

# Harlem High School Athletics' Mission and Philosophy



## Mission Statement

The athletic program at Harlem High School dynamically supports the academic mission of the school. Harlem High School sets high expectations for its coaches and student-athletes. The athletic program promotes interscholastic athletics that provide lifelong learning experiences to student-athletes while enhancing their achievement of educational goals. Our goal is to teach the values of teamwork, pride, respect, commitment, good work ethic, sportsmanship, and development of the proper winning attitude. It is our hope that through our athletic programs, participating student-athletes will adopt and embrace this mission and will demonstrate these characteristics in all aspects of their lives.

## Objectives

- ✓ To provide the opportunity for student-athletes to develop wholeness through learning experiences that contribute to their physical, mental, emotional, and social growth.
- ✓ To provide each student-athlete with the opportunity to develop their individual skill and potential.
- ✓ To provide the opportunity for each student-athlete to learn how to function as a member of a team.
- ✓ To develop the qualities of good sportsmanship, respect, responsibility, and moral integrity within each student-athlete.
- ✓ To develop an appreciation of the value of physical fitness and conditioning within each student-athlete.
- ✓ To teach the student-athlete to accept victory and defeat in a gracious manner.
- ✓ To teach the student-athlete the value of hard work, commitment, and responsibility.
- ✓ To provide opportunities for growth and development through athletic competition that will contribute to a successful adult life for each student-athlete.
- ✓ To develop school spirit within each student-athlete.

## Philosophy

Harlem High School considers participation in athletics to be an integral part of the overall educational experience. Athletics provides opportunities for physical, mental, emotional, and social development. The competition of athletics is viewed as a valuable experience because it challenges each student-athlete to strive for excellence, helps each student-athlete discover their physical limits, and requires each student-athlete to work cooperatively as a member of a team. While winning is a natural goal in the pursuit of excellence, the principles of good sportsmanship and enjoyment of competition take precedence at all times and enhance the educational value of all contests.

## We Are Harlem!

