise all cancellations via the District website, automated calling system, and local media as conditions warrant.

If coaches are notified regarding the cancellation of an away contest, they should notify the Athletic Department immediately so the public can be notified by any and all of the methods mentioned above.

In the event of a cancellation, the activity should be re-scheduled for the earliest convenient date as long as all KHSAA and District requirements regarding scheduling are met.

Forfeits are addressed by KHSAA guidelines.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 22.

Athletic Trips

Parents are to be informed of the nature of all trips, the approximate departure and return times, means of transportation, and any other relevant information. Parents must give written approval for students to participate in athletic trips. **09.36**

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 22.

Game Officials

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 20.

Student Discipline

All students participating in the District's athletic program shall abide by school/District rules and regulations, including provisions of the code of acceptable behavior and discipline. In addition, coaches may set additional reasonable team rules, provided those rules are given to students prior to the beginning of the season and students are required to return to the coach a form signed by both the student and the parent/guardian signifying their receipt of, and agreement to abide by, the rules. Coaches shall keep these forms on file for the duration of the sports season. **09.438**

In keeping with Board policy, disciplinary measures should not be administered in a manner that is humiliating, degrading, or unduly severe or in a manner that would cause the student athlete to lose status before his/her peer group. Coaches should guard against making remarks to other student participants concerning a student's shortcomings.

Serious disciplinary problems shall be promptly reported to the Principal and to the parent(s) of the student. **09.43**

Crowd Control

Coaches shall coordinate with the Athletic Director to promote the orderly conduct and safety of students and other spectators who attend athletic events.

Crowd control procedures shall include supervision by appropriate school officials in all cases. In case of events where it is anticipated that the nature of the crowd may pose conduct or safety problems (e.g. large or emotional crowds), procedures shall call for the posting of adequate police or security personnel. **05.45**

Athletic Program Purchasing

Employees are required to follow applicable state law and regulations and local policies and administrative procedures when making purchases on behalf of the athletic program, including equipment and uniforms. All purchases using District funds shall require the prior approval of the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee. **04.31**

Internal school account purchases must be supported by a properly executed purchase request and authorization for payment by the Principal. **04.312**

Purchasing procedures shall conform to the Model Procurement Code, KRS 45A.345 – KRS 45A.460. District small purchase procedures may be used for any contract in which

the aggregate amount does not exceed \$40,000.00. For additional assistance, coaches should contact the District Treasurer in the Central Office. **04.32**

Uniforms

A uniform purchase rotation will be followed according to the following schedule:

Year 1 (2022-23) – Softball (1 set), Baseball (1 set), Band (board approved stipend), Cross Country (1 Set)

Year 2 (2023-24) – Boys’ Basketball (2 sets), Golf (Shirts), Band (board approved stipend)

Year 3 (2024-25) – Baseball (1 set), Track (1 set), Softball (1 set), Archery (shirts)

Year 4 (2025-26) – Cheerleading (1 set), Bass Fishing (shirts), Bowling (shirts)

Year 5 (2026-27) – Tennis (shirts), Volleyball (1 set), E-Sports (shirts), Girls’ Basketball (2 sets)

Final uniform orders will be determined after consultation with the Athletic Director, Principal and Superintendent or designee. Order’s shall not be placed prior to a purchase request and purchase order.

Expense Reimbursement

Provided the Superintendent/designee has given prior approval to incur necessary and appropriate expenses, school personnel are reimbursed for travel that is required as part of their duties or for school-related activities approved by the Superintendent/designee. Allowable expenses include mileage, gasoline used for Board vehicles, tolls and parking fees, car rental, fares charged for travel on common carriers (plane, bus, etc.), food (as authorized by policy and/or procedure and when District business requires an overnight stay), and lodging. Itemized receipts must accompany requests for reimbursement.

Employees must submit travel vouchers within one (1) week of travel and will not be reimbursed without proper documentation. Should employees receive reimbursement based on incomplete or improper documentation, they may be required to reimburse the District. **03.125/03.225**

Travel and Per Diem Allowances:

Lee County Middle High School shall maintain an equitable policy to provide guidelines and procedures for the travel and per diem of student athletes.

