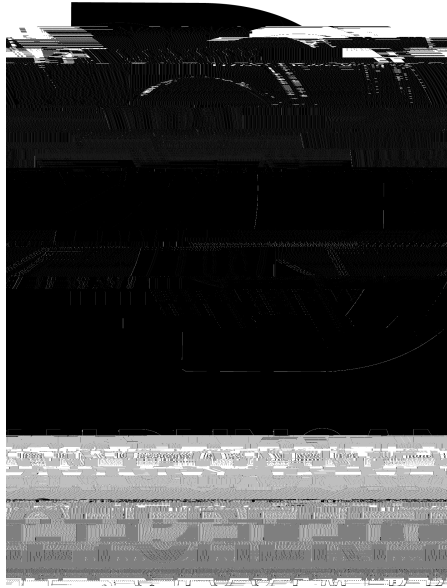


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All extracurricular activities are under the principal's direction and general supervision. The principal has designated a faculty member as the Athletic Director (AD) to assist student-athletes, parents, guardians and family adults. To ensure our student-athlete experience is successful, bring all questions and concerns regarding the Fletcher Middle School (FMS) athletic program initially to the AD.

This handbook is for student-athletes, parents, guardians and family adults to familiarize themselves with the expectations and procedures for participation in FMS athletic, intramural, and athletic clubs.

PHILOSOPHY

Extracurricular Activities are an essential part of the educational experience and an excellent opportunity for the home, school, and community to work together. It provides, students, guided opportunities to develop responsibility, self-reliance, self-esteem, and heightened cultural awareness.

Our MISSION is to *instills habits for healthier and balanced lives.*

Our PURPOSE is to provide a wholesome environment of

FMS provides approved DCPS bus transportation to sponsored interscholastic athletic events held at other schools and locations. All student-athletes must return by the same means of transportation unless, returning with a parent/legal guardian. Coaches will only release student-athletes to parent/guardian or parent/guardian designee.

Please, be prompt when picking up your student-athlete from practice, games or school sponsored events. A coach or sponsor cannot release a student-athlete to anyone other than the parent or a designee on the "Parent Transportation Form". Habitual late pick up of student athlete may result in the student-athlete being dropped from the sport or club program. Late pick up is defined as 15 minutes after the designated time.

There is an Activity Bus available Monday through Thursday at 6:15 pm on the 18th Avenue (Gym) side of the school.

Any alternative transportation arrangements must be worked out prior to a competition or event at another location with the team's coach. The parent/guardian must submit a "Parent Transportation" form to the Athletic Director.

ELIGIBILITY of STUDENTS

Students have three years of eligibility from the time they enter 6th Grade, whether they do or do not participate in the athletics during any of those years.

Students that turn 15 years of age on or before July 1 of any year is ineligible. For example, an 8th grader that turns 15 in June would not be eligible his 8th grade year.

Student-Athletes must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) each grading quarter. In addition, a student is not academically eligible with an F in a core class (math, science, social studies or language arts). Academic eligibility takes effect the day report cards are officially released by the school.

The AD will monitor grades weekly and inform the parent and coach of any student that has an "F" in a core class. A student-athlete will have 10 days to improve the grade before sanctions will be applied, Sanctions may include but not limited to loss of game time, practice restriction to attend teacher help session.

Off-season in some instances, students may behave poorly during the off-season. This may result in them being made *ineligible* for upcoming seasons. The AD will make a determination of eligibility.

ATHLETIC FORMS

Athletic Forms must be turned in to the AD before participating in any conditioning, try-outs or practices on a sponsored sports team or athletic club. All forms are found on the Fletcher Middle School home page <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/FMS>, click "Programs" and then "Athletic Programs".

Note, the physical exam form (EL2) must be completed and signed by a board-certified medical professional.

LEVEL IV Infractions, the student athlete will be immediately dropped from the current roster and excluded from all extracurricular athletic activities the rest of the year.

Note: During the Off-Season the AD will address any LEVEL 1 infractions documented or reported, of a rostered student-athlete that is try-out for a team. This may make the student-athlete ineligible for an upcoming season.

No Tolerance - The use of any alcohol, vape product, tobacco, or drugs, on or near the site of the event is grounds for being asked to leave. Spectators may not be allowed to attend school sponsored events if suspected under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Inappropriate language, racially or gender bias statements on or near the site of the event is grounds for being asked to leave.



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