

# Crestview Local Schools

Department of Athletics



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## **STUDENT-ATHLETE & PARENT HANDBOOK 2018-2019**

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**INTRODUCTION**  
**WELCOME TO CRESTVIEW ATHLETICS**

Congratulations parents, as your sons and/or daughters become members of the athletic department of the Crestview Local Schools. This will be your first real experience with the excitement and intensity of interscholastic athletics. Both parents and athletes have the opportunity to learn many valuable lessons throughout the various seasons.

The Athletic Department welcomes you to the world of interscholastic athletics. We want you to feel free to ask questions when you do not understand something or when a situation comes up that is not covered specifically in our guidelines. Voice mail is available on the athletic department phone extension. Your calls will be returned in a timely manner when the athletic director is not at their desk. The HS phone number is 330-482-4744, and the MS number is 330-892-3116.

**PHILOSOPHY CRESTVIEW ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

The Athletic Department is headed by the athletic directors who work closely with the superintendent, principals and head coaches to bring about an athletic program that is commensurate in coaching and school philosophies.

The department consists of both middle and high school students and the programs need to show evidence of interrelating from the one level to the next. In so doing, it is important that the head coach of each sport work with the athletic directors, building principal and superintendent.

The Crestview Schools recognize athletics as one of the many educational experiences provided for young people during their school years. Our programs strive to satisfy our student's interests in competitive athletics as well as to develop their health, physical fitness and recreational needs. Other benefits are social ability, psychological growth, and developing positive attitudes including pride, loyalty and cooperation.

Athletic participation at Crestview is a means to the end of developing well-rounded student-athletes. Rebel athletics are never an end in themselves.

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

As members of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC) and members of the All American Conference (AAC), we believe that we should conduct ourselves at all times in a manner that will bring respect to our schools, our teams, our conferences and ourselves. Rebel fans need to gracefully accept the results of athletic contests.

Athletics are very valuable in the total education process, but it is only when we play the game and support our teams with worthy intentions that we can achieve these values. Our cheerleaders will always lead the student cheering section using positive cheers. Negative cheers, jeers, taunts, foul language and boos are unacceptable.

**REBEL FANS ARE EXPECTED TO:**

- a) Stay off the court, field or track during the contest
- b) Avoid inappropriate language
- c) Refrain from throwing objects onto the playing area or into the stands
- d) Refrain from verbally or physically attacking coaches, players, officials, or opposing fans

- e) For indoor sports, please refrain from bringing confetti or mechanical noise makers.
- f) Remain in assigned areas
- g) Follow the school dress code
- h) Cheer for their Rebel team under the direction of the cheerleaders

### **PRACTICE**

Under normal circumstances, athletes are expected to make every practice. Student-athletes must be present in school for half the day to be able to practice or play. If the athlete has an excused absence, they are permitted to practice and play. Examples of excused absences are college visitation, medical appointments, student council visitation and field trips. Coaches have the authority to issue penalties for unexcused, missed practices.

Athletes are strongly discouraged from taking vacations during their respective sport season. The following policy is in effect for student-athletes who miss practice and/or games due to vacations:

- a) For every practice missed, the athlete is expected to practice the same amount of times before they may participate in a contest.
- b) For every contest missed, the athlete must sit out the same number of contests immediately following their return from vacation.

A written doctor's release is required to be submitted to the head coach following an injury which causes an athlete to miss participation in practice or games. Students may not resume participation in their sport until the coach/AD/office receives a release from the doctor. Extenuating circumstances will be handled individually.

### **CONCUSSION**

**RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL:** If a student is removed from practice or competition due to a suspected concussion or head injury, the coach or referee who removes the student shall not permit the student, **ON THE SAME DAY THE STUDENT IS REMOVED**, to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or contest official is responsible. Thereafter, which means no earlier than the next day, the coach or contest officials shall not permit the student to return to practice or competition until both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) The student's condition is assessed by either of the following:
  - a. A physician, who is a person authorized under Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Revised Code (OCR) to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery (M.D. or D.O.)
  - b. Any other licensed health care provider that the school district board of education or other governing authority of a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school, authorizes to assess the student who has been removed from practice or competition.
- 2) The student receives written authorization that it is safe for the student to return to practice or competition from a physician or other licensed health care provider authorized to grant the clearance.

