

# Delanco Township School District

Walnut Street Middle School

M. Joan Pearson Elementary School

Joseph Mersinger - Superintendent/Principal

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## Disciplinary Guidelines for Athletes

The following guidelines indicate the way in which latenesses, absences, disciplinary issues, and/or academic issues will be handled for athletes.

- Excused latenesses and absences are those in which the parent has communicated the necessity for lateness or absence to the Coach or to the WSMS Main Office.
- Unexcused lateness to practice or game:
  - 1st time = Warning; documented by coach
  - 2nd time = Parent contacted by coach; loss of playing time determined by coach; documented by coach
  - 3rd time = Parent contacted by coach; loss of playing time for one game; documented by coach
- Unexcused absences from practice or games (including detentions or suspensions):
  - 1st time = Parent contacted by coach; loss of playing time for one game; documented by coach
  - 2nd time = Parent contacted by coach; loss of playing time for two games; documented by coach
  - 3rd time = Parent contacted by coach; player is removed from the team; documented by coach
- Disciplinary issues during games or practices, e.g. disrespecting the coach, players, etc.
  - Addressed at the discretion of the coach based on the severity of the behavior -- e.g. loss of playing time, loss of full game, removal
  - Parent contacted by coach for all issues that result in disciplinary action
  - Behaviors are documented by the coach
  - Additional consequences may be given by the Superintendent (WSMS Principal)
- Academic Issues, e.g. failing grades
  - Superintendent (WSMS Principal) will determine which students are eligible for participation in athletics based on current academic performance