

HAWTHORN ATHLETIC POLICY

Your student is interested in being part of a Hawthorn Academy athletic team. This requires a big commitment from your student and they will need your support. Students will need to attend study halls and practices EVERY DAY throughout the season. Games will be on Mondays and Wednesdays for volleyball and Tuesdays and Thursdays for all other sports. We will be travelling to some games. Hawthorn Academy does not provide buses to the away events.

Parents and athletes must provide transportation to the games. Please discuss the responsibility your student will have if they decide to participate. If students are interested in participating in other after school clubs, sports, or activities they will need to ensure that the schedule times do not interfere with practice times.

Academic Requirements:

Students will be required to maintain a C or above in **ALL** of their classes. Students shall bring a printed copy of the most recent term's grades to tryouts. Students with D's or F's **will not** be allowed to tryout. Upon making the team, a failing grade on a weekly grade check will result in suspended participation in practices and games; however, they are still required to attend all study halls, practices and games. During practices they will work on their homework in order to raise their grade. By attending practice they will still support their team members and review/learn new plays.

*Printouts of Grade Reports from SIS will be required for the student to turn in to the athletic director **EVERY** Monday before 12pm. This will determine eligibility for the games that week. **It is the student's responsibility to provide this printout each week. E-mailed copies are not acceptable.** Grade slips must be printed at home. Please do not ask teachers and/or the office.

Students that need to print at school, please see the athletic director or PE coach for a computer to print grades; students must know their SIS login to print at school.

- Ineligible athletes will be allowed to turn in an updated grade slip on Wednesday by 12pm to determine Thursday eligibility.

Grades:

- Prints out of grade report due Mondays to your coach or athletic director no later than 12pm- the end of middle school lunch
- Grades WILL NOT be negotiated. If a student feels that grades are not accurately updated; the student must get grade report signed off by the subject teacher prior to lunch WITHOUT disrupting any class time.
- Failure to submit grades by the end of the school day = zero playing time and will be reflected as a suspended game.
- All study halls are mandatory unless excused for the below reason; Missing study hall is the equivalent to missing practice.

Study Hall Grade Addendum: If a student has a 'B+' or higher in all classes, the student and parents reserve the right to opt out the study hall time with the following requirements:

1- Students must be picked up from school and return ON TIME for the schedule practice time. This means that the student cannot stay after school in any classroom until the practice time.

2- If the student chooses to stay, he/she **MUST** come prepared with academic work or a book for the duration of the study hall. Ipods, cell phones, and computer (unless needed for academic work) will not be used during study hall.

3- **Parents must sign the grades slip** each week to indicate that they are assuming responsibility for the athlete's academic progress and are agreeing to the conditions of opting out of the study hall times.

- If in choosing this option, being late to practice could result in decreased playing time or lack of a starting position for games.

Consequences:

Decreased playing time: Suspension from Game(s)

1. Failure to submit grade report by noon
2. Failure to submit a grade report prior to game times
3. Academic dishonesty will result in suspension and may result in dismissal from the team.
4. Absence from study hall or practice
5. Disciplinary issues at school- i.e. inappropriate behavior, detentions, ISS, etc.
6. Attitude or behavior at school or practice or games that is unbecoming conduct that is not in harmony with IB traits and attitudes

**** The above mentioned are examples of decreased play or game suspension and not limited to the mentioned incidents.**

- Any athlete missing 6 games throughout the season will be dismissed from the team.

Parent and Athlete Conduct:

1- Parents are a representative of Hawthorn Academy; please set a respectful example. Parents not being respectful to the officials and/or both athletic teams will be asked to leave.

2- Athletes acting disrespectful, inappropriately, or in an otherwise negative manner towards Hawthorn, visiting schools, or officials will be dismissed from game and suspended from the next game

3- Athletes must remember that they are at school sponsored functions and issues will be handled as they would during the school day.

- Remember you are a student first, then an athlete.

Sports offered at Hawthorn Academy:

Cross Country: August- October

Coed Volleyball: August – October

Boys Varsity and JV Basketball: November- March

Girls Basketball: Nov. – March

Coed Soccer: March – May

Please email Athletic Director Vance Brown at vbrown@hawthornacademy.org with any question pertaining to athletics at Hawthorn Academy.

General information:

- Student athletes must maintain their grades throughout the school year.
- Absence from school on game day= ineligibility for the game. Athlete must be at school at least ½ day.
- Fees will be announced prior to tryouts for each sports season
- A signature from the student's physician indicating they have had a recent physical and are physically able to participate is required of each athlete upon making the team.
- A Consent Waiver, Permission Slip, and Proof of Insurance will be required.
- Practices will be daily until games begin with a mandatory study hall once a week. Lack of attendance at practices, games, and/or Study hall (without study hall addendum release) **WILL** affect playing time.
- Games on: Monday and Wednesday (Volleyball); Tuesdays and/or Thursdays for other sports.
- Failure to turn in any uniforms at the end of the season will result in a fine for the total purchase price.