# Bryan ISD Athletic Department

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This handbook was developed to familiarize coaches and parents with the procedures of The Bryan Independent School District’s High School Athletic Program. It defines various procedures that are to be followed in order to facilitate communication within the limits of BISD school board policy.

**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

The Bryan ISD Athletic Department’s objective is to play a pivotal role in development of skills in leadership, teamwork, dependability, accountability, sportsmanship, and work ethic. Maintaining high standards of conduct, citizenship and academic achievement are essential to this process. Athletes will be evaluated on a constant basis to encourage each individual to perform to the best of their ability at all times. The development and welfare of the student-athlete is our concern and transcends any other consideration.

The athletic program in Bryan ISD is a voluntary program. It is a privilege, not a right, to be a student-athlete in Bryan ISD; therefore, the privilege of representing the Bryan Independent School District carries with it a greater responsibility to conduct oneself with respect and dignity, and to serve as a role model for all students. Student-athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the School District at all times, regardless of location. This includes both on and off-campus conduct that occurs before, during and after the school year. Consequently, it is necessary for student-athletes to hold to a certain code of conduct that is above and beyond those followed by their peers.

A firm and fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold the regulations and standards of the athletic department. All student-athletes shall abide by the expectations set forth in this handbook, which will earn them the honor and respect that participation and competition in interscholastic programs affords. Negative attitudes and behaviors violate the athletic department’s goals and philosophies. Acts of unacceptable conduct tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the athletic program and will not be tolerated. Violations could result in losing the privilege of participating in Bryan ISD athletics.

The general philosophy of the BISD Athletic Department regarding violations of conduct or academic policy is that when these expectations are not met, then the athlete is experiencing a “setback.” With each “setback,” there is a consequence. We will strive to help student-athletes when a “setback” occurs. If these choices of behavior continue, the welfare of the team and the athletic program must take priority. Coaches have the responsibility to maintain a consistent and fair system of discipline with their teams, but should exercise sound judgment in evaluating specific consequences for “setbacks,” keeping in mind the welfare of the team, as well as the individual.
PARENT-COACH COMMUNICATION PLAN
Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefits to children. As a parent, when your child becomes involved in our athletic program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child’s program.

Communication Parents Should Expect from Their Child’s Coach
*The following should be made available to parents at the beginning of the season*
Practice and game information, including locations, times, structure and attendance expectations.
Procedures for reporting and attending to injuries.
Academic requirements for eligibility.
Sportsmanship expectations for athletes and fans.
How and when to contact the coach with a question or a concern.
Team rules and expectations.

Communication Coaches Should Expect from Parents
Notification of any schedule conflicts at least 24 hours before a game or practice by phone or e-mail, unless it is an emergency.
Specific concerns about your child’s behavior.
Specific concerns about the treatment of your child, mentally and physically.

Issues NOT Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches
Other athletes in the program.
Coaches and their strategies.
Playing time.

PLAYING TIME: As your child becomes involved in the athletic program, he/she will experience some of the most rewarding moments of his/her life. It is also important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you and your child wishes. Usually, this involves playing time. Coaches are professionals, and they make judgments based on their training and what they feel is best for all student-athletes involved in their programs. Playing time is earned through performance and is not guaranteed to any student-athlete. If an athlete is concerned about their playing time they should request a meeting with their respective coaches. Coaches will provide honest feedback to the athlete and identify performance areas that can be improved to gain additional playing time and experience.

Procedure for Addressing with the Coach an Appropriate Concern:
Parents must follow the proper chain of command pertaining to any issues, concerns or questions. This process always begins first with the coach.
1. Email or call coach to schedule a time to discuss your concern. **You can expect a response to your request within 24 hours of your email or phone call.**
   *Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest. These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution. A 24-hour “cool-down” period immediately after each game/contest is in place during which there should be no contact or discussion with a coach. Please respect the 24-hour cool-down period policy.*
2. Discuss concern with coach.
3. After meeting with the coach, if you are not satisfied with the resolution, contact the Campus Coordinator to set up a meeting.
BISD STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

Students in the Bryan ISD Athletic Program are representatives of the School District and must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the School District at all times.