## **PLAYING TIME**

There is no guarantee on any amount of playing time. At the lower levels of play, middle school, freshman and junior varsity, the coaches will attempt to play as many athletes as possible. At the varsity level, the coaches will strive to win their games and playing time could be very limited on certain occasions.

## **TALKING TO THE COACH**

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult tasks. By establishing an understanding of each position we are better able to accept the actions of the other. As parents, when your child becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on them. This begins with clear communication from the coach:

The HEAD COACH should:

1. Explain his/her reasons for actions
2. Set expectations
3. Announce locations and times of practices and contests
4. Explain team requirements
5. Explain discipline that results in the denial of participation

The PARENT should:

1. Express concerns directly to the coach
2. Notify the coach of foreseeable problems well in advance
3. Speak with the coach about any specific concern of that sport

The following list is the coach's area of responsibility and those decisions reside with the coach and are not discussion topics.

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other athletes

When a parent wishes to discuss a problem with a coach, the proper procedure is to schedule an appointment for a time that is convenient to both parties. **No** discussion should take place immediately following a contest (at this time, people tend to say things based upon emotions and not facts.)

The following line of authority for the athletic department needs to be followed:

1. **Athlete - coach**
2. **Parent (with or without athlete) – coach**
3. **Parent – coach – athletic director**
4. **Parent –principal**
5. **Parent – Superintendent**

## **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**

### **Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA)**

All beginning ninth graders must have received passing grades in 5 subjects of ALL COURSES taken in the last grading period of the eighth grade. Eligibility for each grading period is determined by grades received the preceding grading period. Semester and yearly grades have no effect on eligibility.

Grades 9-12: To be eligible, a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period and have a minimum GPA for that period of 1.25.

Grades 7-8: To be eligible, a student-athlete must be currently enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in 5 subjects in which enrolled the immediately preceding grading period. All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible for athletic participation.

### **CRESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL**

High School Student-Athletes:

1. In order to be eligible, a student-athlete must pass five credits in the nine-weeks grading period occurring directly prior to their sports season.
2. A student-athlete must earn the minimum 1.25 GPA at the end of the nine-weeks.
3. The student-athlete must earn the minimum academic credits required by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
4. The student-athlete must continue to earn the minimum academic requirements of the OHSAA during the grade checks at intervals of every two weeks throughout participation of the student-athletes sport season.
5. If the student-athlete is not passing the minimum academic requirements, a single probationary period will be allotted of one week to afford the student-athlete the opportunity to improve his/her grade(s) before ineligibility will be enacted.
6. If a student-athlete is deemed ineligible after the probationary period, the student-athlete will not participate in games for one week. After that one week, the student-athlete's grades will be reviewed to make certain he/she is passing the minimum requirements to regain eligibility.
7. All appropriate forms must be turned in: current physical, emergency medical form, field trip permission slip, insurance verification waiver, and athletic contract.

### **CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Prospective middle school student-athletes must have meet OHSAA minimum guidelines in order to try out for a sport.

A student must be passing 5 subjects and not have any incompletes on the report card to be eligible to try-out for the team.

1. A student's eligibility during any grading period shall be determined by the grades earned on the report card. To be eligible a student must be passing 5 subjects and not have any incompletes in any subject. If a student becomes ineligible during a sports season, he/she

will be ineligible until the next report card. **The student may not practice or attend any events until he/she has regained eligibility.**

2. Any athlete who fails to participate in Physical Education shall not be eligible to compete that day.
3. This eligibility applies to **all** extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including sports, cheerleading, weight-training.
4. All appropriate forms must be turned in: current physical, emergency medical form, field trip permission slip, insurance verification waiver, concussion, sudden cardiac arrest, and athletic contract.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Ejection from a contest: OHSAA bylaw 12-1 states that any player ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until two (2) regular season/tournament contests (one in football) are played at the same level as the ejection. If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest(s).

A student determined to be smoking or using smokeless tobacco will be denied the right to participate in the next contest. This would be in addition to any school discipline. A second offense results in being denied participation for the remainder of the season.

Vandalism or theft will result in the denial to participate in the next one contest. A second offense will result in denied participation for the remainder of the season.

Use, sale, or possession of illegal drugs / alcohol will result in denial of participation for the remainder of the contest, possible season. This would be in effect even when students are not in the season of their sport.

Unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior will result in a minimum penalty of suspension from the next contest.

Appeal: Each participant has the right to appeal to the building principal any disciplinary action by the coach.

