

JEANNETTE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT-ATHLETE HANDBOOK



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Dear Parent/Guardians:

This material is presented to you because your son or daughter has indicated a desire to participate in interscholastic athletics, and you have expressed your willingness to permit him/her to compete. Your family interest in this important component of our school program is gratifying. We believe that participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities and experiences that assist students in personal adjustments and future everyday life situations.

We are concerned with the educational development of boys and girls through athletics, and feel that a properly controlled, well-organized sports program, can meet student needs for self-expression, social, mental, and physical growth. It is our intent to conduct a program that is educationally sound in purpose, and will enhance each student's personal growth.

A student who elects to participate in athletics is voluntarily making a choice of self-discipline. These are the reasons we place such stress on good training habits. Failure to comply with the rules of training and conduct means exclusion from the squad. This concept of self-discipline and self-denial is tempered by our responsibility to recognize the rights of the individual with the objectives of the team. There is no place in athletics for students who will not discipline their minds and bodies for rigorous competition. We are striving for excellence and do not want our athletes to compromise with mediocrity.

When your son/daughter enlisted on one of our sports programs, he/she committed our staff to certain responsibilities and obligations which are:

- A.) To provide adequate equipment and facilities
- B.) To provide well trained coaches
- C.) To provide equalized contests with skilled officials

Likewise, we feel that you have committed yourselves to certain responsibilities and obligations. We ask that you be **positive and encouraging** in respect to the coaches' philosophy with your child(ren). It only takes a few minutes at the dinner table to destroy and break down what a coaching staff is trying to achieve with their respective team. We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint you with specific policies that are necessary for a well-organized program of athletics.

It is the role of the department of athletics to make rules that govern the spirit of competition for the school. These rules need a broad basis of community support, which is achieved only through communication to the parent/guardian. It is our hope to accomplish this objective through this athletic publication for students and parents/guardians.

Sincerely,

Bill Petko
Athletic Director

Dear Athlete,

Being a member of a Jeannette City School District athletic team is a fulfillment of an early ambition for many students. The attainment of this goal carries with it certain traditions and responsibilities that must be maintained. A great athletic tradition is not built overnight; it takes the hard work of many participants over many years. As a member of an interscholastic squad of the Jeannette City School District, you have inherited a wonderful tradition which you are challenged to uphold.

Our tradition has been to win with honor and sportsmanship to our athletes, our opponents, our schools, our families, and our community. Such a tradition is worthy of the best efforts of all concerned. Over many years, our squads and individuals have achieved more than their share of section, WPIAL, and PIAA championships. Many individuals have set records and achieved All-State and All-Conference honors. Our goal is to continue this tradition every year.

It will not be easy to contribute to such a great athletic tradition. When you wear the colors blue and red of your school, we assume that you not only understand our traditions, but are willing to assume the responsibilities that go with them. These responsibilities include:

A.) Responsibilities to You: The most important of these responsibilities is to broaden and develop strength of character. You owe it to yourself to derive the greatest benefit from your high school experiences. Your academic studies, your participation in other extracurricular activities, as well as in sports, prepare you for your life as an adult. Even though athletics is part of our educational development, we never want to compromise our academic development for athletics; remember, **ACADEMICS FIRST AND THEN ATHLETICS**.

B.) Responsibilities to your School: By participating in athletics to the maximum of your ability, and upholding Jeannette's "Athletes Code of Conduct", you are contributing to the reputation of your school.

You assume a leadership role when you are on an athletic team. The student body and citizens of the community, and other communities, judge our school by your conduct and attitude, both on and off the field. Because of this leadership role, you can contribute significantly to school spirit and community pride.

C.) Responsibilities to Others: As a team member, you also bear a heavy responsibility to your family. When you know in your heart that you have lived up to all of the training rules, that you have practiced to the best of your ability every day, and that you have played the game to the best of your ability," you can keep your self-respect and your family can be justly proud of you.