- Student-athletes will act as students first and athletes second. Dedication to academic success is necessary to compete in the athletic program.
- Student-athletes will comply with all UIL rules and guidelines.
- Student-athletes will comply with, and adhere, to the behavioral, dress and grooming standards as identified in the Bryan ISD Student Code of Conduct.
- Student-athletes will comply with all BISD Athletic Department rules and guidelines and those established for a specific team in which the student-athlete participates.
- Student-athletes will treat all school property with respect and ensure that school property is returned upon request and in good condition (excluding reasonable wear and tear).
- Student-athletes will be courteous and respectful toward all fellow participants, school faculty and staff members, district support staff, spectators, parents and officials, whether from BISD or from any other school district.
- Student-athletes will be punctual and prepared for all games, practices, meetings, and/or other scheduled events related to athletics. They are expected to provide advanced prior notice to the coach if unable to attend any of these activities at least 24 hours in advance unless it is an unexpected circumstance.
- Student-athletes will be responsible for themselves and accountable for their own actions.
- Student-athletes will be hard workers on and off the field/court.
- Student-athletes will be coachable. Being coachable means they are willing to accept feedback from the coach without pushback and then give an honest effort to try and use feedback to better their skills.
- Student-athletes will place team above self.
- Male athletes will not wear earrings while representing BISD Athletics in practice, games, while traveling with the team, etc.
- Student-athletes will carry themselves as positive role models at all times by upholding a positive image, displaying leadership, and respecting the rights of others.
- Student-athletes will not engage in the use or promotion of drugs, alcohol, tobacco products or steroids.
- Student-athletes will be dedicated to the Bryan Athletic Program.

SOCIAL MEDIA EXPECTATIONS OF BISD ATHLETES

All student-athletes will follow BISD Policy regarding Social Media. Student-athletes can be disciplined by the athletic department for social media instances deemed inappropriate. Once sent, consequences designated by the coach in conjunction with campus and/or district administration will occur.

UIL PHYSICALS AND PAPERWORK

Athletes that are in the Athletic Period are expected to have a UIL Physical form and all UIL Paperwork on file within 6 school days from the first day of school, or within 6 days from the first day they are enrolled if they transfer in after school has started. Students who do not have a UIL Physical and all UIL Paperwork on file within this time frame may be removed from the Athletic Period. Athletes that are not in the Athletic Period, but are participating in a sport, will not be allowed to participate, nor will they be considered part of the team until they have a UIL Physical form and all UIL Paperwork on file.

TRANSFER FOR GYMNASTICS OR SWIMMING

A student that is granted a transfer for Gymnastics or Swimming will be required to participate in the athletic period corresponding with that sport. Any other sport the transfer athlete wishes to participate in will be practiced outside of the school day. If at any time the student is no longer a member of the sport in which they were granted the transfer, the student will be transferred back to their zoned campus.

PROCEDURES FOR QUITTING A SPORT

Any athlete wishing to quit a sport must complete the following steps:

1. Meet with their coach and express his/her desire to discontinue participation in that sport.
2. Have his/her parents sign a letter stating that they are aware of their child’s decision and agree.

If a player quits a sport after the two week grace period and before the season ends, that player will not be eligible to participate in another sport for 4 weeks and until the sport they quit is over. The 4 weeks will begin on the date
the player informed the coach of their intent to quit. Participation is considered practices and try-outs outside of the school period, and use of facilities before or after school or playing in an athletic contest. Exceptions can be made if the Head Coach of the sport that the athlete quit, the Campus Coordinator and the Head Coach of the sport the athlete is wanting to participate in all agree that the athlete quit for extenuating circumstances. If the athlete desires to get out of athletics completely or is removed from participating in athletics by the Campus Coordinator, but is not allowed to be removed from the athletic class by the counselor's office, they must dress out and participate as directed to receive a passing grade. If a student has quit sports more than once, that student may face more severe consequences which may include not being allowed to participate in future seasons of the sport they quit and/or the possibility of not being allowed to participate in any athletic program at BISD.