**OHSAA BYLAWS**  
Out of Season Participation

Athletes may try out for, practice and compete in non-scholastic programs prior to and after the school season during the school year under the following conditions:

- A. The number of players from the same school is limited to
  - a. Soccer – 5
  - b. Baseball – 4
  - c. Softball – 4
  - d. Volleyball – 3
  - e. Basketball – 2

This rule is not in effect from June 1 – July 31. Football squad members are prohibited from non-interscholastic participation except from June 1 – July 31.

- B. A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic team in a national qualifying tournament after July 31 until the team is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.
- C. An athlete may have no contact with school coaching staff in non-interscholastic programs except from June 1 – July 31.

Participation by an athlete in a non-interscholastic contest while a member of a school squad in the same sport is PROHIBITED. An athlete becomes a member of a squad by participating in an interscholastic contest (scrimmage, preview or regular contest).

**RESIDENCY**

A student is eligible at the school located in the OHIO district where the parent or legal guardian resides. If the parent/legal guardian lives outside of Ohio, the student is not eligible unless they meet one of the exceptions to the residency bylaws.

When there has been a change of custody, the student must reside in the same school district with the legal guardian.

**TRANSFER**

OHSAA Bylaws 4-7-2, 4-7-4, 4-7-6 and 4-7-7

The basic transfer bylaw is quite simple. If a student transfers (changes) high schools at any time after establishing eligibility as a ninth grader (either by attending a school for five days or playing in a fall sport prior to the beginning of school), the student is INELIGIBLE at the new high school for the first fifty percent (50%) of the maximum allowable regular season contests in those sports in which the student participated during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding this transfer. NOTE: For purposes of this bylaw, a student is considered to have participated in a sport if he/she has entered, if for only one play, a scrimmage or contests at any level of competition/contests (e.g. freshman, junior varsity and varsity). No ruling is required from the Commissioner's Office, and no paperwork is necessary if a student transfers and cannot meet an exception to the transfer bylaw. Understanding that basic rule is fundamental to dealing with transfer students.

Of course, in our society today, students do indeed change schools for various reasons. To deal with those limited scenarios our member schools have adopted six exceptions, one of which MAY apply to a student who changes high schools. The use of the word MAY is instructive since not all transfer students can meet one of these exceptions and for each of these exceptions, the transfer student is INELIGIBLE until ruled eligible by

the Commissioner's Office. For a student to avail herself/himself of one of these exceptions, action on the part of the member school administrator as well as the OHSAA staff is required.

The purpose of this series on the Transfer Bylaw is to provide guidance as to the required action on each of the exceptions.

## **INTER-DISTRICT TRANSFERS**

- **Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 1 - Parents' Bona Fide Move into a New Public School District**
- **Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 2 - Change of Legal Custody**
- **Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 3 - School Closes/Discontinues Program After Grade 9 or Annexation/Consolidation**
- **Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 4 - Self-Supporting Student**
- **Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 5 - A student transferred to the State School for the Blind or State School for the Deaf shall be eligible upon enrollment.**
- **Bylaw 4-7-2, Exception 6 - New Construction - Home Not Ready for Habitation**

### **CAMPS**

Camps, clinics, workshops, etc. that involve team play may be attended from June 1-July 31 only. Team play is defined as any activity of individuals with more than one player opposing one player.

Individual skill instruction may be received at any time in individual or group lessons. There is no limit on the number of players from the same school participating on the same team from June 1 to July 31.

An athlete may have no contact in an instructional program with school coaching staff except during the season of the sport or for 10 days from June 1 – July 31.

Football – From June 1 to July 31, members of a football squad may play in non-contact football contests and attend non-contact team football camps.

### **AGE LIMITATIONS**

If a student enrolled in high school attains the age of 19 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in high school interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.

If a student enrolled in grade 7 or 8 attains the age of 15 before August 1, the student shall be ineligible to participate in 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade interscholastic athletics for the school year commencing in that calendar year.

A student shall become eligible for high school athletics when the student attains the fifteenth birthday before August 1, or when the student attains ninth grade standing.

The OHSAA commissioner may declare exceptions to both of the above age limitations if the student is a "child with a disability" as that term is defined at 42 U.S.C. Section 12102 (ADA).

### **EIGHT SEMESTER RULE (BYLAW 4-3-4)**

After a student completes the eighth grade, or is otherwise eligible for high school athletics pursuant to Bylaw 4-2-3, the student shall be eligible for a period not to exceed eight semesters taken in order of attendance. The OHSAA commissioner may grant an exception to this bylaw if the student is a “child with a disability” as that term is defined at 42 U.S.C. Section 12102 (ADA).

