

COLMESNEIL ISD



ATHLETIC POLICY

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COLMESNEIL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

UIL Documentation:

All athletes are required to complete UIL documentation and releases each year. This includes physicals, as required by the UIL (Incoming 7th, 9th and 11th graders). These documents will be kept and stored by athletic personnel at CISD.

Academic Eligibility:

All athletes competing in any UIL sanctioned sport must adhere to state and local guidelines and policies governing eligibility. If a student is considered ineligible, he or she will still be allowed to practice and work out with the team but will not be able to compete or ride to a competition in a school vehicle.

Athletic Travel:

All athletes must ride to a competition with their team unless otherwise approved by the Athletic Director. Students will be allowed to travel home with a parent or guardian after giving written documentation to the coach and is present during the event. Parents or guardians will also be expected to sign the athlete out. Athletes will only be allowed to leave a competition with a parent or guardian. No exceptions to this rule will be made.

School Equipment:

All equipment issued to the athlete by the school district is property of CISD. Athletes will not be allowed to take equipment home to wash. CISD will wash all clothes and equipment issued to athletes. If issued equipment is lost, the athlete will be expected to pay for the lost equipment.

Excused Absences:

The following situations are considered excused absences :

- Illness, Doctor
- School related functions
- Funerals
- Emergencies

Athletes will be expected to make up any practices that have been missed, just as work must be made up in any class taken at CISD.

Unexcused Absences:

An unexcused absence from practice will be made up through conditioning and other activities as deemed necessary by athletic personnel. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated and can result in removal from that sport and from the athletic program.

Athletic Period:

Athletes participating in football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, and softball must be enrolled in the athletic period for the entire year unless approved by the athletic director.

Participation in the athletic period is mandatory, regardless of the eligibility of the athlete. Athletes will not be permitted to go to other classes during the athletic period unless otherwise approved by the athletic director.

Quitting:

There will be a fourteen-day grace period (beginning the first day of practice for the athlete) in which an athlete can choose to quit a sport without any consequences. If an athlete quits a sport after this grace period, he or she will be placed in a physical education athletic program and not involved with the sport that he or she quit. The athlete will also not be involved in the CISD offseason program. After a period of thirty school days, the athlete may request to be placed in the CISD offseason program. The request will be reviewed by a committee of athletic personnel. This committee will then determine whether the student will be allowed back into the CISD offseason program and allowed to participate in additional sports. If an athlete is removed from a team for disciplinary reasons, the same consequence shall apply.

Try-Outs:

There will be a "two-week try-out" for all team sports. Failure to attend this try-out period will forfeit the athlete's privilege to participate in that sport in that current season.

Injuries:

Injured athletes must attend practice, as they are part of the team. If an athlete sees a doctor about an injury, the coaching staff must receive a note releasing the athlete for competition before he or she will be allowed to participate. Injuries must be diagnosed by a medical professional (trainer or sports medicine doctor).

Insubordination:

Insubordination will not be tolerated by the CISD coaching staff. If an athlete is insubordinate, he or she will be removed from the sport they are participating in, as well as the athletic program.

ISS:

If an athlete is serving in ISS, the athlete will be prohibited from competing in contests during the term of the suspension. The suspension will be considered complete at 4:35 on the last day of the suspension.

Acts Resulting in Immediate Removal from CISD Athletics:

- Vandalism
- Any crime classified as a felony
- Theft
- Distributing illegal substances
- Hazing
- Bullying

Illegal Substances:

- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Illicit and Prescription Drugs

An athlete using illegal substances will face consequences from the athletic program.

- 1st Offense: Punishment as determined by a committee of athletic personnel, including up to removal from the program
- 2nd Offense: One-year suspension from the athletic program
- 3rd Offense: Permanent removal from the athletic program

Sportsmanship:

Good sportsmanship will be encouraged and required for CISD athletes. Bad sportsmanship includes:

- Acts resulting in ejections from competition
- Fighting or instigating a major confrontation
- Personal or flagrant fouls during competition
- Refusal to support one's team from the sideline or bench
- Leaving the field or court during competition
- Bad language
- Obscene gestures

Consequences will be severe for bad sportsmanship. Consequences may include:

- Lack of playing time
- Suspension from the team
- Removal from the athletic program

Athletic Trips (Including Overnight Trips):

- Athletes that are competing in other communities or staying "overnight" on athletic trips will conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with actions and behaviors expected of CISD Athletes. Behavior by any player or manager reflecting poorly on the CISD Athlete/Athletic Program will be subject to discipline. The consequence of such behavior may result in removal from the athletic program, at the discretion of the Athletic Director.