

## *Athletic Policy*

### **Philosophy**

The philosophy of interscholastic athletics at ECES considers it very important to involve as many students as possible in various athletic activities. With emphasis on being image bearers of God, we will attempt to develop each student's physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth along with the skills associated with each sport.

Participation and involvement will be promoted as well as competition. Athletics at ECES should be for those who wish to practice and compete for personal growth and enjoyment while giving praise to their Creator for the abilities.

### **Objectives/Goals:**

1. All interested students will be provided the opportunity to enjoy team sports.
  - a) The program will develop the whole person -- physically, socially, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.
  - b) All interested students will be part of a team. ECES will have a "no cut" policy. If there are too many students for one team, the students will be divided into two teams.
  - c) The 7th grade teams will be as equal as possible in skill level. The 8th grade teams will be formed according to interest and skill level when the number of students requires it.
  - d) The program will encourage each student to develop to the fullest his/her God-given talents while at the same time realizing one's limitations.
2. Students are image-bearers of God, and they will demonstrate a Christian attitude on and off the court.
  - a) Students will show a willingness to cooperate with coaches and other team members.
  - b) All students who dress for a game will play.
  - c) Students will demonstrate Christian sportsmanship and respect towards their opponents, their team members, and their school.
  - d) Students will gain an understanding of a team concept. They will recognize the difference in the abilities that God has given them.
  - e) The fellow students and parents, along with the players, will develop a feeling of pride for the school they represent.

### **Eligibility:**

#### **Introduction**

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. **Those who participate in the activities also represent our school in its philosophy of the Christian life that all our words and actions must be Christ-like.** As representatives of the Christian community, students who maintain a positive attitude in all their school activities and who apply themselves to their academic studies will be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities.

#### **Requirements**

There are two basic requirements for continuing eligibility. A student must:

1. Give evidence of working at his/her level of ability in academic responsibilities.
2. Show a consistent, positive, cooperative attitude toward class work, assignments, teachers, other students, and school rules and in doing so seek to promote Christ's name.

### Implementation

The following procedures will be used to implement these requirements:

1. Eligibility will be reviewed by the junior high faculty on the **first workday of each week.**
2. The junior high faculty, together with the principal, will determine eligibility.
3. The faculty will come to a consensus before ineligibility occurs, with the principal serving as the moderator.
4. If a student is considered deficient in either or both requirements, (s)he will be informed in a conference with the principal that (s)he is ineligible for the next athletic event, and the reasons for the action will be reviewed.
5. The parents will be informed of the ineligibility and the reason for the action. The parents may request a conference with the junior high faculty, and the student may elect to participate in this conference.
6. After a week, the faculty will discuss the progress made by the student.
7. Evaluation and counseling will continue with the student each week to help the student regain a status of participation.

### **Summary:**

The ultimate purpose of this policy is to help the student develop as a responsible Christian in work habits, conduct and attitude.

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