

Athletic Philosophy of Sunset Middle School

Athletics play an important role in the philosophy of Sunset Middle School. Realizing that the total development of the student involves mental, physical, emotional, and social development, we strive to nurture unselfish attitudes and develop self-discipline through athletic competition.

Athletics expose students to concepts of teamwork, dedication to purpose, emotional control, goal setting, and the ability to accept criticism, success, and failure. The involvement of the students in athletics at Sunset is a privilege and there are standards of conduct that must be upheld. All students involved are required to follow the policies set forth by Sunset Middle School and the athletic department. We continually strive to encourage all teams equally to their highest level of performance both on and off the field of play.

All sports offered at Sunset are important. The athletic program is intended to offer a variety of opportunities for a variety of students. Some sports are more visible and receive greater media coverage. Athletic participation, however, is of equal importance regardless of the sport.

Athletes, parents, faculty, alumni, and others involved in the athletic program are always expected to keep sports in the proper perspective as part of the educational mission of the school and to not lose sight of the ideals of amateur athletic competition. Sunset pledges itself to the promotion of good sportsmanship and respect for participants, officials, and others.

Specific goals are:

- To assist each student-athlete in reaching his/her fullest personal development.
- To enable student-athletes to meet the demands of both academic standards and athletic competition.
- To ensure the health, welfare, and safety of all student athletes.
- To ensure equitable and fair treatment of every student-athlete.
- To maintain a coaching staff who will provide the best in athletic instruction and who will motivate and inspire student-athletes.
- To adhere to the rules and regulation set forth by Sunset Middle School, the Williamson County Board of Education, the Tennessee Board of Education, the Williamson Middle School Athletic Association, and the athletic district, region, and/or conference of which Sunset Middle School is a member.