Be a role model and leader. Keep in mind the younger students in the Jeannette City School District are watching you. They will emulate you in many ways. Set good examples for them. Hard work ethic, good practice habits, and sportsmanship are necessary components to carry on the great tradition of Jeannette's student athletes.

Sincerely,

Bill Petko
Athletic Director

ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

The interscholastic sports program consists of ten (10) varsity teams (grades 9-12) and three (3) junior high teams (grades 7/8). All of these groups compete in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). The local district of the PIAA that our school competes in is District 7, commonly known as the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League or the WPIAL. Our Junior High teams compete in a local organization known as the Westmoreland Area Athletic Director's Association (WAADA)

Baseball: This is a varsity sport offered in the spring.

Basketball: This sport is offered to 7/8 grade girls in the fall. This sport is offered in the winter to 7/8 grade boys, Junior Varsity boys and girls, and Varsity boys' and girls'.

Cheerleading: This sport consists of one (1) Varsity squad.

Football: This is a fall sport offered at the Varsity level.

Golf: This sport is offered in the fall at the Varsity level.

Softball: This sport is offered in the spring consisting of a Varsity team.

Soccer: This sport is offered in the fall to girls at the 7/8 level, and boys and girls at the Varsity level.

Tennis: Tennis is offered in the fall to girls at the Varsity level.

Track: This sport is offered as a co-op with Hempfield Area School District in the spring at the Varsity level.

Wrestling: This sport is offered as a co-op with Hempfield Area School District in the winter at the Varsity level.

PHILOSOPHY

Athletics play an important part in the life of Jeannette students. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition, and winning and losing gracefully are an integral part of each team in our athletic program. Athletics also play an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to our school spirit and helps all students, spectators, and participants develop pride in their school.

Athletics function as an integral part of the curriculum. It offers the opportunity to serve the school, to assist in the development of fellowship and goodwill, to promote self-realization and all-around growth, and to encourage the learning of good citizenship qualities.

The interscholastic athletic program shall be conducted in accordance with the existing Jeannette City Board of Education policies. While the Board of Education takes great pride in winning, it does not condone “winning at any cost”, and discourages any and all pressures, which might tend to neglect good sportsmanship and good mental health.

The intent of the athletic program in Jeannette is to provide opportunities for each student to participate and compete in some form of athletics at a level appropriate to the student’s ability. Jeannette City School District believes that participation in athletics is a wholesome, worthwhile educational experience for all students. To win fairly and to accept the frustration of losing in a mature, sportsmanlike manner provides enduring lessons. A strong athletic program provides an opportunity for students to learn this lesson.

ETHICS

Athletics should foster clean sports. It is the privilege and duty of every person connected with athletics to exemplify high standards in his/her own actions and advocate them in others. This includes the coaches, players, fans, administrators, and officials.

Some guidelines that are expected at Jeannette include the following:

- Unsportsmanlike or unfair means to gain an advantage are not to be used
- Student spectators represent their school as well as the players and should conduct themselves accordingly.
- Decisions of the officials are to be abided by, even if they seem unfair
- Visiting teams are to be treated as guests of the home team.
- Good points in others should be appreciated and suitable recognition given for outstanding achievement.
- The practice of “booing” is regarded as discourteous and unsportsmanlike.

ELIGIBILITY

Jeannette's interscholastic athletic program is conducted in accordance with the existing Board of Education policies, rules, and regulations. It is also governed by the rules of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA).

The following eligibility rules highlight and summarize the major requirements that must be met to participate in athletics. It does not list every rule and regulation in detail. The principal of your school is responsible for certifying the eligibility of all students representing your school in interscholastic athletics. Questions of rules not addressed here should be directed to the building principal or Athletic Director.

AGE

A pupil shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition upon reaching the age of nineteen years unless the age of 19 is attained on or after July 1 immediately preceding the school year. In such instances, the pupil is eligible, age wise, to compete that school year. (15 years of age for competition in grade 7 and 8)

ATTENDANCE

You must be regularly enrolled in your school and in full-time attendance, Charter or Cyber- Charter School or be home-schooled.

