



# 2017-2018 Hemphill Middle School Athletic Handbook

**Athletic Director: Ms. Michelle Woodard**  
**Principal: Mrs. Sara Turrell**



## Sports Coaches

### Football:

Head Coach: Mr. Ryan Blauw  
Assistant Coach: Mr. Darel Dodge  
Assistant Coach: Mr. Nic Dickens

### Volleyball:

Head Coach: TBD  
Assistant Coach: TBD  
Assistant Coach: TBD

### Boys Basketball:

Head Coach: Mr. Dan Fahey  
Assistant Coach: TBD

### Girls Basketball:

Head Coach: Mrs. Katy Strasser  
Assistant Coach: TBD  
Assistant Coach: TBD

### Boys Wrestling:

Head Coach: Jason Hall  
Assistant Coach: TBD

### Boys Track:

Head Coach: Mr. John Mundell  
Assistant Coach: Mr. Kevin Hemphill

### Girls Track:

Head Coach: Mrs. Avis Devlin  
Assistant Coach: TBD

## Introduction

The HMS Athletic Handbook outlines the expectations for all students participating in any sports activities at Hemphill Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year. Each coach will also provide a handbook that explains specific expectations of that sport. All players and guardians must sign the parent/student agreement form stating that they have read the handbook in its entirety and agree to uphold the expectations.

### SPIRIT!

<b>SUCCESS</b>	<b>Strive for excellence</b>
<b>PRIDE</b>	<b>Be proud of our school and community</b>
<b>INTEGRITY</b>	<b>Be honest and truthful</b>
<b>RESPECT</b>	<b>Respect others, self, and property</b>
<b>INSPIRE</b>	<b>Motivate, inspire and achieve</b>
<b>TEAMWORK</b>	<b>Support and encourage others</b>

### STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT 31J MISSION

**THE MISSION OF THE STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TO DEVELOP RESPONSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY BY PROVIDING A SAFE, DISCIPLINED AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT.**

### Sportsmanship

We ask that all parents and athletes follow our sportsmanship guidelines and our S.P.I.R.I.T. expectations.

Be Respectful (Conduct yourself accordingly)

- No swearing or verbal abuse of opponents, officials, teammates, coaches, or family.
- While sitting on the bench, there will be a supportive atmosphere for your fellow teammates. We are a classy program and we expect your conduct to reflect that. Players should support each other.

### HEMPHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

**Mascot: Indians**

**Colors: Red/Black**

The athletic program consists of seven sports. At the middle school level there is a “no-cut” policy, which means that every participant who tries hard to improve, attends practice regularly, and contributes to a positive team spirit will play.

To participate on any athletic team, a student must get A MEDICAL EMERGENCY CARD, HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL, **AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM FROM THE MAIN OFFICE**. They must purchase insurance, or state that they have medical coverage. This must be done before the beginning of the season. The information forms pertaining to each sport are available online, at the front office, or from the coach.

Football  
Wrestling

Volleyball

Boys Basketball  
Boys Track

Girls Basketball  
Girls Track

## Fee Schedule

The fee schedule for the middle school athletic program:

\$50.00 per sport.

For families on free and reduced lunches, please see the front office for a reduced sports fee rate.

## Eligibility

Any student who participates in school-sponsored extra-curricular activities is subject to eligibility requirements. A student is considered ineligible if he/she has two grades below a C at a given time. Ineligibility is reported as follows:

- Eligibility lists come out every Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM. A warning list will be provided for all students each week if they have one down grade.
- The student is not able to participate in or attend any extra-curricular activities for the duration of that eligibility week.
- Eligibility requirements apply to both athletic and non-athletic extra-curricular activities, excluding activities required for part of a class grade (for example: a school concert).
- ***If a student is ineligible for a total of three weeks during a season, the student will be removed from the team permanently.***

## Practice

No missed practices unless prior approval is received from the coach. The athlete/parent is required to notify the head coach or front office prior to missing practice. (Do not tell a teammate; they can't give you approval.)

Be on time:

- This means you are dressed and ready to play at 3:25 p.m. If an athlete is late to practice, the appropriate team coach will give the consequence.
- Other sports will not infringe on HMS sports practices. If you miss a practice to go and practice another sport, this will count as an unexcused absence.
- Missing practice for a family function, emergency or vacation will be addressed with each individual family.

### **Consequences for unexcused absences from practice:**

- For one unexcused practice, the athlete will not play in the next athletic contest. The athlete is required to attend practice.
- For two unexcused practices, you do not play the next two athletic contests.
- For three unexcused absences, you will be removed from the team.

**Excused absences** will be handled by the appropriate team coach.

- Possible consequences could include: missing part of the game, not starting the contest.

## Playing Time

The amount of playing time is at the coach's discretion.

- All players will get playing time.
- Equal playing time is not guaranteed.

### Traveling on the Bus

All team members will ride to games on the bus. Students may be allowed to not ride the bus from a game if a parent has informed the coach in person after the game. The coach is not allowed to release the student to anyone other than the student's parent/guardian.