**STUDENT REMOVED FROM A SPORT**

If a student athlete is removed from a sport or is not allowed to participate in a sport due to behavioral issues – they will not be allowed to participate in that sport at another BISD campus until or unless that sport has ended for that school year. Once the duration of the removal is over and if that student athlete is allowed into that sport, they will be placed on a behavioral contract. If a student is removed from the overall athletic program for a designated time period, it will be in effect for that student at all BISD campuses.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE VIOLATIONS and CONSEQUENCES**

**LEVEL 1 MISCONDUCT**

- Grooming or dress code policy violation, as defined by Student Code of Conduct
- Tardy to academic class, or tardy to practice or games without permission
- Not providing prior notice to the coach when absent from practice/event
- Missing practices (this includes before, during and after school, as well as scheduled Saturday or holiday practices)
- Not dressing out for practice without prior permission from coach
- Engaging in acts of disrespectful behavior, such as:
  - cheating in classroom
  - using profane language or gestures during competition or practice
  - being insubordinate to a teacher, coach, school official, or game official
  - being disruptive during a class, practice, game, meeting or other school event
  - taunting or unsportsmanlike behavior toward an opponent or spectators
  - Referral or ISS placement--ISS Assignment results in no game competition allowed during the assignment, but the athlete is allowed to practice after school with his/her team during ISS assignment.
- Failing to return school property as directed.

Missed practices will result in a make-up workout, just as there is make-up work for missing an academic class.

**LEVEL ONE VIOLATIONS may result in:**

1. **Sport related Discipline Reminders (to be determined by the Coach)**
2. **A possible placement on an Athletic Department Behavior Contract if repeatedly breaking Level 1 rules.**

**LEVEL 2 MISCONDUCT**

- Fighting
- Repeated Level 1 offenses
- Engaging in theft, destruction, or misuse of school district property.
- Engaging in hazing, harassment or bullying of others as defined by the Bryan ISD Student Code of Conduct.
- Maintaining or being identified on a website or blog that depicts behavior that is illegal or is sexual in nature.
- Sending, transmitting, or posting images or other material that is related to illegal or sexual activity.
- Engaging in conduct prohibited by the Bryan ISD Student Code of Conduct that is punishable by placement in DAEP or expulsion.

**LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS may result in:**

1. A mandatory conference with Head Coach,
2. A mandatory placement on an Athletic Department Behavior Contract
3. A possible game/event suspension
4. Possible removal from the Athletic Program:

Any Misconduct that results in DAEP Placement will result in at the least a Behavioral Contract and could result in removal from the athletic program.
EXAMPLE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE BEHAVIOR CONTRACT
BISD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

I (Student Name) ____________________________, understand that I am on probation concerning my status with the Bryan ISD Athletic Program. I know that any incident in which I do not meet the behavioral expectations, on of the athletic program will result in immediate disciplinary action. I fully understand what those behavioral expectations are, and I also understand that by signing this contract I have agreed to the terms and conditions listed below:

Upon any violation of campus rules, team rules or BISD Athletic Department rules, the following will result:

1. One Game Suspension
2. One Discipline Reminder Workout for 5 days.
3. The Athlete will be expected to participate in practice or off-season workouts. The Discipline Reminder Workout will take place at the beginning of practice or off-season workout or once practice or off-season workout is complete. This will be the Coach's decision.
4. Issuing a formal apology to the coaching staff and teammates for actions detrimental to the team.
5. Any violation of Team Rules and expectations may result in the athlete being removed from the sport involved or removed from the athletic program.

I understand that failure to meet these conditions may result in termination from the athletic program.

Athlete Signature ____________________________ Date _______

Parent Signature ____________________________ Date _______

Coach ____________________________ Date _______

1st OFFENSE DETAILS:

2nd OFFENSE DETAILS

3rd OFFENSE DETAILS:
UIL RULES

This section is designed to inform students, parents and coaches of UIL Rules. The following excerpt is found in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules. Please take the time to review these rules to ensure that our student athletes are in compliance with UIL rules. For more UIL Rules, please refer to the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

UIL GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligibility rules are found in Section 400 and 440 of the Constitution and Contest Rules. Any question regarding a student’s eligibility, should be addressed to the school coach, principal and/or superintendent. Residence requirements according to Sections 400 (d) 440, and 442 should be thoroughly investigated for any student new to school.

