

St. Paul's Lutheran School
Concordia, Missouri

Lutheran School Board Policies

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Athletic Guidelines

St. Paul's Lutheran School provides the opportunity for any 5th – 8th grader to participate in athletic activities. These activities include Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Track. These activities give our students the opportunity to use their God-give abilities.

Academic and Behavioral Eligibility:

St. Paul's exercise the option to declare a student ineligible as motivation to improve academic or behavioral performance in the classroom.

Students who miss a portion of the school day for illness are declared ineligible for the day (some leniency may be allowed for scheduled appointments).

Participation:

- St. Paul's Lutheran School allows all eligible students (full-time and in 'good' standing) who wish to participate to do so. There are no try-outs. Students are not required to participate.
- All athletic participants must have a current physical examination by a licensed physician on file with the athletic director.
- In recognition of the differences in abilities, St. Paul's does not set a minimum grade point average. Participation in athletics is a privilege determined by parents and teachers – appropriate effort towards academic standing and overall behavior are expected. At no time shall practices or games be a reason for incomplete or missing academic work. St. Paul's exercises the option to remove an athlete from participation in an athletic event.
- Our athletic teams are set up for athletes to learn basic skills and knowledge of the sport. Each athlete will participate in each regular season game, assuming the guidelines have been followed.
- Students are expected to be at scheduled practices and games unless ill or excused by the coach for valid reasons. Students who miss a portion of the school day (unless for approved scheduled appointments) are not permitted to participate in practice or the contest that day.
- In a tournament setting, some athletes may not receive playtime in each game.
- It is important to remember that the team is not made up of just those who play on the court or field. To make a winning team, the players on the bench are to help, encourage, and support.

Coach Conduct:

Christian sportsmanship is learned. Coaches are models to officials, players and spectators. Their actions, attire, and language will have a lasting effect on those who observe them.

Coaches will do their best to:

- † Accept and support the decisions of the officials
- † Contain their emotions and actions so as to witness their Lutheran faith.
- † Exercise patience, tolerance, and diplomacy in their relationships with all players, co-workers, parents, officials, and spectators.
- † Teach the game for the benefit of all and coach according to the rules of the game.
- † Recognize that all grade levels are learning the nuances of the games.

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- † Strive to have each member of the team participate during each portion (period, quarter, etc.) of the game.
- † Strive to not have a 'run away' score against any other team, rather to allow non-leaders to practice their skills during lesser competitive games

Athlete and Spectator Conduct:

- Athletes and spectators are to model Christ-like attitudes, serve as Christian examples of fair play and good sportsmanship, and emphasize the glory of God over the glory of self and school.
- Good sportsmanship is the rule at St. Paul's Lutheran School.
- Respect yourself, your coaches, the officials, and the opponents.
- Exhibit positive behavior when we win and positive behavior when we lose.
- Show your appreciation of teammates, coaches, spectators and officials.

Win with dignity, lose with grace!

The below signed has read and agrees to follow the above.

Signature

Date