

ATHLETIC GUIDELINES PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL

We believe that participation is a privilege. Being an athlete at Pershing Middle School is a great honor. We expect very few discipline problems to arise throughout the year; however, the guidelines listed below will be adhered to if problems do occur.

1. **Absences** – Athletes should attend every practice and every game/meet. In cases of an unexcused absence (no contact with the coach) the following will occur:
 - First time – warning to the athlete.
 - Second time – dismissal from the team.Any absence (excused or unexcused) may result in diminished playing time, the athlete not starting that game, and make-up practice time.
2. **After School Detention** – If an athlete has to stay after school for detention, the coach must be notified and the athlete needs to come to practice immediately when they are released, with a pass. The athlete must also meet with the coach for make-up practice time.
3. **Grades** – If an athlete is failing one class, they are eligible to practice but not to participate in games/meets until the grade is brought up to a passing grade. If an athlete is failing two classes they are ineligible to practice or participate in games/meets until grades are brought up to passing grades. Prior to participation in athletics, the previous grade card (semester or quarter) must meet these requirements (including incoming 7th graders).
4. **School Suspension** – In cases where suspension occurs, eligibility will be dependent on the severity of the offense. School administration and the coach will determine the consequences.
5. **Rides After Practice** - Athletes should be picked up from practice at the time designated by the coach (usually 15-30 minutes after practice). If an athlete is picked up past the designated time, dismissal from the team could result.

PLEASE KEEP THE TOP PORTION OF THIS SHEET

**PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CALL – 523-2400**

**I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE GUIDELINES FOR
ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION AT PERSHING MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

Parents signature

Athletes signature

Date

