

**2022-2023 Southwest Middle School  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball  
Tryout Information**

Thank you for your interest in Southwest Bulldog basketball! Southwest basketball players will emphasize academics, sportsmanship, and athletic excellence. We are very excited about the coming season and are honored to have the opportunity to work with your children.

8th grade:	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>3:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Main gym</b>
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>3:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Main gym</b>
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>3:30 -- 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Main gym</b>
7th grade:	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>3:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Aux gym</b>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 15</b>	<b>3:30 -- 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Aux gym</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>3:30 – 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Aux gym</b>

Players should be dressed in appropriate attire (gym shoes, shorts, etc.), bring a water bottle, and wear a mask.

**To participate in the tryout process, each student-athlete must have completed the following requirements by Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.:**

1. All forms (available in the office or online at the Southwest website) must be current and on file with the school office:
  - a. **Physical examination** form
  - b. **Notarized insurance** form
  - c. **Concussion** form
  - d. **Code of Conduct** signed
  - e. **Tryout/Participation Agreement** signed

Note: Students who have already participated in a sport at Southwest this year (football, wrestling) should already have items from #1 on file and will **not** need to submit new ones.

**Student-athletes may not participate in tryouts until the information is on file in the office.**

**Tryouts will include, but are not limited to, these components:**

1. **FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS:** shooting, passing, ball handling, footwork.
2. **TEAM DRILLS:** full-court, half-court, offensive/defensive, passing
3. **GAME PLAY:** 5-on-5
4. **INTANGIBLES:** coachability, attitude, enthusiasm, positive encouragement, competitiveness, listening skills (following instructions the first time), leadership, work ethic, pride in school and team.
5. **ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORTS**

In order to make sound decisions additional tryout dates may be added for individual athletes who are seen as “borderline” for making the team. The head coach will inform athletes for whom additional tryouts are needed.

Valuables should be locked in a P.E. locker or in the coaches’ office during the tryout sessions. No personal belongings will be allowed in the gym.

Any stretching or warm-up must be completed prior to the tryout. Sessions will begin promptly with no time scheduled for warm-up. Finally, we request that no one but athletes and coaches be present in the gym during tryouts.

Parents please do not hesitate to call or email Coach Dye with questions.

Phone: 832-5550 ext. 4396

Email: [bdye@usd497.org](mailto:bdye@usd497.org)

Thank you for your interest,

Coach Dye & Coach Bonner

\*Additional note: KSHSAA Rule 22 prohibits outside competition during the season. If your child makes the team they are no longer allowed to compete in outside tournaments, games, or practices on an AAU or “club” team until the end of the season. The first date of tryouts is considered to be the first practice of the season.