

General Athletic Information for Parents and Student/Athletes

Bearden Mission Statement

BHS MISSION STATEMENT

“Bearden High School exists to help all students become responsible, self-directed, lifelong learners capable of functioning effectively in a global society.”

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

“Bearden High School Athletics is committed to excellence in interscholastic athletics while supporting the educational mission of BHS.”

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT VISION

“To educate & inspire student-athletes to become the best versions of themselves.”

Athletic Department Goals

1. Develop well-rounded student-athletes who are prepared for post-secondary success.
2. Provide the best possible high school athletic experience with academic focus.

Academics/Bertelkamp Tutoring

All BHS students can attend tutoring. Any students seeking assistance from a teacher or NHS member are encouraged to attend tutoring as needed. Students wanting assistance should report to the library on Tuesday & Thursday from 3:45pm-4:30pm. Any in-season TSSAA student-athletes with an “F” average in any class is required to attend tutoring until their grade in ASPEN is passing.

Attendance

For a student-athlete to be eligible to participate in practice, team event, or athletic contest he/she must be present at school for 3 hours and 30 minutes during the school day.

Communication parent should expect

Team rules and expectations.
Times and locations for all team events.
KOC Athletic Training / Sports Medicine Protocols
Investment in student-athletes academics, conduct, and future.

Conduct

Student-athletes are expected to carry themselves in way that will positively represent our team, school, and community.
Each sport will have specific rules and expectations for student-athlete conduct.
It is the discretion of the head coaches to determine the best method to address conduct issues.
Conduct brought to the attention of the Athletic Director will be handled on a case by case basis.
As your child becomes involved in athletics at BHS, he/she will learn lessons and experience rewards beyond the classroom. It is also important to remember there will be times when things do not go the way your child wishes. At these times, it is appropriate for your child to discuss this matter with the head coach. If needed, a meeting with the AD and coach to discuss the matter may be appropriate. Please understand coaches make decisions based on what is best for the team.

1. Our protocol for a meeting in regards to athletics is for the student-athlete to be a self-advocate and address their concerns with their head coach first. If the legal guardian of the student-athlete feels they need to address the issue, then they need to contact the head coach about the matter. Parents should never attempt to address concerns immediately after practice or a game.
2. The athletic director would be the second point-of-contact to set up a meeting. To be respectful and efficient with everyone’s time, the purpose of the meeting must be communicated by the legal guardian in written form stating the exact points to be discussed. Playing time and/or any decisions related to practice or competition will not be discussed.
3. BHS Administration expects parents to address concerns with the Athletic Director and the Head Coach and not make the concern a topic for public discussion. Unless there is a potential legal issue, the administration needs to be made aware of it, the legal guardian, the player, the head coach must be present. The date and time must be convenient for all parties.

Social Media

Student-athletes must understand posting to social media or a website is permanent and public information. Inappropriate content that reflects poorly on BHS and is disruptive to the educational environment could be subject to disciplinary actions. Participation in interscholastic athletics is a privilege, not a right. *Refer to KCS Policy

Respectfully,
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