

SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICS, INTEGRITY

Athletic competition is used to foster good relations between schools. Friendly competition provides an excellent atmosphere whereby competing schools may exhibit their talents and abilities. The keeping of a score is only done to indicate which team was able to exceed the other by at least one tally. The more important score of fair play and sportsmanship shall also be used by our school and shall transcend all other aspects of the contest. When the game has been completed, a tally of all of the positive behaviors shall have occurred. It is always expected that Arlington will "win" this contest.

The following requirements shall be an integral part of the Arlington Athletic Program:

1. All activities are considered a part of our total educational program and will be accorded the same rules, restrictions, and discipline as the daily academic program. Emphasis on proper behavior is expected at all times.
2. All representatives of the Arlington School District shall exhibit behavior that will bring credit and foster a positive image of our school. These actions will include, but are not limited to:
 - a. physical appearance – nothing that indicates a negative attitude or impression toward an opponent shall be worn or displayed.
 - b. verbal statements – appropriate language shall be used at all times prior to, during, and after the contest.
 - c. actions – at no time are gestures, physical activity, or body language to be used to bring a negative message to the contest.
3. All visiting teams will be treated as guests to our school and shall be extended every courtesy that fosters a positive relationship between the respective schools. Conversely, at away contests, representatives of our school shall conduct themselves with respect toward the host school. Language, actions, and treatment of others shall always be done with the greatest regard for the rights of others. Some negative behaviors that will not be condoned would include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. taunting or baiting an opponent or school supporter
 - b. actions or behavior of a physical nature that would place an opponent in jeopardy or in danger of physical harm
4. All adult representatives of the school district shall encourage and expect positive behaviors at all athletic contests. They shall lead by example.
5. Parents, fans, and other community members shall be expected to conform to the same rules and expectations as the students and adult representatives of the school.

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