### **OHSAA CREDIT REFERENCE**

Passing grades must have been received in a minimum of five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. To determine credit equivalency, multiply full-year courses by a factor of 1; semester courses by a factor of 2; twelve-week courses by a factor of 3; and nine-week courses by a factor of 4.

For example high school courses:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Crestview Credit</b>	<b>OHSAA Equivalent credit</b>
English	1-all year	1 X 1= 1
Health	½-semester	½ X 2= 1
Physical Education	½-all year	½ X 2= 1
Post-secondary Options (based on Carnegie units):		
Literature	3-quarter hours	.4 X 3= 1.2
Literature	3-semester hours	.6 X 2= 1.2

*Please refer to the OHSAA web site for more detailed information.*

### **INDIVIDUAL SPORTS RULES**

Each head coach may develop a set of written rules for their individual sport that are a supplement to OHSAA and Crestview Board of Education policies. Such lists must be submitted to the athletic director prior to the official start of the season. The coach is responsible for notifying all of their athletes of such rules.

**Coaches at all levels will review the following information with team members:**

**1 – What is Hazing?**

Hazing is any action or situation, with or without the consent of the participants, which recklessly, intentionally, or unintentionally endangers the mental, physical, or academic health or safety of a student.

This includes, but is not limited to any situation which:

- Creates a risk of injury to any individual or group.
- Creates discomfort to any individual or group.
- Causes embarrassment to any individual or group.
- Involves harassment of any individual or group.
- Involves degradation of any individual or group.
- Involves humiliation of an individual or group.
- Involves ridicule of an individual or group.
- Involves or includes the willful destruction or removal of public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in an organization.

Examples:

- Physical injury
- Assault or battery
- Kidnapping or imprisonment
- Intentionally placing at risk of mental or emotional harm
- Degradation
- Humiliation
- The compromising of moral or religious values
- Forced consumption of any liquid or solid
- Placing an individual in physical danger which includes abandonment
- Impairment of physical liberties which include curfews or other interference with academic endeavors

**What is the difference between hazing & bullying?**

The difference between hazing and bullying is subtle. The same power dynamics are involved. The same intimidation tactics are used. The same second-class citizenship issues arise. The only real difference between bullying and hazing is that bullying can happen to anyone, anytime and is used as a means to exclude someone. Hazing is an instrument of including people by having them earn their way into a group, occurring only in the context of being new to an organization, team, or group. Bullying is about exclusion. Hazing is about inclusion.

**Am I participating in hazing? Ask yourself these questions:**

- Would I feel comfortable participating in this activity if my family was watching?
- Would we get in trouble if the principal walked by?
- Am I being asked to keep these activities a secret?
- Am I doing anything illegal?
- Does participation violate my values or those of my team?
- Is it causing emotional distress or stress of any kind to me or others?
- If someone were injured, would I feel comfortable being investigated by school officials and/or other agencies?
- When I apply for jobs, can I take the burden of having a criminal arrest on my record?

Those who are accused of engaging in the hazing behaviors may face school discipline and legal actions up to and including jail time and fines.

If you are a witness of hazing, you are obligated to report it to the head coach, athletic director, or principal. If you do not, you can be held responsible for the hazing incident as well.

**2 – What is Bullying?**

- Bullying is aggressive behavior that involves unwanted, negative actions.
- Bullying involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time.
- Bullying involves an imbalance of power or strength.

**3 – Social Media**

In the rapidly expanding world of electronic communication, social media can mean many things.

**Social media** includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet, including to your own or someone else’s web log or blog, journal or diary, personal website, social networking or affinity web site, web bulletin board or a chat room, as well as any other form of electronic communication (texts, emails).

- Bullying or posting mean comments online is the most common way for students to abuse social media sites.
- These postings include any comments about a student, teacher, coach, or any other faculty member.
- Pictures of individuals may not be taken or posted to any type of social media site without the individual’s permission to do so.

Social Media violations may result in disciplinary action through the school or law enforcement.

Hazing, Bullying or social media violations may result in missed practice time, game participation, or removal from the team. This is at the discretion of the Coach/Athletic Director/Administration depending on the severity of the violation.

