

**Waterloo Community School District's
Middle School
Academic Expectations and Protocols**

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES:

- Last day for an athlete to be cleared to participate is the day before the team's first competition.
 - Clearance Documents:
 - Athletic Physical
 - Concussion Form
 - Student/Guardian Contract (Turned into Athletic Director)
 - Information Card (white travel card)

ATTENDANCE:

Students who are absent for all or part of a school day will not be allowed to participate in practice, competition, or performances on that day unless special permission is received from the building principal or his/her designee. If a student begins attending classes as of 10:30 a.m., attends the rest of the day, and the absence prior to 10:30 a.m. was excused, the student will be allowed to participate in practice, competition, or performances that day. If the student leaves the building during the school day without prior permission from the principal or their designee they will not be allowed to participate in athletics that day.

BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES:

Per the Waterloo School's District policy, students who are on out-of-school suspension or expulsion are not allowed on any school property or to attend any school activity, including athletic events. Students who are on in-school suspension must go directly to and from the assigned room for in-school suspension and are not allowed on any other area of school property or to attend any school activity, including athletic events. Students who are assigned to in-school suspension for reasons other than behavioral will be allowed to practice and compete in athletic events.

ACADEMIC GUIDELINES—MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:

A. All students will be considered eligible in the fall of their 7th grade year unless a good conduct violation has occurred during the summer prior to the 7th grade year. Grades will be monitored on a weekly basis for all 7th and 8th grade student-athletes.

B. Participation Requirements for Student-Athletes

1. No major discipline problems.
2. Attendance at all practices, team sessions (with the exception of excused absences)
3. Work with academic supports provided and/or adhere to any academic improvement plans developed
4. Meet District attendance policy requirements
5. Adhere to District Student Conduct Code

C. Building administrators will work with teachers and coaches to develop a system to monitor student progress and eligibility. Students are expected to keep up with homework on a daily basis. Study tables will be offered to students who are struggling and/or hold an "F" in any core class. For the vast majority of students, doing daily work will lead to satisfactory grades. Staff dealing with academics and extra-curricular activities shall develop a partnership. Teaching teams will work with coaches and sponsors to make sure that students have assigned work finished before engaging in other activities. Teaching students to understand this connection at the middle school level should lead to more success in all areas. Attendance at school and practices is mandatory. If a student continually misses practice, he/she may be referred to the building athletic director or school activities administrator for removal from the team.

Waterloo Community School's Athletic Study Tables

Rationale: The Waterloo Community School District is committed to student excellence in the areas of academics and extracurriculars. Our Middle School staff acknowledges that participation in athletics can dramatically enhance the overall success a student has in school. Student-athletes are presented with a unique opportunity and expectation to be leaders both in the classroom and on the playing fields. Student-athletes are students first and therefore, our staff will continue to encourage and emphasize academic excellence from our athletes.

Purpose: The purpose of study tables will be to ensure that our student-athletes meet the academic expectations required to participate in extracurricular activities. In addition, study tables will be used to grant the student extra assistance and individual guidance when possible.

What are study tables?: Study tables will consist of students working on missing work, incomplete work and/or any activity that is directly connected to and will improve the student's failing grade. Staff will be present to facilitate study tables.

Day & Time: To be determined

***Continued Participation:** If a student willingly participates in study tables, he/she will be allowed to continue participating in competitions, while working to improve his/her failing grade. The coach and athletic director will remain in communication through this process. If a student has a failing grade and refuses to participate in study tables, he or she will lose the privilege to participate until the grade is improved to above failing.

Please sign and return the portion below the dashed line to your coach.

My son/daughter and I have read and understand the expectations set forth by Waterloo Community Schools..

Student: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____

Circle your grade, please.

7th Grade

8th Grade