

# Heritage Community Charter



Athletics Handbook  
2014-2015

# **HCCS Athletic Statement of Mission,** **Philosophy and Purpose**

The HCCS believes that the dynamic program of student athletic activities is vital to the educational development of the student. This program should provide a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life.

Athletics should function as an integral part of the total curriculum. It should offer opportunities to serve the institution, to assist in the development of teamwork and sportsmanship, and to encourage learning the qualities of good citizenship.

Statement of athletic purpose:

- To provide a positive image of school athletics at Heritage Community Charter.
- To strive always for playing excellence that will produce winning teams within the bounds of good sportsmanship.
- To ensure growth and development that will raise the number of individual participants in our athletic programs.
- To provide opportunities that will allow the program to serve as a laboratory where students may cope with problems and handle situations similar to those encountered as an adult. The laboratory should provide the following opportunities:
  - Physical, mental, and emotional growth and development.
  - Acquisition and development for special skills in activities of each student's choice.
  - Team play with the development of such commitments as loyalty, cooperation, fair play, and other desirable social traits.
  - Directed leadership and supervision that stresses self-discipline, self-motivation, excellence, and the ideals of good sportsmanship that make for winning and losing graciously.
  - A focus of interests on activity programs for student body, faculty, and community that will generate a feeling of unity.
  - Achievement of initial goals as deemed by the school in general and the student as an individual.
  - Provisions for worthy use of leisure time later in life, either as a participant or spectator.
  - To provide a superior program of student activities that includes appropriate activities for every boy and girl.
  - To provide opportunity for a student to experience success in an activity he/she selects.
  - To create a desire to succeed and excel.
  - To develop high ideals of fairness in all human relationships.
  - To practice self-discipline and emotional maturity in learning to make decisions under pressure.
  - To develop an understanding of the value of activities in a balance educational process.

## **Coaches Code of Ethics**

The HCCS Athletic program endorses the Idaho High School Activities Association (I.H.S.A.A.) and National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association (N.F.I.C.A.) code of ethics and responsibilities. In addition, all HCCS coaches subscribe to the following core values:

- Accept the responsibilities of the job.
- Take pride in and promote all athletic programs.
- Adhere to policies and procedures.
- Generate trust by being truthful and sincere.
- Be accountable in action and attitude.
- Lead by example.

## HCCS Athletic Code of Conduct

### ***PHILOSOPHY***

Athletics is an important part of the school community and participation in sports is of value to each individual. Athletics contain lessons that are relevant to life. These lessons are taught when training and competing in athletics. Participation in HCCS's athletic program may instill the following life-long values/skills: self-discipline, punctuality, teamwork, reliability, responsibility, dedication, independence, and team work. An athletic program must be based upon reasonable standards and discipline in order to facilitate the development of the values/skills outlined above.

### ***RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALL ATHLETES***

#### Attire/Grooming/Training

The standards for dress, grooming, and training are established by the coaches of the sport. Athletes must use HCCS issued equipment and uniforms and only HCCS colors will be worn during team competitions. No jewelry, scarves, headbands, towels, hats, sunglasses, or any other materials which may present a safety problem may be worn. Any attire or grooming that the coach, activities director or principal deems inappropriate may result in suspension for a period of time—to be determined by the coach, activities director or principal.

#### Academic Achievement

**Academic achievement is extremely important in regards to athletic eligibility. To be academically eligible for athletics: a student must be passing all subjects. Failure to meet the HCCS academic eligibility requirements will result in inability to participate in competitions. Students may continue to participate in practices. No refunds are given.**

#### Equipment

Lost equipment is the responsibility of the player, and he/she must assume financial liability if the issued equipment is lost or damages. Replacement equipment will not be issued until payment is made for lost or stolen items. Athletes will not be permitted to participate in other sports until all fines are paid.

Athletes are responsible for keeping their equipment and uniforms in good condition.

#### Field/Court Conduct

Athletes should project an image of poise and respect. This includes the following:

- Athletes should display respect for the flag and be attentive during the national anthem.
- Athletes should not use profanity.
- Athletes should never berate or be disrespectful towards officials, scorekeepers, players, coaches or fans.
- Athletes are expected to show respect and sportsmanship during all sporting events.

#### Parent Expectations

Parents of athletes should contact the coach if there are disagreements or disputes to settle. Such meetings should be arranged, not conducted after a game or practice.

Parents should never berate or be disrespectful towards officials, scorekeepers, players, coaches or fans.

Parents of athletes are expected to show respect and proper sportsmanship during all sporting events.

Parents who are not able to follow these expectations may be asked to leave the sporting event. Excessive behavior could result in the forfeiture of the HCCS team participating in the athletic event.

#### Attendance

Students must be in attendance at school for a full day in order to participate in any competition. In emergencies/extraordinary circumstances, the principal may waive this rule.

#### Transportation

All athletes are required to provide their own transportation **from** practices and sporting events. Students will only be released to a parent or guardian unless written permission is given before the practice or competition. Parents may also designate transportation on the activities participation form. Parents/guardians may assume custody of their child after an athletic event if parent/guardian signs them out with the coaches. **In no circumstances will an athlete be given permission to ride to or from an athletic event without a written consent from a parent or guardian.** Parents will need to provide transportation to and from any sporting event held on a weekend.

#### Termination of Participation

If a student participating in any athletic program desires to terminate his/her participation, this student must first notify the head coach of his/her intentions. The student will not be allowed to participate in any other sport event until all equipment is turned in and payment made for any lost items. No refunds are given after the third practice.