All athletic travel and per diem of student athletes shall be governed by the following criteria:

- Head coaches will request the use of all modes of transportation through the use of *Travel Tracker*.
- The athletic department will not provide monies for the purchase of meals during the regular season.
- In the event that a team or individual makes the state tournament in their sport, the athletic department will purchase one meal per day during the team's or individual's stay at the state contest.
- Meal money allocated for any team shall be divided per athlete along with the use of sport activity funds if so desired. Individual players for individual sports (golf, cross country, track, tennis, bowling) will receive an allocation per athlete.
- The athletic department will equitably provide all transportation at the current Kentucky Department of Education state transportation rate for athletic events for male and female sports. All buses and vans will be comparable for both male and female teams.
- Male and female sports shall be given equitable travel opportunities for regular season tournaments, post season tournaments, out-of-region and out-of-state events. All out-of-state events must be approved by the Board of Education.
- Out-of-state trips must have an equitable location for each team and/or program. For example, if the boys' basketball team wants to play in Tennessee, the girls' basketball team must be given the same opportunity to play in Tennessee as well.
- Student athletes shall ride the athletic bus to any scheduled event. Certain exceptions will be made for tennis, golf, cross country, and bowling as other school travel arrangements may be made to accommodate a smaller athletic team.
- All student athletes traveling by bus to school sponsored activities must return to the school on the same bus unless the parent or legal guardian personally addresses the coach or other supervising school authority and takes custody of the child and signs him/her out with the coach. Only adults 18 and over who can sign a child out of school may sign him/her out of an athletic event.
- Student athletes may not be released to ride with any person other than their own parent or legal guardian unless approved in writing by the parents and the high school principal.
- Student athletes with extenuating circumstances may request approval in writing for another means of transportation, by the coach, principal or Athletic Director.

Overnight Trips:

- Athletic teams will be responsible for the payment of their selected overnight trips with the exception of state level competition in which the board will pay for overnight expenses. Teams participating in tournaments are encouraged to select tournaments in which the overnight expenses are included within the tournament.
- Overnight lodging will be reviewed and approved by the Lee County Board of Education and is encouraged to include the following:
 - Mid-level lodging such as Quality Inn, etc.

- Corridors that are located inside the building.
- Four players per room
- Free Continental breakfast provided

Section
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Student Oversight

Eligibility

Determination of athletic eligibility for students shall be made in compliance with applicable administrative regulations and Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA), District, and SBDM requirements.**313**

District standards for playing up from middle school (grades seven and eight [7 & 8]) to high school in sports other than football and soccer may include, but are not limited to, considerations related to safety, physical readiness, use of school space after the school day, transportation, funding, the student’s disciplinary status and record, any substance testing restrictions, equitable opportunities for participation, and harmonizing any conflicting school-based decision making (“SBDM”) requirements. SBDM Council policies apply to the selection of sports activities, and student participation based on academic qualifications and attendance requirements, program evaluation, and supervision.

To be eligible to try out and participate at the high school level, middle school students must meet all applicable KHSAA, District, and SBDM requirements. The Superintendent/Designee in cooperation with principals, SBDM councils, coaches, and athletic directors, as deemed appropriate, may develop guidelines for Board approval addressing playing up standards.

A student enrolled in a public charter school that offers any interscholastic athletic activity shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic activities at any other school. Subject to applicable law, regulations, and bylaws (e.g. KHSAA, Title IX) and the terms of the charter contract, students who are enrolled in a charter school that does not offer any

interscholastic athletic activities shall be eligible to participate in such activities at the District school of that student's residence. **09.313**

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaws.