- Misuse of this procedure results in a liability to the school and to the coaches. Disciplinary action will be taken.

#### DISCIPLINE STEPS FOR BUS MISBEHAVIOR

- 1) Minor Infractions:
  - a) Verbal warnings will be given to the students by the bus driver to stop the detrimental behavior. Drivers will reinforce the rules to students. If this does not solve the problem:
  - b) The driver will write a referral, and a conference will be held between the offending students, driver, Transportation Director, and/or Principal of the school the student attends. The student is warned by the Principal and a copy of the report is sent to the parent(s). Included in this warning is the statement that a second referral may result in a 10 day suspension of bus privilege. The Principal issues the suspension.
  - c) A second written referral may result in a suspension of bus privileges for 10 days. A report is sent to the parent(s) stating the 10 days suspension and that a third report would mean that the student could lose his/her bus privilege for the remainder of the year. The principal issues the suspension.
  - d) A third written report may result in suspension of bus privilege for the remainder of the year. He/she and parent(s) are informed that the student may be re-instated only by the Superintendent.
- 2) If a major infraction occurs, such as fighting or vandalism and other such activities, the driver shall pull the bus off of the road and stop the activity. The driver may call law enforcement if the infraction warrants. The driver will then proceed on the route. When the stop for the student is reached, the driver shall inform the student that he/she is suspended from the bus until further notice. The Transportation Director shall be notified as soon as practical.
- 3) The Principal will talk with the student(s) involved and get his/her side of the story. He/she will then make a decision as to what action will be taken. He/she can suspend the student from the bus for any length of time or may refer the case to the Superintendent. Eventual suspension can range from a few days to a year. No set rules can be made for major infractions because the cases will vary and the students are different.
- 4) All suspensions of bus service will follow minimal due process procedures.

## Student Conduct in School Vehicles – Policy JICC

The privilege of riding in a school vehicle is contingent upon a student's good behavior and observance of the student code of conduct and established regulations for student conduct both at designated school vehicle stops and on-board school vehicles.

The operator of a school vehicle shall be responsible for safety of the students in the vehicle, both during the ride and while students are entering or leaving the vehicle. Students shall be required to conform to all rules concerning discipline, safety and behavior while riding in the school vehicle. It is the vehicle operator's duty to notify the supervisor of transportation and the principal of the school involved if any student persists in violating the established rules of conduct.

After due warning has been given to the student and to the student's parents/guardians, the principal may withhold from the student the privilege of riding in the school vehicle. Violation of district policies and regulations while in a school vehicle may also result in the student's suspension or expulsion from school, in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

Adopting: 2006

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. [22-32-109.1](#) (2)(a)(l)(B) (*discipline code to address conduct in school vehicles*)

C.R.S. [42-1-102](#) (88.5) (*definition of school vehicle which includes a school bus*)

CROSS REFS.: [JIC](#), Student Conduct, and subcodes

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### **Dress Appropriately**

School dress code applies. Team dress code applies. Players are responsible for wearing school issued uniforms while participating for Hemphill Middle School. All uniforms shall be returned in a timely manner. If not the following charges will be assessed \$35.00 per uniform. Football pads \$40.00. Football Helmet \$50.00.

### **Game/Practice Day Qualifications**

A player must be in attendance at school for ½ the school day or they will not be allowed to participate in the game/practice that day. Exception is a prearranged absence such as a doctor's appointment, dental appointment, family emergency, or school activity. Student's Documentation will be required. Students who set out P.E. for injury/sickness will not be allowed to practice that day as well.

### **Injuries**

Your health and wellbeing are important to us. Any sickness/injuries will be addressed with the athlete's best interests in mind. ***If an athlete is injured and has visited a doctor, a release note is REQUIRED from the doctor BEFORE the student will be allowed to resume practice.***

### Problems

If a problem arises, the following procedure should be followed:

- First step: **Player** should talk to the appropriate team coach. (If that does not resolve the situation satisfactorily, go to the second step.)
- Second step: Parents *and* player should make an appointment to talk to the coach, but not on game day. Please call the school. (If that does not resolve the situation, go to the third step.)
- Third step: Players and parents should talk to the athletic director/principal.  
Just as parents would rather have coaches talk to a child first about a problem coaches have with players, coaches would rather have players talk to them, rather than hear about a situation through the grapevine.

The consequence for not following procedures will be reduced playing time up to removal from the team. Remember, it is a privilege, not a right, to play sports.

**HMS Student Athlete and Parent Agreement**

Player and parent/guardian signatures are required signifying that they understand and agree to abide by the rules. This agreement must be turned into the HMS front office before the student is eligible for practice.

I have read and understand the guidelines of the 2017-2018 Hemphill Middle School Athletic Handbook. I agree to uphold the expectations of the handbook and to promote good sportsmanship by representing myself and my school with positive behavior both on and off the playing field.

Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_