If you are absent from school during a semester for a total of 20 or more school days, you will lose your eligibility until you have been in attendance for a total of 60 school days following your 29th day of absence.

Physical Exam and Parent/Guardian Consent

You are eligible to participate in athletics only if an approved/parent/guardian form consenting to your participation in the particular sport involved. In addition to this consent form you are eligible to participate only if you have had a physical examination by a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine, a certified registered nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant before you begin practice for your sports season. A comprehensive physical is now offered that is good for each sport's season during that calendar year. If an injury occurs in one sport then a medical release must be given to be able to return to that sport or participate in the next seasons sport. An example of the comprehensive physical is a physical obtained after June 1 that is good for the upcoming fall, winter, and spring season. A physical obtained in February for a spring sport would not be valid for the upcoming fall season. That physical must be obtained after June 1. To participate in any sports' non-mandatory summer, fall, or winter conditioning program, the athlete must have an updated physical after June 1, regardless if they participated in a spring sport prior to June 1. Each parent is advised there is an inherent risk of injury in every sport in which an athlete participates.

Prior to the beginning of practice, wrestlers must also obtain from a school certified weight assessor, a certification of the minimum weight class at which they may wrestle for the entire season.

AMATEUR STATUS

In order to be eligible to participate in an interscholastic athletic contest, a pupil must be an amateur in the sport involved. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the pleasure, educational, mental, physical, and social benefits derived there from. Acceptance of gifts, gift certificates, and/or contracts to endorse products of any nature will jeopardize your amateur status.

Loss of Amateur Status

An athlete loses his/her amateur status in an interscholastic sport whenever:

1. He/she, or the school or organization which he/she represents, receives compensation, other consideration, or an award not permitted or related to his/her athletic ability, performance, participation, or services.
2. He/she plays on a professional team or as an individual professional.
3. He/she receives consideration for becoming a member of an athletic organization or school.
4. He/she signs a contract whereby he/she agrees to compete in any athletic competition for consideration. It is not a violation for a high school baseball player to attend a professional baseball tryout camp, provided (1) that no expenses are paid to him and (2) his participation is otherwise in conformity with the National Federation Major-Minor League Agreement.
5. He/she accepts compensation or other consideration for teaching, training or coaching in a sport. It is not a violation of this rule for a high school athlete to receive normal and customary compensation for acting as an instructor in or officiating recreational activities or for serving as a lifeguard at swimming areas.
6. He/she sells or pawns his athletic achievement awards.

PERMISSIBLE AWARDS

A school may purchase a jacket, shirt, watch, ring, photograph, medal, plaque, or trophy, with appropriate instructional insignia or comparable identification, for an athlete who has earned the official school letter or award, and present the same time the school award is made.

The sponsor or sponsors of an athletic event or group of events may purchase any of the above for an athlete who has earned the official award for the event or events, and present the same at the time the official award for the event is made.

A non-profit service organization approved by the school principal or the news media may purchase any of the above items for an athlete, in recognition of his/her athletic ability or performance, and present the same at the time appropriate to such recognition.

A student may accept from an institution of higher education which he/she visits in connection with his prospective or possible attendance there as a student, reasonable expenses necessitated by such visit, and free admission to home athletic events of said institution which occur during visit.

ALL-STAR CONTESTS

A pupil will lose eligibility in a sport for one year if you participate in an All-Star contest in that sport. Your eligibility will not be affected if you participate in an event that is not advertised or promoted as an All-Star contest, is open to all participants on the basis of a tryout or a uniform standard of qualification; and you do not represent your school or wear any school-affiliated uniform or apparel in the event.

How Amateur Status can be Re-instated

A player who has lost his/her amateur status, may be reinstated by the suspending body after a period of one year from the date of suspension, providing that he/she refrains from all activity prohibited that is mentioned above.