Pupils whose parent or guardian resides in the District and has custody of the student, or pupils who are legal residents of the school district, or as otherwise provided by state or federal law, shall be considered residents and entitled to the privilege of participating in the school athletic program, unless such is in conflict with KHSAA Bylaws. All other pupils shall be classified as nonresidents for school purposes. **09.12**

Students involved in after-school extracurricular activities must maintain a cumulative 70% overall grade average. The 70% grade average must have been earned prior to trying out or participating in a sport, band, cheerleading, or any other activity that requires time to be spent in practice or participation after school. It will be the responsibility of the coach or sponsor involved with the activity to check each grading period on students' academic progress. The athlete must also be passing five (5) of the seven (7) courses to be eligible.

If a student is found to be deficient, he/she will temporarily be suspended from participation until the 70% overall cumulative average through regular classroom work is achieved, as no special recitation or tests are to be given for the purpose of making a student eligible. When the student has gained the 70% overall cumulative average, then the temporary suspension will be lifted. **09.301**

In accordance with individual school council policy, student athletes may be required to attend school for at least a half-day the day of an athletic activity to be eligible to try out, practice or participate in an athletic activity. Coaches should be familiar with their school council policies regarding student eligibility.

Students must have three (3) or less unexcused absences during fall events or have six (6) or less unexcused absences during spring events to be eligible to participate in any athletic activity.

Student Transfers

Any domestic student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school, while maintaining permanent residence in the United States or a United States territory following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who then transfers schools, shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at the varsity level in any sport in which the student has participated at the varsity level since enrolling in grade nine (9) for a period of one (1) year from the date of last participation in varsity interscholastic athletics.

Any domestic student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who has been previously granted eligibility under Bylaw 7 or 8 and who then transfers schools, shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at the varsity

level in any sport in which the student has participated at the varsity level since enrolling in grade nine (9) for a period of one (1) year from the date of last participation in varsity interscholastic athletics.

The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event that the transferring student did not participate in an interscholastic contest at any level in any sport while enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) during the previous calendar year.

The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student when it is documented, at the time of the original transfer eligibility submission, that a student is a victim of bullying as defined in KRS 158.148 and in which bullying has been documented to the school district in accordance with statutes, local board policies and procedures, and as a result of this documented harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the student is compelled to transfer. KHSAA Bylaw 6 contains other specific provisions for waivers related to the anti-bullying exception.

The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event of a dissolution of marriage (i.e. a final and legally binding divorce decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) or properly recorded legal separation (i.e. a legally binding separation decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) of the parents and a change in the residence of the student pursuant to a court order granting custody of the child to one of the parents with whom the student shall reside. The grant of this waiver shall only apply to the member school in the school district in which the residence of the custodial parent is located.

Foreign students (non-domestic) attending high school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible for the first calendar year following enrollment. Foreign students who have been ineligible for an entire calendar year after being enrolled in a high school in Kentucky become eligible to represent that school immediately following the conclusion of the one (1)-year period. The period of ineligibility may be waived if the entire family unit is relocating from a foreign country or if the members of a family from a foreign country are relocating due to a declaration of asylum or seeking refuge due to acknowledged conflict.

Foreign exchange students attending school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible for the first calendar year following enrollment. The period of ineligibility may be waived if the student is placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved J-1 student exchange program that is on the approved listing of Council on Standards for International Exchange Travel (CSIET). In addition, a waiver may be made in other circumstances approved by the Board of Control within the KHSAA Due Process Procedure.

Recruitment Violations

A student at any grade level shall not be recruited to a member school of the KHSAA for the purpose of participating in athletics, including recruitment under the guise of academics. A student enrolled at any grade level shall not be given improper benefits not available to all members of the student body to remain at a member school.

Recruiting is defined as an act on behalf of or for the benefit of a school, which attempts to influence a student to transfer to a member school for the purpose of participating in athletics. It also shall be defined as recruiting to provide improper benefits to an already enrolled student to influence that student to remain at a member school for the purpose of participating in athletics. A school official utilizing an intermediary including a peer, another school employee, a student, parent, or a citizen, for the purpose of recruiting a student athlete shall be in noncompliance.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaws 11 and 16.
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Supervision Responsibilities

While at school or during school-related or school-sponsored activities, students must be under the supervision of a qualified adult employee at all times. All District employees are required to assist in providing appropriate supervision and correction of students.

