

MISSION STATEMENT

The West Liberty-Salem Athletic Department provides educational value for our students. Interscholastic athletics promotes character traits of high regard which will lead to success later in life. These include the commitment to take one's talents to the highest level of performance; embracing the discipline needed to reach high standards; learning to work with others in pursuit of a common goal; and adherence to codes of fair play, self-control, and respect. Athletics will also play an important role in creating a sense of community in our school while creating a positive environment in which others wish to be a part of.

VISION STATEMENT

The West Liberty-Salem Athletic Department strives to be a strong program that provides development opportunities which prepare our student athletes for lifelong success.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Athletic participation in the West Liberty-Salem Athletics Department serves as an integral part of a student's educational experience. Good sportsmanship plays an important role in athletic competition and in the character development of the student-athlete. Therefore, we expect the coaches, players, parents, and fans to display respect, fairness, civility, and honesty. We encourage all spectators and fans to support their team and refrain from negative behaviors directed towards the opposing team and/or the officials and to display behavior of which everyone can be proud.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

LEADERSHIP GUIDES OUR TEAM:

- To provide departmental leadership that is supportive, decisive, motivating, and participatory

OUR COACHES WILL BE THE BEST:

- To develop and maintain a highly competitive and sound athletics program – reaching a standard of excellence in athletics consistent with the mission of the school district

CHARACTER IS BUILT AND PRACTICED HERE:

- To promote character development, leadership qualities, sportsmanship, and academic excellence in our student-athletes

INTEGRITY IS NEVER COMPROMISED:

- To employ coaches and staff members who exhibit and promote high standards of integrity and ethical behavior, including good sportsmanship and a desire to assist student-athletes in reaching their academic and athletic potential
- To comply with and follow the principles and ideals of operating an athletic program consistent with the letter and spirit of the Ohio Heritage Conference and Ohio High School Athletic Association rules and regulations

COMMUNITY PRIDE AND FELLOWSHIP IS PARAMOUNT:

- To enhance the sense of camaraderie and pride in individuals within the community including teams, students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IS IMPERATIVE:

- To maintain fiscal and operational integrity by balancing budgets and carrying out sound management practices
- To ensure each program functions responsibly and with accountability in all its initiatives, events, and operations

EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES ARE NECESSARY FOR OUR VISION:

- To pursue the development, construction, and maintenance of facilities that are functional, aesthetically consistent with other district facilities, safe and comfortable for student-athlete participants, staff, spectators, and community users

THERE IS NO “I” IN TEAM:

- To understand the value of teamwork and acknowledge the respect and commitment to each other. . . to understand the importance of timely, complete, and accurate communication
- To always put the team before self; understand the bigger picture, the role to be played, and goals of the team

THE HEALTH OF PARTICIPANTS IS NEVER COMPROMISED:

- To provide a safe, hospitable, and enjoyable environment for guests and patrons of events and other activities
- To promote the health, safety, and well-being of each participant – regardless of program, level, gender, or athletic ability