## **COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**

### NCAA Division 1 Requirements

Please check the NCAA website for any updates

1. High School Diploma
2. Combined test score on the SAT verbal and math sections or a minimum composite score on the ACT: can be found at this website: [web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA\\_EMS/NCAA.jsp](http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp)
3. Present a minimum GPA of 2.000 in at least 16 core courses in the following areas:
  - a. English – 4 years
  - b. Mathematics – 3 years (algebra 1 or higher)
  - c. Natural/ Physical Science – 2 years, one year of lab if offered by high school
  - d. Additional courses in English, mathematics or physical science – 1 year
  - e. Social Science – 2 years
  - f. Additional academic courses (in any of the above areas; foreign language, or comparative religion philosophy/ courses) -4 years

### NCAA Division 2 Requirements

1. High School Diploma
2. Minimum GPA of 2.000 in at least 16 core courses in the same areas as previously noted except
  - a. 3 years of English.
  - b. 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
  - c. 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
  - d. 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
  - e. 2 years of social science.
  - f. 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

## **SELECTION OF TEAM MEMBERS**

In the sports of football and track, all student-athletes who meet and maintain the requirements for team membership shall be members of that respective team. In the other sports where there are a limited number of playing positions available, the coaches have the right to limit the number of team numbers to a number that they feel is appropriate for that season. Tryouts shall be conducted during the first official week of practice and coaches will select their team rosters based on their observations of skill levels and/or other criteria for team membership.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

School sponsored transportation will be provided for athletic contests. It is expected that the athletes will ride to and from the contest on the school provided transportation. When the occasion arises that parents, coaches, or faculty representatives need to provide transportation, a written note needs to be submitted to an administrator in advance for their approval.

Athletes may not drive to or from any contest without written permission from an administrator.

## **VARSITY LETTER REQUIREMENTS**

The following standards must be met by individual athletes in order to receive a varsity award letter:

Volleyball – Complete the season and play in 50% of the regular season games.

Football – Complete the season and play in 50% of the regular season quarters.

Soccer – Complete the season and play in 50% of the regular season halves.

Golf – Complete the season and play in 50% of the matches.

Basketball – Complete the season and play in 50% of the regular season quarters.

Baseball & Softball – Complete the season and play in 50% of the regular season innings.

Track – Complete the season and average one point per dual or triangular meet. Relay points are divided equally among team members.

Wrestling – Complete the season and accumulate 24 points. Points: 1- for participation in a meet, 6- for pin, 4-for major decision, 3-for a win.

All Sports – An athlete who participates in four complete seasons in a high school sport without satisfying the varsity letter requirements during any of those four years shall be eligible for a varsity award following completion of their senior season.

Upon recommendation of the coach and with athletic director approval, exceptions to award requirements may be made due to injury or illness.

## **CLUB SPORTS**

There are definitely differences between CLSD varsity sports and “club” sports; however the most distinct differences are funding issues. Club sports do not receive any funding from the Crestview Local School Board of Education and/or the CLSD athletic department.

Please refer to Crestview Board of Education policy for more information on Club Sports.

## ATHLETE DRUG TESTING

Crestview Local Schools provides a variety of extracurricular activities that complement the educational and athletic development of each student. The privilege of participation carries the responsibility of adherence to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct and Drug Testing Policy. The Crestview Board of Education desires to implement a policy which will attempt to provide this district with a safe and healthful student program. This policy reflects the Crestview mission statement and the Crestview Board of Education and our community's strong commitment to establish a truly drug and alcohol free school program. The program does not affect the current policies, practices or rights of the District regarding student drug and/or alcohol possession or use, where reasonable suspicion is established by means other than drug testing through this policy. The drug testing policy is non-punitive.

Students involved in extra-curricular activities need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. The drug testing and education policy is designed to create a safe, drug free environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed. Although students risk the loss of continued participation in extra-curricular activities, no student shall be suspended or expelled from school as a result of any certified "positive" test conducted by Crestview under this program.

No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for banned substances. The results of drug tests will not be documented in any student's academic record.

Any student in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must first sign a drug testing registration consent form in order to be eligible to participate in any one or combination of the following:

- A. Athletics
- B. Drive a motorized vehicle to school

The Crestview Board of Education also provide an "**Opt-In**" program for students not currently involved with extracurricular activities. This program allows students and parents to participate in the random student drug testing program with no punitive action. Results are 100% confidential and reporting goes directly to the parents.

