

**Piedmont Middle School  
Student Athlete Contract**

Between: \_\_\_\_\_, student, and Piedmont Middle School.

Purpose:

Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. The athlete must earn this privilege, through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of those, the athletes can in no way do justice to himself or the school. The athlete must discipline themselves to be a good citizen and student in order to achieve athletic excellence. The faculty of Piedmont Middle School believes that the tradition of winning is established and maintained upon these principles. In order for a determined course of action for the pursuit of athletic achievement and the character training of young persons, the following "athletic policies" must be understood and agreed to between the school, the student athlete, and the parent.

Attendance:

All the team members of each sport will attend all scheduled practices and meetings. No practices can be missed. If circumstances arise whereby the student cannot attend a practice or meeting, the coach must be notified **prior** to the practice or meeting missed by personal contact, phone call, or written statement from the parent or guardian. Any athlete, who cuts practice, fails to attend school on game day or practice days may not be allowed to suit up for any game or games for a period of times to be determined by the coach and Athletic director. Excessive absences from team practices, games or meetings may be cause for removal from their team. All athletes are required to attend class regularly. Athletes delinquent in class attendance are subject to disciplinary action. Lack of attendance in classes may result in failure of class work, resulting in ineligibility in athletics.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for athletics, the athlete must be in compliance with the Piedmont Middle school policies concerning incorrect or illegal enrollment and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Athletic Association.

School Decorum:

An athlete is expected to govern his or her conduct in accordance with the rules and regulations of the "student handbook" and that violation of the students obligations under the handbook may result in removal from the competitive athletics.

Sportsmanship:

Good sportsmanship is an essential part of high school athletics. We require all athletes to use good judgment and exhibit good sportsmanship. We also require parents to exhibit the same type of decorum in the stands. We highly encourage parents to cheer for their children and the children's team. We expect our fans not to direct abusive or profane language to the opposing players, opposing fans, or the officials. Failure to do so will result in removal from the athletic facilities.

***I understand that if I have not kept my agreement to fulfill the above obligations, I will be removed from my athletic team.***

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_