Students are eligible to represent their school in varsity interscholastic activities if they:
• are not 19 years of age or older on or before September 1 of the current scholastic year. (See 504 exception in CC&R)
• have not graduated from high school.
• are enrolled by the sixth class day of the current school year or have been in attendance for fifteen calendar days immediately preceding a varsity contest.
• are full-time day students in a participant high school.
• Initially enrolled in the ninth grade not more than four calendar years ago.
• are meeting academic standards required by state law.
• live with their parents inside the school district attendance zone their first year of attendance. (Parent residence applies to varsity athletic eligibility only.) When the parents do not reside inside the district attendance zone the student could be eligible if: the student has been in continuous attendance for at least one calendar year and has not enrolled at another school; no inducement is given to the student to attend the school (for example: students or their parents must pay their room and board when they do not live with a relative; students driving back into the district should pay their own transportation costs); and it is not a violation of local school or TEA policies for the student to continue attending the school. Students placed by the Texas Youth Commission are covered under Custodial Residence (see Section 442 of the Constitution and Contest Rules).
• have observed all provisions of the Awards Rule.
• have not been recruited. (Does not apply to college recruiting as permitted by rule.)
• have not violated any provision of the summer camp rule. Incoming 10-12 grade students shall not attend a baseball, basketball, football, soccer, or volleyball camp in which a 7-12 grade coach from their school district attendance zone works with, instructs, transports or registers that student in the camp. Students who will be in grades 7, 8, and 9 may attend one baseball, one basketball, one football, one soccer, one softball, and one volleyball camp in which a coach from their school district attendance zone is employed, for no more than six consecutive days each summer in each type of sports camp. Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball camps where school personnel work with their own students may be held in May, after the last day of school, June, July and August prior to the second Monday in August. If such camps are sponsored by school district personnel, they must be held within the boundaries of the school district and the superintendent or his designee shall approve the schedule of fees.
• have observed all provisions of the Athletic Amateur Rule. For purposes of competing in an athletic contest, a student in grades 9-12 is not an amateur if that individual, within the preceding 12 months received money or other valuable consideration for teaching or participating in a League sponsored school sport, or received valuable consideration for allowing his or her name to be used in promoting a product, plan, or service related to a League contest, or accepted money or other valuable consideration from school booster club funds for any non-school purpose. It is a violation of the athletic amateur rule for parents of student athletes to accept tickets to athletic contests where their children are participating. It is also a violation for parents of student athletes to accept free pass gate admission to athletic contests where their children are participating unless they are at the contest in another capacity, i.e., if the parent is an employee of the school or a board member, or working at a concession booth, etc. If a student did not realize that accepting the valuable consideration was a violation of the amateur rule, and returns the valuable consideration within 30 days after being informed of the violation, that student may regain athletic eligibility as of the date the valuable consideration is returned. If a student fails to return it within 30 days, that student remains ineligible for one year from when he or she accepted it. During the period of time a student is in possession of valuable consideration, he or she is ineligible for varsity athletic competition in the sport for which the violation occurred. Any games or contests in which the student participated during that time would be forfeited as the minimum penalty. This rule is sport-specific. For example if a student violates the rule in one sport, such as accepting a prize for winning a hole-in-one contest in golf, that student would be ineligible only for golf.
• did not change schools for athletic purposes.

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Required Forms for Student Participation

It shall be the responsibility of each school to keep on file the following required annual forms for each student who participates in any practice, scrimmage, or game. Forms to be filed can be downloaded from the UIL website (www.uiltexas.org/athletics/forms).

• Pre Participation Physical Examination Form. As a minimum requirement, a Physical Examination Form must be completed prior to junior high athletic participation and again prior to first and third years of high school athletic participation. Local district policy may require an annual physical exam. The form must be filled in and signed by either a Physician, a Physician Assistant licensed by a State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners, a Registered Nurse recognized as an Advanced Practice Nurse by the Board of Nurse Examiners, or a Doctor of Chiropractic. Examination forms signed by any other health care practitioner will not be accepted.

