

## CELEBRATION HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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## CELEBRATION ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY KIDS FIRST- WINNING SECOND

Extracurricular activities are an extension of the classroom. Interscholastic athletic programs exist because research indicates that students involved in extracurricular activities have a greater chance of success upon graduation. Your child will learn values such as determination, hard work, teamwork, sportsmanship, interpersonal skills, ethical conduct, and how to strive for success. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are the same as those that will promote a successful life after high school. With your help and positive support of the high school staff, the experience can be rewarding for all.

High School parents and fans are a tremendous asset to our programs and we are extremely grateful for your cooperation, support, and loyalty. As spectators at contests, parents and fans can significantly contribute to the fine reputation we have earned in the area of sportsmanship- but unfortunately, problems occur from time to time. We expect student athletes to hold themselves to highest standards of sportsmanship, and hope parents and other fans will themselves serve as role models for our students by exhibiting high standards of sportsmanship as well. We must never lose sight of the fact that the participants in interscholastic athletics are only "youngsters". Officials and game management personnel are there to make this a positive experience for everyone. Please treat them accordingly.

The following guidelines should be followed at all times:

- Know and understand the rules of the contest.
- Show respect for officials and their decisions.
- Show respect for opponents at all times.
- Recognize and appreciate the varying skill levels of all student athletes participating.
- Maintain self-control at all times & show a positive attitude when cheering.

If you have questions regarding selection process, playing time, team policies/procedures, etc. those are best directed to the individual head coaches. Please afford them the respect of contacting them first when problems arise. Please follow the "24 hour" rule, and wait until the day after the game, practice, etc. in question. Allowing for time for emotions to cool down and reason to take over, often times resolves many problems without further issue.

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