ATHLETE'S CONDUCT

Athletes may be dismissed from the team or have disciplinary action taken for any of the following:

- Failure to comply with eligibility requirements
- Failure to meet academic or attendance requirements
- Continued discipline problems either in school or in sport or sports in which they participate
- Unsportsmanlike conduct at events such as profanity, abusive remarks, attempts to do harm to others, displays of emotional instability, or acts detrimental to the welfare of the team, school, or others
- Failure to attend practices without approved excuses, three unexcused absences.
- Accumulation of a limited number of excused absences, four excused absences.
- Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the coach, school, or sport
- Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any controlled substance
- Use of anabolic steroids
- Use of any diuretic, laxative, or other methods designed to accelerate weight loss
- Stealing
- Defiance towards coaches
- Hazing in any shape or form physical, verbal, or nonverbal
- Racial or ethnic slurs at any member of the team or opponent's team or fans

The following MINIMUM penalties are prescribed for students violating the steroid/drug policy:

1. The first violation, suspension from team competition/practice and/or school athletics for the remainder of the season.
2. Second violation, suspension from athletics for the remainder of the season and the following season.
3. Third violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.

Each dismissal is subject to review by the Athletic Director. Students who are dismissed from the team for any reason relinquish the rights and benefits of the team.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING ATHLETIC LETTERS

The following are basic rules that apply to candidates for athletic awards in Jeannette:

- The player must always display the type of sportsmanship and conduct that Jeannette demands of its athletes
- A player must conform to all the training rules established for the given sport
- The player must have conformed to the practice and game regulations that have been established by the coach
- The player must have returned all equipment loaned to him/her to the satisfaction of the coach and equipment manager
- In the case of injury or other extenuating circumstances, awards will be made on the recommendation of the coach
- The player must finish the season in good standing with the school and the team. Students who quit the team or are dismissed from the team are not eligible for athletic awards
- The specific criteria for lettering in a given sport, such as the number of quarters, matches, points, and other criteria for participation, will be that coach's digression.

ACADEMIC AND CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a pupil must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full-time curriculum.

The pupil must be passing at least four full-time subjects or the equivalent, as of each Friday during a grading period. Middle school students must maintain passing criteria. If you fail to meet this requirement, you will lose your eligibility from the immediately following Sunday through Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which you meet the requirement.

You must have passed at least four full-credit subjects or the equivalent during the previous grading period. (Eligibility for the first grading period will be based on your final grades of the previous school year.) Failing to meet this requirement will cause you to lose your eligibility for 10 schools days, beginning on the first day that report cards are issued.

PARTICIPATION

A pupil may not represent his school in interscholastic athletics if he/she has:

- Been in attendance more than 8 semesters beyond the 8th grade
- Played four seasons beyond the 8th grade
- Completed the work of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Participated athletically in any one sport more than six seasons beginning with 7th grade through and including 12th grade, nor shall a pupil participate in any sport more than three seasons in grades 7 through 9, inclusive, and three seasons in grades 10 through 12, inclusive.

If you are absent from school, you may not participate in any athletic practice or interscholastic competition. Extenuating circumstances such as Doctor's appointments, family emergencies, funerals, etc. are exceptions, but must have a written note and must be approved by both the Athletic Director and Principal. To be considered not absent, you must be in school by 11AM.

If you are suspended from school, either in or out-of-school suspension, you may not participate in any school-related activity for the duration of the suspension.

Students riding a school bus to an event must return on the same bus. The school is not responsible for the safety of students who travel in private cars.

Students must pay attention to the starting dates for all athletics. Coaches expect athletes to begin practice on scheduled starting dates. This is of great importance for fall sports because they often begin before school starts

EQUIPMENT

All athletes are responsible for any equipment given them for use before, during or after the season. Students not returning all equipment must pay the replacement cost for the missing equipment. Restitution will also be required for any equipment that has been abused. Coaches will have collection days for all materials and students are to return the equipment at this time. Failure to return equipment on time may result in disciplinary action. The obligation may also result in a student not getting a report card into the next grade level or withholding of senior transcript and/or diploma.

Student-athletes should wash equipment regularly. Regular washing insures a level of hygiene that prevents spread of germs and disease. At the end of the season, equipment must be turned in clean, mended and folded. There is an established procedure for the collection of equipment. No equipment can be purchased, all equipment must be returned.