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All athletic practices and events shall be under the direct supervision of a qualified employee of the District. All persons employed by the District as a coach for any interscholastic athletic activity or sport shall meet statutory training requirements. In addition, at least one (1) person who has completed the required course shall be present at every interscholastic athletic practice and competition.

Prior to assuming their duties, nonfaculty coaches/coaching assistants shall successfully complete training provided by the District as required by KRS 161.185 and a sports safety course as required by KRS 160.445, including training on how to recognize the symptoms of a concussion and how to seek proper medical treatment for a person suspected of having a concussion. Follow-up training shall be provided annually. **03.1161/03.2141/09.311**

Employees are expected to take reasonable and prudent action in situations involving student welfare and safety, including following District policy requirements for intervening and reporting to the Principal or to their immediate supervisor those situations that threaten, harass, or endanger the safety of students, other staff members, or visitors to the school or District. Such instances shall include, but are not limited to, bullying or hazing of students and harassment/discrimination of staff, students or visitors by any party.

The Student Discipline Code shall specify to whom reports of alleged instances of bullying or hazing shall be made. **03.162/03.262/09.422/09.42811**

In fulfilling their supervision responsibilities, teachers are required to enforce the Student Discipline Code adopted by the Board of Education and discipline policies adopted by the school council. **09.43/09.438**

Board policy allows for a nonfaculty coach or nonfaculty assistant to accompany students on athletic trips as provided in statute. **09.221/09.36**

A coach or an approved designated adult is required to be present to provide direct supervision of student participants during all athletic activities, including conditioning programs, practices, travel and games. Students are not to be left unsupervised while waiting for parents to pick them up. (See also section on Athletic Program Volunteers.)

Bullying/Hazing

“Bullying” is defined as any unwanted verbal, physical, or social behavior among students that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated:

1. That occurs on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at a school-sponsored event; or
2. That disrupts the education process.

“Hazing” is defined as an action which endangers the mental or physical health of a minor or student for the purpose of recruitment, initiation into, affiliation with, or enhancing or maintaining membership or status within any organization*, including but not limited to actions which cause, coerce, or force a minor or a student to:

1. Violate federal or state criminal law;
2. Consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug, tobacco product, or other controlled substance which subjects the minor or student to a risk of mental harm or physical injury;
3. Endure brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating or paddling, branding, or exposure to the elements;
4. Endure brutality of a mental nature, including personal servitude, sleep deprivation, or circumstances which would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial mental distress;
5. Endure brutality of a sexual nature; or
6. Endure any other activity that creates a reasonable likelihood of mental harm or physical injury to the minor or student.

“Organization’ is defined as a number of persons who are associated with a school or postsecondary education institution and each other, including a student organization, fraternity, sorority, association, corporation, order, society, corps, club, or similar group and includes any student organization registered pursuant to policies of the school or postsecondary education institution at any time during the previous five (5) years. **09.422**

Insurance

Students participating in or trying out for interscholastic athletics shall be covered by accident insurance that is compatible with the catastrophic insurance coverage required by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Students must present evidence of accident insurance that meets minimum criteria established by the Superintendent. **09.312**

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 12.

Safety and First Aid

The safety of students shall be the first consideration in all athletic practices and events. Per the requirements of 702 KAR 7:065 and Board policies, any middle or high school coach (head or assistant, paid or unpaid) shall successfully complete all training required by the District, the Kentucky Board of Education, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, and state law and regulation. This shall include safety and first aid training and providing the school documentation of successful completion of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course that includes the use of an automated defibrillator and first aid training, conducted by an instructor or program approved by a college or university, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or other bona fide accrediting agency. Initial certification shall use in-person instruction with certification updated as required by the approving agency. All interscholastic athletic coaches shall maintain a CPR certification recognized by a national accrediting body on heart health. **03.1161/03.2141/ 09.311**

Each interscholastic coach (head and assistant, including cheerleading) shall be required to complete a sports safety course and medical symposium update consisting of training on how to prevent common injuries. In addition, coaches should be familiar with District emergency plans for medical injuries at events as required by KRS 160.445.

