

Athletic / Academic Policy

WCA is a member of the AHSAA and will abide by all AHSAA academic standards regarding athletic eligibility. Our mission statement stipulates that we are to train and educate students with excellence in such a way as to equip each student to be used by God in whatever capacity God chooses. Westminster recognizes our athletes as student-athletes first and foremost and, therefore, our desire is to do all that we can to ensure our student-athletes will excel in the classroom and on the field.

Academic Probation

Therefore, Westminster has created the following academic plan for its student-athletes:

1. All student-athletes must meet the academic requirements of the AHSAA rules as stipulated in the AHSAA rule book. www.AHSAA.com
2. The Director of Athletics will work in conjunction with the administration to develop an academic plan designed to help the student-athletes in his or her area of need.
3. In the past, the athletic department has monitored all student-athletes academic progress; this will now be done by the administration.
4. At the end of the first semester, the following stipulations apply:
 - a. Any student-athlete who fails one class will be put on academic probation by the administration and meet with the administration and the AD to determine athletic status for the second semester and a plan of assistance for that student.
 - b. Any student-athlete failing two or more classes at the end of the first semester is ineligible for the first month of the second semester. After one month, the student's grades will be examined. If the two failing grades have been brought up to passing and all other classes are passing, then the student-athlete will be re-instated; if there are two or more failing grades, the student-athlete becomes ineligible for the rest of the year.
5. At the end of the year, the following stipulations apply:
 - a. Any student-athlete with two or more failing grades at the end of an academic year is ineligible for the first month of the next academic year, regardless of summer school progress. After the first month of the school, the grades will be examined; if the student-athlete is passing all classes, the student-athlete will then be allowed to compete in the sport of their choice.
 - b. Any student-athlete with two or more failing grades at the end of the first month will become ineligible for the rest of the first semester. Grades will be examined at the end of the semester to determine athletic eligibility.
 - c. Student-athletes who fail classes will be required to develop an academic plan with the administration in conjunction with their parents.
6. Any student-athlete in need of assistance as determined by the administration who then fails to take part in an academic plan will immediately become academically ineligible and may not take part in the athletic experience at Westminster.
7. Our goal is always our students, but our students need to understand all student-athletes are natural leaders in our school. To wear the name of the school on a uniform representing the school in competition is both an honor and a privilege at Westminster and will be viewed as such.
8. The administration and Athletics Director reserve the right to deviate from any WCA policy if the need arises due to special circumstances and situations.

Uniform Usage

When your athlete is issued a WCA uniform, keep in mind uniforms must last for several seasons, so we ask you take care of these uniforms by washing them with like colors and allowing them to **air dry**, avoiding using the dryer. When athletes play on back-to-back dates, use the "low heat" setting when using the dryer. Please, **DO NOT** alter the uniform in any way, as they are the property of Westminster Christian Academy. Every effort is made to fit the student-athlete properly. If it is detected a uniform has been altered, the cost of a replacement will be passed onto the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the athlete. If we are unable to order individual pieces (as when the uniform has been discontinued) we will pass the cost of replacing the whole team's uniforms onto the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the athlete.

Uniforms are to be returned to the **COACH** when deemed by the coach. This is typically done within a week of the last competition. Parents will be charged for the uniforms not turned in on time. If either money or uniforms are not turned in, report cards and transcripts will be withheld.

Insurance

It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide health insurance for their children who are participating in athletics at WCA. Athletes are covered under a catastrophic coverage program through the AHSAA. This coverage has a \$10,000 deductible and a \$2 million ceiling. It is for accidental injury medical expenses only and is only for injuries occurring during participation in interscholastic athletics practices or contests. WCA will not be responsible for medical bills or co-payments. For more information on this, you can visit their website at www.ahsaa.com.

[Print SHEET 2, sign and return to the ATHLETICS' Office.](#)

Do NOT Staple



ATHLETIC / ACADEMIC POLICY

PRINT THIS SHEET, SIGN and RETURN to ATHLETICS' OFFICE or Coach

Dear Athletes and Parents,

Please take time to read the Athletic/Academic Policy carefully. This also covers subjects about *Uniform Usage and Insurance*.

Include:

- Parent/Guardian's signature
- Student-Athlete's signature

Return it to Athletic Office or place in the Athletics' Box in the High School Front Office.

You may view the entire athletes' handbook on the **Athletics'** link from the WCA Main Page.

Also, the Athlete's Handbook is a part of the Parent/Student Handbook. All parents and student-athletes are expected to read this document.

If you have any questions, contact the Director of Athletics at 705-8000 ext. 202.

This form must be signed and returned to the coach before a uniform will be issued.

Dick Spybey

WCA Director of Athletics

I have read the *Athletic/Academic Policy, Academic Probation, Uniform Usage and Insurance* Sections and understand these policies will be applied to the parent/guardian and student-athlete.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Student Athlete's Signature

Date

PRINT Student-Athlete's Name

Grade (At time of Sport)

Return this sheet to the Athletics' Office!
Please make a copy for your records.