CUTTING POLICY

Philosophy

In accordance with our philosophy of athletics and our desire to see as many students as possible participate in the athletic program while at Jeannette City School District, we encourage coaches to keep as many students as they can while maintaining the integrity of their sport. Time, space, facilities, equipment, personal preference, and other factors will place limitations on the most effective team size for any particular sport. However, when developing policy with respect to team selection, coaches are encouraged to strive to maximize the opportunities for our student without diluting the quality of the program.

Responsibility

1. Choosing the members of athletic teams is the sole responsibility of the coaches of those teams
2. Non-varsity coaches shall take into consideration the policies established by the head coach in that particular program when selecting final team rosters
3. Prior to team selection, the coach shall provide the following information to all candidates for the team:
 - a. Extent of tryout period
 - b. Criteria used to evaluate and then select the team
 - c. Number or range of numbers to be selected
 - d. Practice commitment if they make the team
 - e. Game commitments

Procedure

1. When a team cut becomes a necessity, the following procedures will be used:
 - Each candidate shall have competed in a minimum of three practice sessions and have performed in at least one intrasquad game (exception softball/baseball)
2. The coach will select players using an established written standard or criteria in order to field a competitive team. (guidelines by regional, state, or national organizations)
3. The coach will not post a list of individuals not making the team, but have a conference with those individuals. The coach will identify how he/she will communicate with individuals who have specific question relative to tryouts.
4. Coaches will discuss alternative possibilities for participation in the sport, other areas of the activities program with the student. (example would be a student manager)

PARENT /COACH COMMUNICATIONS

Parent/Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult tasks. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide even greater benefit to the student-athletes. As parents, when your child(ren) become involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child(ren). This begins with clear communication from the coach of that program.

Communication a Parent Should Expect From the Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your child(ren) as well as other players on the team
3. Locations and times of both practices and games
4. Team requirements (i.e. fees, off-season conditioning and special equipment.)
5. Procedure if your child(ren) become injured during participation
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your child's and/or children's participation
7. An overview of the Athletic Code.

Communication a Coach Should Expect From Parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance
3. Specific concerns in regard to the coach's expectations and/or philosophy

As your child(ren) become involved in the Athletic Program in the Hempfield Area School District, they will experience some of the most rewarding times in their lives. It is important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you or your child(ren) had hoped. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged; if deemed necessary.

Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With Coaches

1. The treatment of your child(ren): both mentally and/or physically.
2. Concerns and/or questions of your child(ren) behavior and/or strengths and weaknesses
3. Ways to assist your child(ren) to improve

It is very difficult to accept your child's and/or children are not playing as much as you may have hoped. Coaches make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all student-athletes involved. As you have read from the list above, certain concerns can and should be discussed with the coach. Other issues, such as those on the following list, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other student athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both the parent(s) and coach have a clear understanding of the other position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to assist in promoting a resolution to the issue of concern.

If You Have a Concern to Discuss With a Coach, the Procedure You Should Follow

1. Call the Athletic Department to set up an appointment with the coach.
2. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent(s) and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promise a resolution.

If you have met With the Coach and You Feel That Your Concern was Not Addressed, the Procedure You Should Follow

1. Set up meeting with the Coach and Athletic Director
2. If still not resolved, set up meeting with the Coach, Athletic Director, and building Principal
3. If still not resolved, set up meeting with Coach, Athletic Director, building Principal and if necessary, the Superintendent
4. At no point should a School Board member be notified.

HAZING

Students are prohibited from organizing, soliciting, aiding or participating in any type of hazing for any class, school-sponsored club, activity, or athletic team. Hazing is any intentional, knowing or reckless act directed against a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliation with, holding office, or maintaining membership in any class, school-sponsored club, activity, or athletic team. Hazing is any activity expected of someone joining or belonging to a group that humiliates, degrades, abuses, or endangers, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. Students are required to report any known or suspected form of hazing to a principal immediately. Disciplinary action including, but not limited to, permanent removal from the class, club, activity, or athletic team, may be taken against any students who organize, participate in, and/or fail to report a hazing ritual.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Student Athletes who are good sports are positive role models within our school and the community. A good sport knows that athletic competition builds character and shapes lifetime attitudes.

