

Dryden Athletics Parent Information

First and foremost, the athletic department and coaches want to thank every parent for all that they do to provide their child the opportunity to participate in athletics. Numerous studies have shown that participation in athletics teaches teamwork, sportsmanship, self-discipline, life-long healthy habits, improved self-esteem, higher academic achievements, and a positive body image. You are helping to provide your child the building blocks and skills necessary for life-long success.

This document is intended to provide you with pertinent information and answers to frequently asked questions. If you have any additional questions or concerns that are not addressed in this document please feel free to contact the athletic department. We can be reached by telephone at 607-844-8694 ext. 5201 or 5243 and by email at tkwiatk1@dryden.k12.ny.us or lstamp1@dryden.k12.ny.us

Scheduling of Events

- Your athlete's coach will provide you with a game schedule at the beginning of the season. Unfortunately, there are many factors that can cause this game schedule to change. The athletic department uses the Schedule Galaxy/Aktivate app for all our game scheduling. You can download this app, pick your athlete's team, and notifications of game changes (times, dates, locations) will be sent to your device. A link to Schedule Galaxy/Aktivate is also located on the Dryden Athletics page and will provide you with up to date schedules.

Transportation

- The athletic department would respectfully ask that you pick up your child within 10 minutes of the conclusion of practices or games. A coach is responsible for your child while they are on campus and cannot leave the school until all their athletes have left.

- Our transportation department is severely understaffed at the moment. It is likely that some away games will not have a school bus driver available to transport the team. If these circumstances do arise parents may be asked to transport athletes. Each athlete will need written permission to ride with their parent or another parent to and from the contest. The written permission can be in the form of an email and should be sent to both the athletic department and coach.

- When school transportation is available an athlete is expected to ride the bus to and from the contest. Only parents/guardians are permitted to sign their child out for the purpose of transporting home from an away contest. The coach will have a list for those types of sign-outs following a contest. If a parent/guardian needs to have someone else transport their child home from an away contest, they must make a written request to the Athletic Director ahead of time. No one under the age of 21 will be approved to

provide such transportation except in the case of prior written parental consent for a sibling to transport another sibling.

Chain of Command

- Most athletes and parents have very positive experiences with athletic participation and coach interactions. However, occasionally the need may arise for clarification on a situation. If a concern does arise the athlete should speak with their coach. This is part of the development and maturation process for the student athlete and the first step in finding a resolution. If the situation is not satisfactorily resolved for all concerned the parent may respectfully request a conference with the coach. If there is not a resolution to the situation at that point the parent should contact the athletic department and request a conference with the coach and the Director of Athletics. A meeting time will then be arranged for all parties involved.

Absences and Athletic Participation

- To be eligible for athletic participation that day (practice or game) a student must attend school for half of the school day. A half day of school is defined as first through fifth period or sixth period through 2:19 pm. There are legal exceptions to this rule and should be discussed prior to the absence with the Athletic Director to assure athletic participation is still available for the athlete that day. Examples of legal excuses are provided in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

Thank you again for allowing your child to participate in athletics with the Dryden Central School District. Your athlete will undoubtedly develop lifelong memories and friendships with their participation in athletics. Parents are in a unique position to make a positive difference in the lives of all the players and young spectators. Please do your part to help make these positive memories for all our athletes by modeling good sportsmanship. Applaud the efforts of your child's team regardless of the final score. Treat other spectators, players, coaches, and officials with respect. Please be mindful of your actions at events as our young athletes and spectators are prone to model the adult behavior that they witness. Please cheer loud and often and enjoy the season.