



Statement of Athletics Program Core Values

The Academy's athletics program is an essential part of our students' education. Athletics foster the development of character, lifetime wellness skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, integrity, and a sense of fairness and respect. Athletes work together toward a common purpose and a collective sense of achievement. The benefits extend beyond the final score of any contest. The values inherent in the Academy's athletic program support, and are consistent with, the core values and mission of our school community and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), and the best practices of independent schools.

Academy coaches are, foremost, teachers who focus on the "whole child" development of each student as an athlete and contributing member of the team. Our coaches have a strong collegial relationship with other members of the Academy's faculty and staff. Coaches are aware of the physical abilities of their athletes and strive to keep them safe, while encouraging new levels of achievement. Coaches are role models for the behavior expected of all spectators and participants at any athletic event. It is essential that parents also serve as positive role models toward the students, athletes, coaches, spectators, officials, and opponents.

Team members are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner that contributes to a positive and supportive learning environment for all members of the team. In this spirit, the following *Statement of Support for Core Values* is designed to draw the attention of Academy students to critical components of being successful athletes. The goal is for each athlete to understand his/her responsibilities as a student/athlete at the Academy and respond accordingly.

The Academy has a proud athletic tradition, but we take most pride in developing respectful student/athletes. By signing the *Statement of Support for Core Values*, students are committing support for their team. Likewise, parent/guardian support is critical as it demonstrates understanding of and agreement with the principles listed below.

Upper School Athlete's Statement of Support for Core Values

To continue be a member of a Harrisburg Academy athletic team, I understand that I must:

- Support my coaches and team by abiding by the team rules and coaching strategies and decisions of 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/> listing Students must be in school by 10:30 am on the date of the game to participate, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Athletics. 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.
- Avoid the use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco while in season, including the ban of

performance-enhancing drugs. The coach, in coordination with the Director of Athletics, has the authority to limit game time, mandate game suspensions, up to and including removal from the team if it is brought to the school's attention that a player has been seen, heard or caught with any of the above mentioned substances. Trinity High School student-athletes will comply with their school's drug and alcohol policy. I will not allow poor judgment to hurt myself or compromise my teammates' opportunities to participate successfully.

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Neither participate in nor condone any form of hazing or harassment of my teammates.
- ✓ Be responsible for all equipment/uniforms issued to me and return them promptly at the end of the season.
- ✓ 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 acknowledge that I will not be able to participate in practices or games if my current grade average in any two core subjects is a D, or lower. Trinity High School student-athletes must be in compliance with their school's eligibility requirements.

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, Director of Athletics, or other school administrators. I understand that if I have questions about any of these principles, I should address them with my coaches first, and then the athletics director.

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

Student-athlete's signature: _____
Date: _____

I acknowledge that we have read and 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: _____