The principals of good sportsmanship include: integrity, fairness, and respect.

As a student athlete at Jeannette, your sportsmanship goals should include:

- Developing a sense of dignity
- Respecting the rules of the game, including the officials who administer the rules and their decisions
- Respect opponents and acknowledge them for striving to do their best
- Educate others to understand the rules of the contest and the value of sportsmanship
- Accept the personal responsibility for your actions during competition

Remember you are a spokesperson for Jeannette City School District when you are representing us in an athletic competition. Your good sportsmanship will show the most positive things about you and your school and remind us that sports are meant to be fun.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Student-Athletes who plan on participating in intercollegiate athletics should be aware that there are academic and curriculum criteria that must be met before you can participate in college athletics. Your grades and curriculum at Jeannette are very important. Students should strive to excel in both the classroom and in athletics. Criteria for participation in college athletic begin with the ninth grade year of high school. Athletes should see the guidance counselor for necessary information.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division I or Division II athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse was established as a separate organization by the NCAA member institutions in January 1993. The Clearinghouse ensures consistent interpretation of NCAA initial-eligibility requirements for all prospective student athletes at all member institutions. Applications for the Clearinghouse can be picked up in the guidance office. You can register with the Clearinghouse as early as your freshman year.

TITLE IX

Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act, passed in 1972, requires equity between men and women in three areas: equal opportunity to participate in sports in relation to the percentage of men and women in the student body; equal access to scholarship money; and facilities and support services.

The Jeannette City School District is committed to providing equal opportunities for all persons without regard to sex, race, creed, religion, ethnic background or handicap in its educational programs, policies, and employment practices. Inquiries should be directed to the Director of Human Resources or the Title IX Coordinator.

TITLE IX SECTION 504 STATEMENT

The Jeannette City School District is an equal opportunity educational institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap/disability in its activities, educational programs, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504. Publication of this statement is in accordance with state and federal laws including Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

ATHLETE’S CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct will be issued to all student-athletes. The athletes along with their parents should read this carefully. The rules and regulations listed below are designed to permit the athlete to indicate his/her willingness to abide by the standard of this Code. When an infraction of this policy occurs, the Jeannette City School District policy will be applied.

School discipline/Attendance Requirements

1. The Student Handbook serves as guidelines for all student activities. This includes any school board approved athletic activities whether on or off campus.
2. A student must be in school one-half day (by 11AM) of a contest and/or a practice in order to participate. If you are absent from school you may not practice or compete on that day.
3. Frequent tardiness to school may result in cancellation of playing privileges.
4. A student who has been absent from school for 20 or more days during a semester will not be eligible to participate in any athletic contest until he/she has been in attendance for a total of 45 school days following the 20th day of absence, except that where there is a consecutive absence of five or more days due to confining illness, injury or quarantine. Summer school attendance does not count toward the 20 days. (PIAA rules)

Grades (PIAA rules)

1. In order to be eligible for athletics, an athlete must be passing the equivalent of 4 credits during the previous grading period. If the credits are not passed, the athlete will not be eligible for 15 school days.
2. Grade will be checked weekly during the athletes sport season. Failing grades will be reported to your coach. If you are not passing the equivalent to 4 credits, you will be ineligible the following week.

Use of Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco

The possession, use, furnishing, or transmission of narcotics, stimulant drugs, alcoholic beverages, steroids, and substances resembling unauthorized substances and the use or possession of tobacco is prohibited. This is detailed in the Student-Athlete Handbook (student conduct section). Any incidents outside of school will be addressed in the team rules

Parent and Athlete to complete this portion

I will uphold these rules and regulations, and I understand the penalties that have been established for abusing the privilege of being a Student-Athlete at Jeannette.

Date _____ Athlete Signature _____

I/we support the ideals of the CODE OF CONDUCT and behavior standards

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

