

All Together - Putting the Spirit of Sportsmanship in Action

Parents

Your example is being watched

The responsibility of PARENTS and other ADULTS before, during and after an athletic contest is to SET AN EXAMPLE OF MATURE BEHAVIOR. It is recommended that all adults:

- Treat all people with RESPECT
- Give young people an example to follow
- Aid school officials or parent club if disturbances occur – YOU ARE A COMMUNITY LEADER
- Support the coach, team and school in a positive manner
- Know and understand the rules of the game
- Respect the officials' judgment and interpretation of the rules
- Abide by the school district policies which prohibit drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking at an athletic contest
- Respect the players efforts, win or lose
- Accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion, being never boastful nor bitter

Parent help is needed!

Students

Students – do your part!

Student habits and reactions determine the quality of sportsmanship which reflects upon the reputation of their school. Therefore, it is recommended that they:

- Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship
- Respect, cooperate and respond enthusiastically to cheerleaders
- Censure fellow student whose behavior is unbecoming and unsportsmanlike
- Respect the property of the school and the authority of school officials
- Show respect for an injured player when he is removed from the contest
- Do not applaud errors by opponents or penalties inflicted upon them
- Do not heckle, jeer or distract members of the opposing team
- Never criticize the players or coaches for the loss of a game
- Respect the judgment and strategy of a coach
- Avoid profane language, suggestive gestures and obnoxious behavior

To succeed – your help is needed!

Coaches

You're the leader

The coach bears the greatest burden of responsibility for sportsmanship. Your influence upon the attitudes and behavior of the players, the student body and the community are unequalled. In order for good sportsmanship to become a reality, it is essential that the coach subscribe to the values of sportsmanship and teach its principals through word and deed. Specifically, it is recommended that the coach:

- Always set a good example for other to follow by exercising emotional control when under stress

- Instruct the players in their sportsmanship responsibilities
- Discipline those students who display unsportsmanlike behavior, if necessary, forfeit their privileges of representing the school
- Be a good host to opponents; treat them as guests
- Provide opportunities for social interaction among coaches and players of both teams before and after the contest