

# 2023-2024 Middle School Athletic Code



Farnsworth Middle School  
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Athletic Coordinator: Jacob Milbrath



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Principal: Dr. Ted DiStefano  
Assistant Principal: Josh Torres  
Athletic Coordinator: Mark Simmer

## Mission:

The mission of the Sheboygan Area School District Middle School Athletics Program is to provide all students with the opportunity to participate and experience athletics in a respectful, responsible, and safe environment.

## Goals:

- To provide student athletes an organized activity to help facilitate their social, emotional, and cognitive growth.
- To allow students the opportunity to learn and practice various athletic activities.
- To promote 21st century learning skills, collaboration, creativity, problem solving, and critical thinking.
- To generate a sense of school pride and culture between students, staff, and community.

Offered Activities		
6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Cross Country (September-October)	Cross Country (September-October)	Cross Country (September-October)
	Girls Volleyball (September-October)	Girls Volleyball (September-October)
	Boys Basketball (November-December)	Boys Basketball (November-December)
	Girls Basketball (January-February)	Girls Basketball (January-February)
Wrestling (January-February)	Wrestling (January-February)	Wrestling (January-February)
Tennis (April-May)	Tennis (April-May)	Tennis (April-May)
Track (April-May)	Track (April-May)	Track (April-May)

**Participation:** Middle School athletics in the Sheboygan Area School District function on a “no cut” policy. This means any and all students who are interested in participating in Interscholastic Athletics have the opportunity to do so.

**Academics:** Academics are an integral component in being a student athlete. All athletes are required to maintain and produce grades that meet expectations in the classroom. Students must be passing all classes (D-, or better) in order to participate in practice &/or games - grades will be reviewed periodically. Students not able to participate due to grades must work on improving their grades during practice &/or games.

**Behavior:** All Sheboygan Area School District Middle School students are expected to be respectful, responsible, and safe. Students who fail to meet the expectations found in the Student Handbook are at risk of losing playing time. Students who receive **In School or Out of School suspensions during the season**, will be suspended one game for each day of the suspension.

For example - One (1) day out of school suspension = One (1) Game suspension from interscholastic athletics.

**Physicals:** Students will need to have an updated WIAA physical on record before they can practice OR play. Physicals fall under two different categories, Physical Cards and Alternate Year Cards. If the student already has a physical form filed with an independent athletic association, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain a copy for the Sheboygan Area School District.

- A Physical Card is required the first year of participation in athletics. Physical Cards are “good” for two years.
- Alternate Year Cards are required for the second year of the Physical Card. This card is good for one year.

**Concussion Test:** Athletes and Parents/Guardians will be required to read and sign the concussion information provided by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). This form is required before athletes may practice or play.

**Attendance:** Student athletes must be present during the school day to be eligible to practice or play in the evening after school. Absences during the day due to medical appointments or family emergencies are excused and do not affect practice or game participation. Students with truancy issues may be precluded from participating until the issues have been resolved.

**Travel:** Transportation to away competitions will be provided by the Sheboygan Area School District. Students must travel on the provided transportation in order to be eligible to play in the game that afternoon. Students will have the option to travel home with their parents/guardians only after the conclusion of the game. Students will not be able to travel home with siblings, friends, or grandparents unless they are the legal parent/guardian of the student athlete. **If alternate travel plans need to be made, a handwritten note must be supplied to the school office and/or coach prior to the athletic event.**

**Injuries:** Coaches will notify parents/guardians of any and all injuries that occur during practice or games. Accident/Injury reports will also be filed with the middle school office staff.

**Financial Obligations and Equipment:** A \$20 participation fee per sport is required to participate, and a \$40 maximum per student. There is also a family maximum of \$80 per school year. Students will also be responsible for their school issued uniforms throughout the season. If a jersey is lost, a fine will be applied to the student's fees.

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Student's Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

I have read and fully understand the rules and regulations stated in the Middle School Athletic Code. My participation in athletic activities is a privilege and not a right. I acknowledge that, as a participant representing the Sheboygan Area School District, I serve as a role model for all students. Having recognized this, I pledge to honor this code during my enrollment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read and fully understand these rules and regulations and will enforce and uphold them. I understand that failure to do so will result in my student athlete's ineligibility to participate. I also understand a signed athletic code, concussion form, complete physical, and an athletic fee must be completed before my student athlete may participate in practice or competitions.

Athletic Code

Physical Card

Concussion Form

Fee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date