



Harrisburg Academy Middle School Athletic Core Values

Academy coaches are, foremost, teachers who focus on the “whole child” development of each student as an athlete and contributing member of the team. Coaches are aware of the physical abilities of their athletes and, while encouraging students to reach their growth potential, strive to keep them safe. Coaches and parents are positive role models for the behavior expected of all students, athletes, other spectators, officials, and opponents.

The Academy’s athletics program is an essential part of our students’ education. Athletics fosters the development of character, lifetime wellness skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship, as well as integrity, fairness and respect. The benefits extend beyond the final score of any contest. The values that are in the Academy’s athletic program support, and are consistent with, the core values and mission of our school community.

The Academy has a proud athletic tradition. Academy athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner that contributes to a positive and supportive learning environment for all members of the team. The following core values are designed to help an Academy student recognize the importance of becoming a successful student athlete. By signing the Statement of Support for Core Values, the athlete understands his/her responsibilities as a student/athlete at the Academy. Likewise, parent/guardian understanding of the core values is just as important.

Middle School Athlete’s Statement of Support for Core Values

- Dress and conduct myself in a manner that shows honor and respect for my teammates, the Academy, and myself. Demonstrate self-control, sportsmanship, and fair play in practice and competition toward the members of my team, the opposing team and its coaches, game officials, and spectators.
- Support my coaches and team by following team rules and decisions by my coaches.
- Comply with the practice schedule of my coaches and be prepared for all events, including those scheduled during the preseason, on weekends and during holiday vacations. (The schedules of practices and games are posted at: <https://haspartans.bigteams.com/>)
- I must be in school by 10:30 on the day of a game to participate, unless otherwise approved by the Middle School Athletics Director.
- If I must be absent, I will notify my coaches prior to the practice or game. I understand that some coaches will want a written note.
- Be responsible for all equipment/uniforms issued to me and return them when requested.
- Report all injuries to my coaches and follow the instructions of my coaches or athletic trainer.
- Ride the team bus/van to and from away games unless otherwise authorized by my coaches.

- Strive to meet my academic and co-curricular requirements. Be responsible for submitting all class assignments in a timely manner when leaving school early for a game. I understand that, unless I have a game, I am expected to attend study club from 3:00-3:45 (M-Thursday) if my current grade average in any two core subjects is a D or lower.
- Neither participate in nor condone any form of hazing or harassment of my teammates.
- Comply with Academy's drug and alcohol policy.

Finally, I understand that violating the *Athlete's Statement of Support for Core Values* will result in consequences (e.g., removal from a game, suspension, removal from the team, or other actions) determined by my coaches, Middle School Athletics Director, or other school administrators. I understand that if I have questions about any of these values, I should address them with my coaches first and then the Middle School Athletics Director.

I acknowledge that I have read and do understand the Academy's *Statement of Athletics Program Core Values*, and I agree to abide by the principles of the *Athlete's Statement of Support for Core Values*.

Student-athlete's signature: _____

Date: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and do understand the Academy's *Statement of Athletics Program Core Values*, and agree to support my son/daughter's compliance with the principles of the *Athlete's Statement of Support for Core Values*. Likewise, I agree to support the coaching staff. I understand that if I have questions or concerns, I will address them with coaches at an appropriate time and place.

Academy parent/guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____