Coaches shall take appropriate measures to provide a safe, healthy experience for participants and helpers in the athletic program to minimize the number and degree of seriousness of athletic injuries and related illnesses. For all athletic practices and competitions, safety procedures shall be implemented that comply with Board policy, state law and regulations, and requirements of the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA).

When a player has sustained serious injury that may be aggravated by continued participation in the game or practice, the coach shall receive permission from a physician before the player re-enters the game or participates in practice.

Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

A written cardiac emergency response plan that clearly identifies the location of each AED shall be rehearsed by simulation prior to the beginning of each athletic season by all: licensed athletic trainers, school nurses, and athletic directors; and interscholastic coaches and volunteer coaches of each athletic team active during that athletic season.

Concussions

A student athlete suspected by an interscholastic coach, school athletic personnel, or contest official of sustaining a concussion during an athletic practice or competition shall be removed from play at that time and shall not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a physician or health care provider as required by KRS 160.445 to determine if a concussion has occurred. If no physician or licensed health care provider is present to perform the required evaluation, the coach shall not return the student to play that day. The coach may not return the student to participation in subsequent practices or athletic competitions until written clearance is provided by a physician (M.D. or D.O.).

Upon completion of the required evaluation at the game site by the appropriate health care provider, the coach may return the student to play if it is determined that no concussion has occurred.

A student athlete deemed to be concussed shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic practice or competition occurring on the day of the injury or, unless a physician provides written clearance, participate in any practice or athletic competition held on a subsequent day. **09.311**

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 25.

Care of District Property

Coaching personnel shall be responsible for program equipment, supplies, books, furniture, and apparatus under their care and use. Any damaged, lost, stolen, or vandalized property or if District property has been used for unauthorized purposes shall be reported to the immediate supervisor. **03.1321/03.2321**

Athletic equipment shall be subject to policies and procedures concerning the District's inventory process and related reporting requirements. **04.7**

Retention of Recordings

Employees shall comply with the statutory requirement that school officials are to retain any digital, video, or audio recording as required by law. **01.61**

Precautionary Measures

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND OVERSIGHT

The Head Coach of each sport, in consultation with the School Administrator or Principal, is responsible for developing an ongoing plan of equipment inspection, maintenance, repair or replacement. The plan shall address:

1. A timetable for inspecting athletic equipment (when, how often, by whom, etc.);
2. Factors to be considered during an inspection (appropriate type, adequate quality, proper fit, etc.);
3. Instruction that will be provided to students concerning correct use of equipment; and
4. Direction to be given to athletic staff and volunteers who will assist in oversight of equipment use.

Coaches should regularly inspect equipment to ensure it is in good and safe condition. The use of any equipment that is defective or in questionable condition shall be discontinued immediately. A report concerning this equipment shall be made to the School Administrator immediately so that corrective measures can be initiated.

Locker Rooms, Practice, and Competitive Facilities:

Lee County Middle/High School shall maintain an equitable policy to provide guidelines and procedures for the assignment of locker rooms, practice, and competitive facilities for all teams.

All locker rooms, practice, and competitive facilities of student athletes shall be governed by the following criteria:

- All locker rooms shall be assigned by the Athletic Director. All locker rooms will be provided with the same amenities.
- All female and male student athletes have equitable access to the school's training facilities.
- Both female and male teams will be given equitable access to the gym for practices. Head coaches will request practice times that will be arranged equitably by the Athletic Director. The Athletic Director will post the practice times electronically.
- Both female and male student athletes will be given the same amount of time and schedule to access the weight room in and out of season. Head coaches will schedule time in the weight room with the Athletic Director who will keep an equitable schedule for both female and male based upon requests. The Athletic Director will post the weight room schedule electronically.