• Medical History Form. Each year prior to any practice or participation, a UIL Medical History Form signed by both a student and a parent or guardian is required. A Medical History Form shall accompany each physical examination and shall be signed by both a student and a parent or guardian.

• Parent or Guardian Permit. Annual participation permit signed by the student’s parent or guardian.

• Rules Acknowledgment. Annual UIL Rules Acknowledgment Form signed by the student and the student’s parent or guardian.

• Parent/Student Anabolic Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing Form. The parent/guardian of each high school athlete, along with each high school athlete, must annually sign the UIL Illegal Steroid Use and Random Steroid Testing Parent and Student Notification/Agreement Form.

• Concussion Acknowledgement Form. Annual UIL Concussion Acknowledgement Form signed by the student and the student’s parent or guardian.

• Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form. Annual UIL Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form signed by the student and the student’s parent or guardian.

PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF)

New students in grades 9-12 who represented their former school in a varsity or sub-varsity athletic contest or practice in grades 8-12 in any previous school year must have a Previous Athletic Participation Form completed prior to participation in a varsity contest at the new school.

UIL PARENT RESIDENCE RULE

Athletes must be in compliance with the UIL Residence Rule to be eligible for varsity athletics. This section applies to the first calendar year of attendance in grades 9-12. Parent(s) in the context of this rule means parents or adoptive parents who adopted the student prior to the student’s first entry in the ninth grade.

(a) PREJUSMPTION OF RESIDENCE OF STUDENT, PARENT(S), SPOUSE. The residence of a single, divorced or widowed student is presumed to be that of the parents of the student. The residence of a married student is presumed to be that of his or her spouse.

(b) GUARDIAN OF PERSON. If a student’s parents are alive but a guardian of his or her person was appointed by appropriate authority and recorded in the county clerk’s office more than one year ago, the residence of the student is presumed to be that of the guardian if the student has continuously resided with the guardian for a calendar year or more. If no legal guardianship has been taken out, three years’ residence with and support of a contest establishes guardianship within the meaning of this rule.

(c) GUARDIAN. If a student’s parents are dead and a guardian of his or her person has been appointed by appropriate authority, the residence of the student is presumed to be that of the guardian.

(d) RELATIVE; SUPPORTER. If a student’s parents are dead and a guardianship of his or her person has not been appointed, the residence of the student is presumed to be that of the grandparent, aunt, uncle, adult brother or sister or other person with whom the student is living and by whom the student is supported.

(e) CUSTODIAL. The residence of a student assigned by appropriate authority to a foster home or a home licensed by the state as a child care boarding facility, or placed in a home by the Texas Youth Commission, is presumed to be at the home. If a student’s parent(s) move the student to a foster home in another school district, the student is not eligible, but may apply for a waiver.

(f) DIVORCED PARENTS. The residence of a student whose parents are divorced is presumed to be that of either parent.

(g) SEPARATED PARENTS.

(1) If a student’s parents separate (and are not divorced), and if one parent remains in the attendance zone where the student has been attending school, the student’s residence is presumed to be that of the parent who did not move.

(2) If a student transfers to a new school with a separated (but not divorced) parent, the student is ineligible for one calendar year, but may apply for a waiver.
(h) CRITERIA OF RESIDENCE. The intent of this section is to insure that unless circumstances fit one of the exceptions above, any relocation of residence is a complete and permanent move for the family. The 12 University Interscholastic League residence shall be the domicile which is a fixed, permanent and principal home for legal purposes. The residence is not bona fide under UIL rules unless it complies with all of the following criteria.

1. Does the student’s parent, guardian or other person whose residence determines the student’s residence own a house or condominium or rent a house, apartment or other living quarters in the school district and attendance zone? Parents must provide documentation to verify the purchase, lease or rental of a home located in the new attendance zone. A lease agreement or rental agreement should be for a reasonable duration.

2. Do the student and the parent or guardian have their furniture and personal effects in the district and attendance zone? There should be no personal effects or furniture belonging to the family in the previous residence.

3. Do the student and the parent or guardian receive their mail (other than office mail) in the district and attendance zone? The family should have submitted a change of mailing address to the Post Office.