**TEAM TESTING**—At the beginning of each season, all eligible students will submit to urine drug and alcohol testing. This testing will be completed within the first two weeks of the season on a specified date and time. The collection process will take place on school property or at a Board of Education approved testing facility. The Head Coach is responsible for ensuring that all student athletes and their parent/guardian/custodian properly sign the **Informed Consent Agreement** prior to testing. Any student moving into the District shall be tested prior to the time he/she joins the team.

RANDOM TESTING—In session random testing shall be done throughout the season. Up to 20% of all eligible students may be tested per random selection. A student may be tested more than once per season. In the event of a positive result, the specimen will be sent to a laboratory for confirmation of the results and a certified Medical Review Officer will determine the results.

Any student who tests positive will have to be tested weekly for the term of a 5 week program with drug counseling at the expense of the student and/or the parent. Testing will be done at the Board approved drug testing agency.

1. RESULTS OF A POSITIVE TEST—Any positive urine drug test results will be made known to the building principal, who in turn will notify the parents/guardians/custodians of the student.
2. IF A POSITIVE TEST OCCURS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES:
  - a. **The First Violation**—For the first positive result the student athlete will be given the option of:
    - i. The Student will have to make an appointment with a certified chemical dependency counselor (or at an agency certified by the Ohio Department of Health or the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services) for a chemical dependency assessment and then follow the recommendations of the counselor. The parent/guardian/custodian is responsible for all expenses and for providing the Athletic Director with documentation that the athlete completed all recommendations of the counselor. The athlete will be denied participation in **20% of the season**. The parent/guardian/custodian and student will meet with the Athletic Director, the coach and the building principal to determine reinstatement. The student may be required at parent/guardian/custodian expense, to submit to weekly or random testing for the remainder of the current athletic season.
    - ii. Denial of participation in interscholastic athletics for the remainder of the current season and for that year.
  - b. **The Second Violation**—The student is denied participation for one calendar year from the date of the notification of the violation.
  - c. **The Third Violation**—The student is permanently denied participation in athletics in Crestview Schools.

Please refer to Crestview Board of Education policy for details.

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENT-ATHLETE CONTRACT ~ 2018-2019**

Participation in interscholastic sports is a voluntary activity that is a privilege and not a right. Student athletes represent the Crestview School District throughout the year and, as such, they must conduct themselves in accordance with this contract's rules at all times, whether in season or out.

***Students who CHOOSE NOT to follow this contract's rules at ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR WILL BE DISCIPLINED according to this contract DURING THE CURRENT SEASON for an athlete in season OR THE UPCOMING SPORT SEASON for an out of season athlete as defined by the OHSAA and the Crestview Student-Athlete Handbook.***

Each head coach is responsible for discipline within his/her sport and will enforce the following basic rules and those regulations in the student handbook.

**Role Models:**

Student Athletes are roles models all year long, not just for the season their sport is in session. Athletes need to remember this and should always act, and behave accordingly. Whether they like it, or realize it, the youth and community as a whole, should be able to look to them and respect them for their actions. Discipline will be enforced even if athlete is not in session for their sport.

**Scholastic Eligibility:**

1. The participant must maintain passing grades according to the OHSAA. Failure to do so means that the participant is not entitled to participate in games. Eligibility is based on each nine week grade period.

**Attendance:**

1. Team members must attend all practices. Illness and emergency are the only accepted excuses for missing a practice session. Absences from a practice session for any other reason will result in the athlete being denied the right to participate in the NEXT CONTEST. Team, trainers, managers and statisticians will ride the bus to and from all away games unless an excuse has been approved by the principal 24 hours in advance.
2. Students absent from school the ENTIRE day will not be permitted to practice to participate in any game that day or night. Students who are absent due to illness or emergency must be in school half a day in order to participate or practice in a game that day or night.  
EXCEPTION: School related activity approved by administration in advance of the day of absence or a doctor's signed excuse, or per approval of administration.
3. Students with an **UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FOR ANY PART OF A DAY** will not be permitted to practice or participate in a game that day or night.

**Smoking / Use of Smokeless Tobacco:**

1. A participant determined to be SMOKING or USING SMOKELESS TOBACCO of any type including E-CIGARETTES: will be denied the right to participate in the NEXT CONTEST. (This action would be in addition to any school suspension if applicable)
2. A second offense of smoking or using smokeless tobacco will in being denied the right to participate for the season.

