

CMA DRAGONS

Creative Montessori Academy Athletics Handbook

Introduction and Goals:

The goal of Athletics at Creative Montessori Academy (CMA) is to create an inclusive environment where students can enrich their educational experience and test their athletic abilities. Each Athletics team aims to include as many students' as possible within league guidelines and provide a positive learning experience that fosters sportsmanship and teamwork. CMA Athletics teams are available to 6th - 8th grade students.

Sports Schedule:

CMA currently hosts teams for the following sports:

Fall - Boys & Girls Cross Country, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer

Winter - Boys Basketball

Spring - Girls Volleyball, Boys Flag Football, Girls Soccer

Eligibility Requirements

Athletics Physical

- A completed athletics physical form must be turned in to the Athletics Director(AD) for a student prior to tryouts for any athletics team. **Students will NOT be allowed to participate in tryouts unless a physical is on file with the school.**
- Only one(1) form per year is required and must have an examination date on or after April 15 of the current school year.
- CMA provides forms in English, Spanish, and Arabic.

Academics

- At CMA a student must possess a C- or higher in 3 out of 4 core classes (math, ELA, science and social studies) to be considered academically eligible to participate in Athletics.
- Eligibility will be determined by the AD and will be evaluated at each Progress Report and Report Card.
- If a student is determined to be academically ineligible, they are allowed to attend practices but are expected to be accomplishing classroom assignments. They are permitted to attend games and may sit with the team.

Behavior

During School

- If a student is suspended (out-of-school) for behavior issues during school hours, they will be deemed ineligible and may not attend tryouts, practices, or games for the duration of the suspension.

During Athletics Activities

- Students are expected to follow the CMA Student Code of Conduct during Athletics activities.
- Behavior issues during Athletics activities will be addressed by the team coach(es) and the AD. If it is deemed necessary for any individual situation, CMA Administration may be involved in any decision-making process.
- Consequences may include up to exclusion, suspension, or dismissal from Athletics activities or teams. This will be determined on an individual basis.

Banned Substances

- Certain substances are prohibited while competing in athletics per Board guidelines. The Board refers to the NCAA list of banned substances. This list of banned substances is provided in the Main Lobby and on the CMA website.

Attendance

School Attendance

- If your child will be out of school for any appointments or unforeseen circumstances, a doctor's note needs to be delivered to the Athletics Director on that particular day.
- Please contact the respective coach(es) and the AD concerning any special circumstances that may arise concerning school or Athletics activities attendance.

Athletics Attendance

- Attendance is mandatory for all days of tryouts.
- Students selected to participate on an Athletics team are required to be present for all practices and games.
- As injuries may occur during Athletics activities they will be considered on an individual basis by respective coaches and the AD regarding attendance.
- Please contact the respective coach(es) and the AD concerning any special circumstances that may arise concerning school or Athletics activities attendance.

Communication:

- The primary point of contact for Athletics will be ParentSquare. A ParentSquare classroom will be established for each team. Announcements and information regarding the team will be disseminated through the ParentSquare classroom.

Cancellation or Postponement of Athletic Events:

- If any Athletics events or activities are canceled or postponed for any reason that information will be disseminated as quickly as possible through ParentSquare.

Home Games for CMA Athletics:

- Home games and competitions for CMA will take place either in the CMA Gymnasium or on the CMA Athletics field and track.
- Students on teams are expected to be present thirty(30) minutes prior to the start of games and competitions and to be present in the appropriate uniform.
- Students are expected to assist with the set-up and tear-down , within reason, of Athletics events.
- Coaches may have different expectations for team members within reason.

Away Games for CMA Athletics:

- Information to include dates, times, and locations for away games or competitions will generally be provided at the start of each Athletics season and will be posted on the Athletics board.
- CMA does not provide busing for students to Athletics events. Families must arrange transportation for students to Athletics events.
- Students may only be released to individuals named on their emergency card in MiStar.

Supporting CMA Athletics:

Joining an Athletics team is a commitment by the student and their family.

CMA recognizes the sacrifices

- Family support of the individual and team matters. Families are encouraged to attend as many events as possible to support their students and their teammates.
- Admission to all Home events for CMA Athletics is free. However, some schools or venues scheduled for Away events do have an admission charge.

Parent/Guardian Expectations:

- CMA recognizes that families sacrifice a lot when their student is selected for an athletics team. It is an exciting opportunity for the student and their family alike. However, CMA expects that the families of CMA

students act respectfully at all times while attending CMA and Athletics events and activities. It is further expected that all communications with staff, coaches, referees, opposing players, coaches, and parents are conducted in a respectful manner.

- CMA staff and coaches, as well as referees and league officials, reserve the right to remove individuals from events and activities.

Resolving Issues/Disputes:

- Any issues or disputes concerning Athletics should be resolved between student and coach if possible.
- Issues or disputes that parents have should be directed to the appropriate coach before it is brought before the Athletic Director.

Personal Contact between Athlete and Coach:

- Please allow 24-hours before approaching the coaches.
- Coaches and students may not have private communications outside of school or athletics activities.
- Coaches and students may not communicate through social media at any time or be connected on social media accounts.

I have read, understand, and will abide by the CMA Athletics Handbook.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

This agreement page must be signed by both the student and a parent/guardian and turned in along with a sports physical prior to the student participating in any practices or games/competitions.