4. Are the parents or guardians registered to vote in the district and attendance zone? If either of the parents was registered to vote at the previous address, they should have applied for a new voter registration card at the new address.

5. Do the parents or guardians regularly live in the district and attendance zone and intend to live there indefinitely? The new residence should accommodate the entire family. The former house should be on the market at a reasonable market price or sold, or the lease or rental agreement terminated. All utilities and telephone service should be disconnected or no longer in the family’s name. All licensed drivers in the household should have complied with DPS regulations for changing their address.

6. Do parents live in the district and attendance zone for the first calendar year? If the parents of a contestant move from the district or school zone before the student has been in attendance for one year, the student loses athletic eligibility in the school district from which the parents move, and remains ineligible there for varsity athletics until a year is up.

CHANGING SCHOOLS FOR ATHLETIC PURPOSES:

(a) DETERMINATION BY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The district executive committee is to determine whether or not a student changed schools for athletic purposes, when considering each student who changed schools and has completed the eighth grade, whether or not the student has a school in grades nine through twelve.

(b) COMMON INDICATORS. District executive committees should look closely to determine if a student is changing schools for any athletic purpose. Some common indicators committees should include in their considerations include, but are not limited to: checking to see if a student was recruited; ascertaining whether a student was in good standing in the previous school, either academically or in a sports program; determining if a student was unhappy with a coach in the previous school; determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where members of the non-school team attend; determining if a student played on a non-school team and is transferring to the school where the non-school team coach or a relative of the non-school team coach, is the school coach; and determining if a student received individual or team instruction from a school coach and is transferring to the school of that coach.

(c) INELIGIBLE. A student who changes schools for athletic purposes is not eligible to compete in varsity League athletic contest(s) at the school to which he or she moves for at least one calendar year, even if both parents move to the new school district attendance zone. See (e) below.

(d) LENGTH OF INELIGIBILITY. The district executive committee for the district into which the student moves shall determine when or if a student who moves for athletic purposes becomes eligible. See (c) above and (f) (3) below.

(e) PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM (PAPF). An individual is presumed to have changed schools for athletic purposes if he or she participated with his or her former school in any League athletic contest or practice in grades eight through twelve during any previous school year until:

1. The student’s parents change their residence to the new school or attendance zone; (see Section 442 (g) for a student who changes residence with a separated parent); and

2. The superintendent (or designated administrator) and principal and/or coach of the previous school 2015-16 Parent Information Manual 13 sign a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited to the new school and did not change schools or attendance zones for athletic purposes; and

3. The superintendent (or designated administrator) of the new school signs a PAPF stating that the student was not recruited and is not changing schools for athletic purposes; and

4. The parents sign a PAPF either in front of the new school’s administrator or a notary public that they reside in the new school district or attendance zone and the change was not made for their child’s athletic purposes; and

5. The district executive committee approves the completed PAPF. NOTE: The district executive committee is not bound to determining only the status of students who participated at another school the previous or current year, as it relates to changing schools for athletic purposes.

(f) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION BY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
(1) If the district executive committee where the student attends school finds that the student did not change schools for athletic purposes and meets all the criteria listed in Section 442, it shall declare the student eligible if he/she meets all other eligibility requirements.

(2) If the district executive committee where the student now attends school finds that the student did not change schools for athletic purposes, it may declare that student eligible even though the school district from which he or she moved refused to sign the PAPF. (Extreme caution should be used in granting eligibility under this condition.)

(3) If the district executive committee where the student now lives finds at any time that the change was made for athletic purposes, it shall declare that student ineligible to participate in athletic contests for one year. This may include a student who did not compete at the previous school. If the committee decides that the period of ineligibility should be longer than one year, the committee shall transfer the case to the State Executive Committee.

(4) When officials from both the sending and receiving schools agree that a student changed schools for athletic purposes, the State Executive Committee will not hear or grant an appeal.

(g) MINIMUM PENALTY. If a Previous Athletic Participation Form was not filed prior to competition and it was an inadvertent error and the student is actually eligible under Subchapter M of the Constitution, the district executive committee is not required to demand forfeiture or to rule the student ineligible. The committee may assess the minimum penalty of reprimand.

