



Southwest Middle School
Boys Basketball Team
Handbook

Player Expectations: Our goal at Southwest is to prepare each player to compete at the high school level. To learn to put “We” before “Me” and to encourage/be happy for team accomplishments not individual accomplishments. These are Our top priorities...

1. **Family**-- is your main priority!
2. **School**-- be a student first. This will serve you well in the future!
3. **Team**-- John Wooden said it best, “There are only two rules for a player. First, always encourage your teammates and never criticize. Second, work tirelessly every day to be a better player.

Parent Expectations: We want the season to be a positive experience for every player and their family.

1. **Playing time**-- This is an issue that is between the coaching staff and each individual player. Having said that, each player will have the opportunity to discuss their role on the team with the coaching staff, including playing time. Our players will have every opportunity to meet with their coach during the season.
2. Parents are expected to act in a supportive manner towards their own player, other players, and team personnel.
3. Parents should refrain from making any negative or disrespectful comments or physical

reactions towards fans, officials, players, or coaches. Players should not be looking in the stands for advice or sympathy during games.

4. If a parent would like to discuss any concerns regarding their player, the head coach will do so in a private non-threatening manner. The meeting will be scheduled with the coaching staff in advance and will not happen during practice time. The head coach will be more than happy to discuss any concerns related to the player or their family, for example, academic issues, family concerns, health and emotional issues, etc. If you do call the head coach or any member of the coaching staff at home, please do so **before 9 p.m.**

Academic Expectations: School comes before basketball! Practice time will become a study club or time to meet with teachers for any player who meets the following criteria...

- **F Grade**-- If a player has a failing grade in any of their classes, they must meet with that teacher to schedule a time to work, or bring work to practice to work on in lieu of practicing, playing, or traveling to a game.

- **D Grade**-- The “F” rule will be applied at the Coach’s discretion, and will weigh heavily on the amount of missing assignments.

- **Multiple Missing assignments**-- Coach’s will check grades weekly. One or two missing assignments will be allowed, everyone is human! Multiple missing assignments indicates a pattern of behavior that will need to be corrected.

- **Office Referrals**-- Will be handled on a case by case basis, however if any player receives In School Suspension or Out of School Suspension they become ineligible for that days practice or game.

- **Absences**-- Please remember to call in an excuse your player from school. Illness/Doctor appointments are inevitable, please ensure that it is documented appropriately with the office. Also try to think about games when scheduling appointments, a player must attend at least half of the school day (four out of eight classes) to be eligible for that day’s competition.

- **Tardies**-- School rules apply. Three tardies in any class will result in a detention. Any tardies after that will result in an Office Referral.