- Locker Room Locations:
 - Big Gym Left Side Back Locker Room - Girls Basketball
 - Big Gym Left Side Front Locker Room - Visiting Boys
 - Big Gym Right Side Back Locker Room - Boys Basketball / Baseball
 - Big Gym Right Side Front Locker Room - Visiting Girls
 - Big Blue Room - Cheer
 - Little Gym Locker Room - Volleyball (Fall) / Softball (Spring)
 - Golf, Cross Country, Archery, Bowling, Tennis, and Track & Field will use locker rooms as needed. Head coaches and team members have chosen to keep their belongings with them at their location of practice.
- Practice Locations:
 - Archery - Elementary School
 - Baseball - Happy Top field / practice field - elementary school / little gym with net
 - Basketball - big and little gym
 - Bowling - Lee County Rec Center
 - Bass Fishing - various locations
 - Cheer - big and little gym
 - Cross Country - outside high school and Happy Top
 - Esports - Room 208
 - Golf - Lee County Country Club
 - Softball - Happy Top field / practice field - high school / little gym with net
 - Tennis - High school tennis courts
 - Track & Field - High School track
 - Volleyball - big gym
- Equipment Storage Locations:
 - Archery - Elementary School and high school visiting boys locker room
 - Baseball - Happy Top field / high school
 - Basketball - big gym and locker rooms
 - Bowling - Lee County Rec Center
 - Bass Fishing - various locations
 - Cheer - Big Blue Room
 - Cross Country
 - Esports - Room 208
 - Golf - Lee County Country Club
 - Softball - Happy Top field / high school locker room
 - Tennis - High school tennis courts storage building
 - Track & Field -
 - Volleyball - big gym / volleyball locker room

KEY STANDARDS

Defibrillators - A list of current locations for the AEDs will be maintained as designated by the Superintendent/designee.

The District maintains an automated external defibrillator (AED) in designated locations at the elementary school, middle/high school, area technology center, bus garage, and central office. An AED shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use in accordance with guidelines established by the Superintendent/designee. Expected users documented as having completed required training shall be authorized to use a defibrillator.

The District shall notify the local emergency medical services system and the local emergency communications or vehicle dispatch center of the existence, location, and type of each AED.

Defibrillators shall be maintained and tested in accordance with operational guidelines of the manufacturer and monitored as directed by the Superintendent/designee. Defibrillators shall be kept on school property and will not accompany EMS personnel to a hospital emergency room. **05.4**

Heat Indices – The Kentucky High School Athletic Association and the Kentucky Medical Association have adopted a procedure for avoiding heat injury/illness through analysis of Heat Index and restructuring of activities. All coaches are required to read, understand, and follow this procedure for practices and competitions.

<http://www.khsaa.org/sportsmedicine/heat/kmaheatrecommendationscomplete.pdf>

Availability of Water – It is the responsibility of the coaches to make sure that an adequate supply of water is available for all practices and competitions. Under no circumstances should a coach ever deny athletes the opportunity to hydrate as often as they desire.

Game/Practice Scheduling – All coaches/athletic administrators who bear the responsibility of game and practice scheduling should adhere to the KHSAA guidelines for limitation of seasons (Bylaw 25) when planning their season. Coaches/athletic administrators are required to present their basic practice and competition schedules to the appropriate school administrator for their approval at least three (3) weeks in advance.

Severe Weather Lightning Advisory – All coaches are required to read, understand, and adhere to the KHSAA and NFHS guidelines for severe weather and lightning.

<http://khsaa.org/sportsmedicine/lightning/nfhsguidelinesforlightning-october2010.pdf>

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 25.

Drug-Testing of Students

The Board has established a random drug and alcohol testing program for students participating in extra-curricular activities, including athletics. The plan to implement the drug testing program shall be developed by District personnel in cooperation with the testing laboratory and has been provided to all schools and is kept on file in the Central Office.

Each student who plans to participate in athletics at the middle and high school level in Lee County Schools shall have his/her parent or guardian sign a written consent for drug/alcohol testing as a prerequisite to the student's participation in an athletic program. The written consent grants permission to perform a random urinalysis for drug testing during the course of the school year for each student athlete.

- First Violation – Four (4) week or four (4) game suspensions

- Second Violation – Eighteen (18) week or eighteen (18) game suspension
- Third Violation – Exclusion from participation in any extracurricular activity for two (2) school years of the student’s eligibility in Lee County Schools.