**Vandalism and Theft:**

An instance of vandalism or theft will result in the denial to participate in the next contest, and possibly may carry into the next season.

**Illegal Drugs or Look-a-like Drugs, including Alcohol (alcohol is a drug):**

A participant using, selling, or in possession of drugs of any type including but not limited to (improper prescription, alcohol, steroids, illegal drugs **COUNTERFEIT DRUGS AND RELATED TOOLS OR "LOOK-ALIKE" DRUGS/OVER-THE-COUNTER STIMULANTS**) will be denied the right to participate for the REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, and may carry into the next season of participation.

**Hazing, Bullying, Social Media:**

Hazing, bullying or social media violations may result in missed practice time, game participation, or removal from the team. This is at the discretion of the Coach/Athletic Director / Administration depending on the severity of the violation.

**Sportsmanship:**

Unsportsmanlike conduct or behavior will not be accepted in school, practice or game situations. OBSCENE LANGUAGE, GESTURES AND INSUBORDINATION are examples of Unsportsmanlike conduct. The minimum penalty will be denial to participate in the NEXT contest.

**Appeal:**

Each participant has the right to appeal to the building principal any disciplinary action by the coach.

**Awards:**

Athletes, managers, scorekeepers, statisticians, or trainers must attend all scheduled contests and fulfill all obligations (including the return of equipment and uniforms) to be eligible for awards when recommended by the coach.

I AGREE TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STUDENT CONTRACT AND THE INDIVIDUAL SPORT REQUIREMENTS AS EXPLAINED BY MY COACH AND AS I HAVE READ COMPLETELY.

Please agree to/fill out fully and accurately.

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Sport Date

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Student PRINTED Name Student Signature

I have read the above rules and regulations and agree to support them.

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Parent Signature Date

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS  
STUDENT DRUG TESTING INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT**

We hereby consent to allow the student named on the reverse side to undergo urinalysis testing for the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol, or banned substances in accordance with Policy and Procedures for Drug Testing of the Crestview Local School District.

We understand that testing will be administered in accordance with the guidelines of the Crestview Local School District Drug Testing Policy for student athletes.

We understand that any urine sample taken for drug testing will be tested only by a Board approved company.

We hereby give our consent to the company selected by the Crestview Local School Board of Education, its employees, or agents, together with any company, hospital, or laboratory designated to perform urinalysis testing for the detection of drugs.

We further give our consent to the company selected by the Crestview Local School Board of Education, its employees, or agents, to release all results of these tests to designated School District employees or agents. We understand that these results will also be available to us upon request.

I, the student, hereby authorize the release of the results of such testing to my parent/guardian/custodian.

We hereby release the Crestview Local School Board, its employees or agents from any legal responsibility or liability for the release of such information and records.

This will be deemed consent pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g as amended, and the Ohio Revised Code 3319.321, for the release of the test results as authorized by the Informed Consent Agreement or as required by law.

**CRESTVIEW LOCAL SCHOOLS  
ATHLETE INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT  
Please agree to/complete fully and accurately**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

**AS A STUDENT:**

- I understand and agree that participation in athletic/student driver activities is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of the Crestview Local Schools Drug Testing Policy.
- I have read the Drug Testing Policy and thoroughly understand the consequences that I will face if I do not honor my commitment to the Drug Testing Policy.
- I understand that when I participate in any athletic/student driver program I will be subject to initial and random urine drug & alcohol testing, and if I refuse, I will not be allowed to practice or participate in any athletic/student driver activities. I have read the informed consent agreement and agree to its terms.
- I understand this agreement is binding while I am a student in the Crestview Local Schools system.

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**STUDENT SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**

**AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN:**

- I have read the Crestview Local Schools drug testing policy and understand the responsibilities of my son/daughter/ward as a participant in athletic/student driver activities in the Crestview Local School district.
- I pledge to promote healthy lifestyles for all student athletes/drivers in the Crestview Local School system.
- I understand that my son/daughter/ward, when participating in any athletic/student driver program, will be subject to initial and random urine drug and alcohol testing, and if he/she refuses, will not be allowed to practice or participate in any athletic/student driver activities. I have read the informed Consent Agreement and agree to its terms.
- I understand this agreement is binding while my son/daughter/ward is a participant in athletics/student driving in the Crestview Local School District.

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN - SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**

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**PARENT GUARDIAN/CUSTODIAN - PRINTED NAME**

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**PHONE**