

**THUNDER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
FOR STUDENT ATHLETES**

Representing our school and district, as a member of a sports team is a privilege that student athletes must accept with a full sense of responsibility. Along with this, it should be understood that you represent our school and district, and the image one demonstrates will be regarded as the standard for the school and district. It is the desire of the school administration and the involved coaches that the image for our school and district is of a positive nature, and one that will enhance the image of our school and district both inside and outside our community. This accepted kind of behavior and attitude is expected to be shown in the classroom, school, and on the field, court, or mats. Our expectations are that every participant follows these expectations. This will ensure a positive experience for everyone involved.

**A. General Behavior**

- a. Language: The use of profane or improper language is not acceptable. Extreme verbal outbursts show a lack of self-control and immaturity; these reflect on the school and district as well as the individual.
- b. Attitude: There is an expectation that all athletes be courteous, mature, cooperative, and respectful at all times. Individuals should conduct themselves with the knowledge that they, alone, are responsible for their own actions.

**B. Appearance/Dress Code**

- a. Team members should present a neat appearance at all functions pertaining to their activity. This includes proper practice uniform and a neat and orderly appearance for all games, as well as the immediate return of all uniform items issued.

**C. General Commitment**

- a. Academics: Realizing that academics are the priority of the middle school years, students are expected to maintain acceptable standards of academic achievement. Academic responsibilities include attendance, punctuality, cooperation, appropriate behavior, respect for teachers and fellow students, and a genuine effort on all class work, homework, and tests. Individuals struggling in a subject should seek extra help.
- b. Practices and Games: Team members must demonstrate a commitment to the program by attending practices and games and must be on time every day. Athletes realize the importance of game preparation. Regular practice includes being on time, properly dressed and assisting with equipment needs.

Parents who attend their sons/daughters games are encouraged to support our Code of Conduct. While attending games and supporting your children, parent behavior should be in line with the expectations we have in our code of conduct for our athletes.

Any disregard or violations of the code of conduct could result in suspension or removal of the student from the activity that he/she is involved in.

I have read the above code of conduct and will abide by them to ensure that my participation in the activity is a positive and rewarding experience.

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Student Name

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Parent Signature

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Student Signature

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Date