Note: Additional consequences also apply to this policy. **09.423**

Sportsmanship

“The Kentucky High School Athletic Association requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules for athletes and coaches. We will not tolerate negative statements or actions between opposing players, especially trash-talking, taunting or baiting of opponents. If such comments are heard or actions seen, a penalty will be assessed immediately. We have been instructed not to issue warnings. Let today’s contest reflect mutual respect.”

It is the clear obligation of all official representatives of member schools to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 15.

The following behaviors represent the types of behaviors that will not be tolerated at school/District athletic events including practices. Those who exhibit such behaviors will be asked to leave the premises, and extreme or repeated violation may result in permanent exclusion from school/District athletic events.

- Verbally berating players, coaches, official administrators or others in attendance.
- Use of obscene language or gestures or acts of physical violence or threats of violence directed at same or at contest officials.

Specifically, actions that are discouraged and may warrant further action include, but are not limited to:

1. Cursing and use of obscenities,
2. Disrupting or threatening to disrupt school or office operations,
3. Acting in an unsafe manner that could threaten the health or safety of others,
4. Verbal or written statements or gestures indicating intent to harm an individual or property, and
5. Physical attacks intended to harm an individual or substantially damage property. **05.45/10.21**

Awards and Recognitions

The Board recognizes that a significant part of interscholastic athletics is the recognition of achievement by student-athletes. All teams shall hold an end-of-season recognition ceremony where student achievement is recognized. The individual sport shall establish the criteria that will be used to determine whether or not an athlete has achieved status as a varsity, junior-varsity, etc., member and whether a varsity letter will be awarded. The criteria shall be clearly defined and communicated to the team members at the beginning of the season.

Please refer to KHSAA Bylaw 10.

All teams shall make a strong effort to get as many participants as possible to attend the Kiwanis Sports Awards night. This night is set aside to honor all of our student-athletes.

Awards and Recognitions:

Lee County Middle/High School shall maintain an equitable policy in the terms of awards and recognitions for each team.

- Each team will choose what they would like to do to recognize their senior members at the end of the season. This will be the responsibility of the head coach and will communicate this to the Athletic Director what arrangements have been made. Money spent for the event will be based on the number of athletes participating.
- Kiwanis Sports Awards will recognize the athletes for the year. The Kiwanis have taken on this responsibility as a service to the school sports program for the past several years. Kiwanis recognize the following awards:
 - Archery :
 - Girls Most Improved
 - Girls Best Performer
 - Boys Most Improved
 - Boys Best Performer
 - Baseball :
 - Best Batting Average
 - Most Improved
 - MVP
 - Basketball - Boys:
 - Most Rebounds
 - Most Assists
 - Best Free Throw%
 - Most Improved
 - MVP
 - Sixth Man Award
 - Basketball - Girls:
 - Most Rebounds

- Most Assists
 - Best Free Throw%%
 - Most Improved
 - MVP
 - Sixth Woman Award
- Bass Fishing:
 - Best Overall Team Performance
- Bowling:
 - Girls Most Improved
 - Girls High Average
 - Boys Most Improved
 - Boys High Average
- Cheer:
 - Most Improved
 - Most Spirited
- Cross Country:
 - Girls Best Performer
 - Boys Best Performer
- Esports:
 - Most Improved
 - Best Performer
- Golf:
 - Girls Best Performer
 - Boys Best Performer
 - Girls Most Improved
 - Boys Most Improved
- Softball:
 - Best Batting Average
 - Most Improved
 - MVP
- Tennis:
 - Girls Most Improved
 - Girls Best Singles Performer
 - Boys Most Improved
 - Boys Best Singles Performer
 - Best Double Performers
- Track & Field:
 - Girls Most Improved
 - Girls Best Performer
 - Boys Most Improved
 - Boys Best Performer
- Volleyball:
 - Most Improved
 - Best Performer
- Girls Sportsmanship Award / Boys Sportsmanship Award - senior selected by coaches
- Girls Scholastic Achievement Award / Boys Scholastic Achievement Award - selected as the senior girl and boy with the highest-grade point average
- Brandon Napier Ambassador Award - senior girl or boy selected by committee