(h) NO PREVIOUS ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FORM REQUIRED. The Previous Athletic Participation Forms are not required if the student did not practice or participate with his or her former school in grades eight through twelve during any previous school year in any athletic activity or if the student was required to change schools because the school district or attendance zone lines were changed by the school board or other appropriate authority. NOTE: (d) and (f) above speak to the applicability of the Previous Athletic Participation Form as it relates to students who have or have not represented another school in grades nine through twelve in either varsity or subvarsity competition. Section 440 (d) prohibits students from changing schools for athletic purposes.

Intra-District Transfers

A student who has an option to attend more than one high school within a school district, rather than being assigned to a school according to attendance zones, is eligible at the school first selected if he/she transfers at the first opportunity. If a student subsequently transfers to another school, the student is not eligible for varsity athletic competition until he/she has been in and regularly attended that school for at least the previous calendar year.

Understand that based on UIL Rules - transfer students who elect at a later time to reverse their transfer and return to the home campus will be ineligible for a period of one year from the date of first attending classes at the home school.
BRYAN ISD ATHLETIC LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

For all sports, these exceptions can be made.

1. A senior who has been in the program 4 years, but has not met the requirements can earn a letter at the coach’s discretion.
2. A varsity athlete that is a senior or would have met the requirements for that sport, but gets injured before being able to complete the season can earn a letter at the coach’s discretion.
3. In team sports, an athlete that is a major contributor in a playoff game/games can earn a letter at the coach’s discretion.

Managers:

1. A Manager cannot letter as freshman. A sophomore must have completed two full years of service with at least one of those season being a varsity manager. If they are a first year junior or senior they must be a varsity manager for at least one season to earn a letter jacket and the jacket will be at the coach’s discretion.
2. A season is only counted for a manager if they complete the season in good standing, this includes remaining academically eligible throughout the entire season.

Trainers:

Athletic Training Student Aides will be eligible to receive their letter jacket after 3 satisfactory semesters of participation in the athletic training program or upon completion of the 1st semester of their senior year.

**BASEBALL/SOFTBALL/BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL/FOOTBALL/SOCCER**

Must be on Varsity for at least 50% of the District Season.
Must finish the season in good standing.
Refer to rules regarding possible exceptions for all sports.

For the following sports, the athlete must finish the season in good standing. Also refer to the rules regarding possible exceptions for all sports.

**GOLF**
Golfer played in at least 75% of all varsity tournaments including District Tournament
Or
Qualifying and competing at Regionals

**WRESTLING**
Compete in at least 75% of the Wrestling Matches on Varsity for the Season including the District Meet
Or
Qualifying and competing at Regionals

**TENNIS**
Compete in at least 75% of the Varsity Tennis Matches including the District Meet
And
Must play top 6 singles or top 3 doubles or mixed
Or
Spring – represent varsity in varsity draw.

**TRACK**
Compete as a varsity member for at least 75% of the Meets including District.
Or
Score at least one point on the varsity at the District Meet.

**CROSS COUNTRY**
Top 7 Runners for majority of the season including the District Meet.
Or
Medalist at District Meet or a member of a team that qualifies and competes at Regionals.

**SWIMMING & DIVING**
Must be an active, participating member of the team through-out the entire season.
Must place 1st-6th at the District Meet in an individual event or relay
OR have been an active participating member of the team for 3 years.

**GYMNASTICS**
Academically eligible for five of the six grading periods per school year.
And
Compete in 80% of regular season competitions
And
Complete one full school year on the Varsity

**POWER LIFTING**
Place in top 5 in at least one meet or qualify for Regionals
And
Compete in at least 75% of all scheduled meets including the final meet of the year (unless head coach gives approval not to attend.)

This document can be used if a student and parent cannot access the online forms

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I have read, understood and agree to abide by the guidelines set in the Bryan ISD High School Athletic Handbook. I understand that not following this Handbook could result in disciplinary action or removal from the athletic program. By signing this agreement I am agreeing to adhere to the standards in this Handbook and I am agreeing to the disciplinary procedures outlined in this Handbook.

Athlete print name ______________________________  Date ______________

Athlete sign name _____________________________________

Parent or Guardian signature ______________________________  Date ______________