

Students

Eligibility to Participate in Inter-scholastic athletics at the middle school level at Parish Hill Middle School/High School

The Scotland Board of Education believes individual students will benefit from opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through experiences that provide the opportunity for self-discipline and team efforts made possible through competitive sports activities.

Interscholastic athletics at the middle school and high school levels is considered a privilege. Scotland Elementary School students are expected to maintain high academic and behavioral standards at all times in order to maintain interscholastic athletic eligibility. The purpose of school athletics is both educational and recreational and should be carried on with the best interests of the participants as the primary consideration. Participation should be without interference with other obligations in the school.

Because Scotland Elementary School does not provide interscholastic teams students in grade six (6) will be considered for participation in middle school interscholastic athletics at Parish Hill Middle School/High School (PHHS).

Each grade 6 student who chooses to participate in an interscholastic athletic program at PHHS is required to have on file, in the Scotland Elementary School nurse's office a certificate of consent which is signed by the parent or legal guardian. No student may start practice for any athletic team at PHHS until he or she has been examined and approved for athletic participation by a medical doctor. A record of the required physical examination must also be kept on file in the Scotland Elementary School nurse's office. This certificate of consent and a record of physical examination will be in effect for each student for each sports season.

All grade six students participating in Parish Hill Middle School interscholastic athletics must abide by the "Play-up" rules and procedures outlined by Parish Hill Middle/High School and enumerated below:

1. The sending elementary school, based upon a review of the student's academic performance, attendance record, and behavioral record, may approve or deny student participation in PHHS Middle School teams.
2. It is the team coach's prerogative to select or not accept Grade 6 students for the middle school team rosters. Factors include student skills, student maturity and middle school team numbers, among others.
3. No grade 6 student will be dismissed early from elementary schools at any time. This includes practices, home games, and away games. At no time will a student absent from school be allowed to participate in any team activity on the day of the absence.
4. There will be no transportation provided for Grade 6 students. Parents/guardians will be solely responsible for transporting students to practice and games. Parents' auto insurance applies until limits of liability are reached, then PHHS school liability policy kicks in. All Grade 6 students must return to PHHS on the team bus after away contests, no exceptions.
5. Parents/guardians must sign permission slips to participate in the middle school sport. All required policies, protocols, and notifications will apply to Grade 6 students (e.g., concussion protocols, mandatory physical exams, etc.).
6. All school/team rules apply at all times.

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