- Dustin Liesegang Senior Athlete of the Year Award - senior girl or boy selected by committee
- All end of the year additional awards that are given are based on the head coach and the purchase is made from the individual sports account.
- Senior banners will be awarded each year for the senior members on each team. Each senior will be awarded only one banner to be hung in the gym for the season. The purchase of these banners will be divided between the individual sports team that each senior is a member of.
- Banner or jerseys may be requested to be retired to the principal and/or Athletic Director. Those recommendations/suggestions will be submitted to the Superintendent who will form a committee to determine a recommendation to be presented to the Board.

Section**5****Appendix****Code of Ethics for Coaches**

The function of a coach is to educate students through participation in interscholastic competition. An interscholastic program should be designed to enhance academic achievement and should never interfere with opportunities for academic success. Each student-athlete should be treated as though he or she was the coaches' own, and his or her welfare should be uppermost at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the NFCA Board of Directors.

- The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with student-athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the state high school athletic association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
- The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.
- The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.
- The coach shall promote the entire interscholastic program of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the total school program.
- The coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep club sponsors, booster clubs, and administrators.
- The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

- Before and after contests, coaches for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
- A coach shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give student-athletes special consideration. A coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA).

-National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS)

Supervision/Conduct - Extra-Curricular Activities

This policy applies to all extra-curricular activities. Included are academic, athletic, band and similar activities provided for the benefit of students. The policy applies to actual competitions, practices or preparations, related travel and/or other situations where school personnel are in supervision of students involved in an extra curricular activity.

Specifically prohibited are cursing and other derogatory or inflammatory remarks or actions toward or in the presence of students. Conduct or demands beyond the reasonable standards for student supervision are prohibited. School personnel are models of the acceptable standards to which students are held.

Specific consequences are noted to signify the expectation of compliance with this policy.

1. Upon reasonable assurance of a violation of this policy, the principal is directed to conduct further investigation. If reasonable evidence of a violation exists, the principal shall forward the results to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall review the evidence and if warranted shall extend the opportunity for a hearing to the personnel involved. Actions, if warranted, shall be in line with the following recommendations.
 - A. First offense – suspension from one competition.
 - B. Second offense – suspension from 3-5 competitions.
 - C. Further violations – suspension from extra curricular supervision.
 - D. Flagrant violations may be cause to bypass A & B.
 - E. Violations are cumulative.

This policy reflects the expectations of the school board and administrative staff. The contributions of personnel involved in extra-curricular activities are recognized and appreciated. The standards embraced in this policy will only enhance extra-curricular programs.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Acknowledgement Form

2023-24 School Year

I, _____, have access on the
Employee Name

District’s website to the Coaches’ Handbook issued by the District, and have the ability to request a hard copy from my supervisor, and understand and agree that I am to review this handbook in detail and to consult District and school policies and procedures with my Principal/supervisor if I have any questions concerning its contents.

I understand and agree:

1. that this handbook is intended as a general guide to District personnel policies and procedures and that it is not intended to create any sort of contract between the District and any one or all of its employees;
2. that the District may modify any or all of the referenced policies and procedures, in whole or in part, at any time, with or without prior notice; and
3. that in the event the District modifies any of the information contained in this handbook, the changes will become binding on me immediately upon issuance of the new or revised policy or procedure by the District.
4. that my athletic contract is a yearly contract. I will be evaluated on a year to year basis by the Athletic Director, Principal and Board appointed Administrator to determine my contract renewal for the following year.
5. that I am responsible to follow the guidelines that are outlined in the Lee County Employee Handbook, District Code of Conduct and all Lee County School Board Policies and Procedures.

I understand that as an employee of the District I am required to review and follow the information set forth in this handbook and rules disseminated by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and other governing bodies specific to the sport/s I coach and I agree to do so.

Signature of Employee

Date

Printed Name

Return this signed form to the Central Office.