

# **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School**

## **Athletic Contract**

### **Philosophy**

Middle school athletics supplement and support the academic mission of the school system and assist students in their growth and development. Athletics assist in promoting the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. Middle school athletics are highly competitive, but winning is not the primary measure of success. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All athletes do not perform at the same level, but all can demonstrate effort, dedication, and sportsmanship.

### **Sportsmanship**

An important mission of the middle school athletics program is to teach and reinforce our R.A.I.S.E core values. It is expected that team personnel, parents/guardians, and spectators respect this mission by exhibiting appropriate behavior at athletic events.

### **Grades**

Grades will be checked on a weekly basis by either the Athletic Coordinator or Coach and discussed with the student-athlete if they have a D or an E in any class during the season. These student-athletes will receive a *Grade Check Sheet* and are expected to seek academic help from teachers before school, after school, or at lunch, in order to bring their grade(s) up. They will also sit out of practices and/or games until the grade has been brought up to, at least a, C.

### **Detention / Suspensions**

Any student-athlete earning a detention resulting from a referral, from a staff member or administrator, will lose the privilege of participating in a designated number of practices or games. Any player suspended from school will automatically lose the privilege of playing, and will be withdrawn from the team immediately.

*As a student-athlete representing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, I will agree to the following terms for participation and recognize a violation of these terms may result in suspension or dismissal from the team:*

1. I will respect and abide by all school rules, regulations, and policies.
2. I will respect the dignity of all persons; therefore, I will not physically, mentally, or psychologically abuse or bully any person.
3. I will neither use nor support the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or the smoking of any substance.
4. I will be on time to school every morning and I know I must be in school before 8:15 a.m. in order to be eligible for practice or participate in a contest.
5. I will exhibit good sportsmanship on and off the field, always promoting the R.A.I.S.E core values.
6. I will comply with instructions from all coaches, teachers, and/or staff as soon as they are given.
7. I will respect the property of others; and therefore, will neither abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.
8. I will use language that is socially acceptable - Profanity, vulgar statements, and obscene gestures will not be tolerated.
9. I will cooperate with teammates, coaches, and officials.
10. I will be on time for practice and team scheduled events.
11. I will strive for academic excellence. I will complete all classwork and homework on time, and advocate for extra help (or assistance), when needed.
12. I will participate in physical education class each day - wearing the appropriate clothing/shoes.

Student-athletes are required to attend all practices and games. In the event of a missed practice or game, you must alert your *Coach* or the *Athletic Coordinator* prior to the absence.

*I understand the expectations of respectfully representing my school and team, both on and off the court. I recognize inappropriate behavior may result in suspension or dismissal from the team. I agree to the terms of this contract.*

<i>Student Signature:</i>	<i>Parent(s)Guardian(s) Signature:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
---------------------------	--	--------------

