

## **2015-16 CES Basketball Information**

### **CES Basketball Season**

The CES Basketball season begins in late November or early December and continues through February or early March. We will host four games, travel to four other schools and participate in two to three tournaments. Consult the schedule for details.

### **Student Behavior Expectations**

We expect our students to learn and display good sportsmanship as a member of our basketball team. All rules and policies during the school day apply to basketball, whether at home or away; during practices or games.

Participation in basketball is dependent not only on good scholarship, but on good behavior as well. Students may have their eligibility for basketball suspended or removed based upon their behavior at school. Each case will be decided based upon its own merits.

If during the basketball season, a student is suspended from school they will sit out the appropriate number of games. For each day In-School Suspension is earned, the student will sit out at least one game. Students will sit out at least two games for each Out-Of-School Suspension earned. This is meant to be an extra motivator for our students to be on their best behavior.

### **Student Attendance and Eligibility**

In order to participate in extra-curricular activities, students must be present at least one half (1/2) of the day of a game or practice. If the game is on a Saturday, the student must be present at least one half (1/2) of the school day prior. Students with excessive absences will not be allowed to play or practice. If there are extenuating circumstances, exceptions will only be made in advance by contacting Mr. Beydler or the coach.

### **CES Extra-Curricular Policy**

When participating in extra-curricular and out-of-school activities, whether at home or away, our students are representing our school and community. That is why it is important that we stress and expect neat appearance, proper behavior, and good sportsmanship from our students. Sports and other out-of-school activities play an important part of the education of our children. If handled correctly, the program can help our students grow, especially if we hold them responsible for their actions as participants, as students, and as young citizens.

We expect a lot from our students, and these young people will need to do their best in extra-curricular and out-of-school activities and in school. They must perform well in the classroom before they get the privilege of participating in extra-curricular and out of school activities. The following guidelines will be used to determine whether or not your child may participate:

1. No F's in any subject.
2. The student must maintain an average grade of C in all classes.

Grades will be reviewed on announced progress report dates to determine whether the student is eligible or ineligible to participate. Students with deficient grades will be allowed to attend practice at the coach's discretion, but may not participate in games. Progress report dates are listed on the Concordia R-2 District Calendar which is available on our website and in your student's agenda.

In the event that the first game falls before the first grade check of the third quarter, grades for the second quarter will be used to determine eligibility.

### **Student Physical Examination Form**

All student athletes must have a completed Athletic Physical Form turned in to the CES office before any practicing or playing may begin. Students who have not returned the completed physical form will be allowed only to watch practice.

### **Uniforms**

Uniforms (reversible jerseys) will be distributed shortly before the first game. The uniforms are the property of CES. They must be cared for properly and returned promptly after the end of the season. Players must provide their own black shorts. Shorts must not have pockets. Players must also provide their own athletic shoes and appropriate socks.

Please wash the uniforms in cold water and line dry or pull them out of the dryer while the uniform is still damp. This will help keep the numbers and designs intact on the uniform and keep the uniform from shrinking.

### **Transportation**

The Concordia R-2 School District does not supply transportation for elementary students to basketball games. Parents are required to see that students arrive at out of town games. We will play one away game each at St. Paul, Waverly, Sweet Springs and Alma (Trinity). One of our tournaments is at Emma at the Holy Cross School and another is at our school. Please contact the school if you need directions to any of these sites.

### **A & B Teams**

Since we may have many students who are interested in playing elementary basketball, we may choose to have an A team and a B team. The coach will decide who participates on each team. We will do our best to see that everyone gets to play in regular games. The coaches will choose tournament players as they see fit. This will probably not be decided until the actual time of the tournament.

### **Practices**

Consult the coach's practice guidelines and calendar sheets. Practices are closed to the parents and the public. The schedule you receive will be followed. Any changes will be made in advance and we will do our best to notify everyone.

### **Dismissal after each practice**

Students will be dismissed after practice through the West doors by the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. They will remain in the building until their ride is visible in the parking lot. Walkers will be allowed to exit the building after practice. Practice ends at 5:00 pm.

### **Early Dismissals/Inclement Weather**

In the event of an early dismissal or cancellation of school for inclement weather, all practices scheduled for that day will be cancelled and any games will be postponed. We will not practice or play a game on a snow day. The only possible exception will be tournament games that may be held on snow days.

### **Fan Expectations**

We expect that parents and other fans in our stands will set the proper example for behavior for our students. We encourage you to cheer for your child and team in a positive and respectful manner. Please see the attached **Parental Activities Contract** and **Parent Information/Expectations** form. Each student must have a signed Parental Activities Contract on file before they will be allowed to play in a game.

## **Concordia Elementary School Parental Activities Contract**

At Concordia Elementary School, it is our belief that interscholastic activities are an integral part of the curricular program and an extension of the classroom. Our school's program shall supplement the curricular program of the school and shall provide the most worthwhile experiences possible. These expectations shall result in learning situations that contribute to the development of the attributes necessary for good citizenship.

**Fundamentals of Elementary School Activities:** When hosting an event, the opponent should be treated as guests and treated cordially. Officials should be recognized as impartial arbitrators who are trained to do their job with the best of their ability. Familiarity with the current rules of the game and the recognition of the necessity for a fair contest are essential. Sportsmanship requires one to understand his or her own bias and the ability to prevent the desire to win from overcoming rational behavior. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and good will and should not be looked at negatively.

**Expectations of Parents:** Your enthusiasm as a spectator includes a vital responsibility for good sportsmanship. Your habits and reactions determine the quality of sportsmanship, which reflects upon our school and our community. Parents/Students are expected to:

1. Know and demonstrate the fundamentals of good sportsmanship by being a positive role model and refrain from using profanity and abusive language.
2. Refrain from instructing your child during contests or practices, because it may conflict with the coach's instructions or strategies.
3. Refrain from movement onto the playing surface unless asked to do so by a contest official or coach.
4. Be a "team fan" not a "my kid fan."
5. Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not an opportunity to berate officials, coaches or players.
6. Address concerns with a coach in a private setting at an appropriate time, not before, during or after a practice or contest.
7. Reinforce the school's drug and alcohol free policies and refrain from using alcohol and other drugs before or during contests.
8. Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of your athlete or others.
9. Respect the judgment of coaches and game officials (even if you don't agree).

## PARENT INFORMATION/EXPECTATIONS

### Communication Parent's Should Expect From the Coaching Staff:

1. Philosophy of the Coach
2. Expectations the coach has for your student as well as for all the students involved in the activity.
3. Location and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements (fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning, etc.)
5. Procedure should your student be injured during practice.
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your student's participation.

### Communication Coaches Should Expect From Parents:

1. Concerns should be expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts should be shared well in advance.
3. An appointment should be scheduled to discuss any specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations if there is ever a question.

### Appropriate Concerns To Discuss With Coaches:

1. The treatment of your student mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your student improve.
3. Concerns about your student's behavior.

Sometimes it is very difficult to accept your student not playing as much as you may hope. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decision based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. The concerns listed below must be left to the discretion of the coach.

### Issues Not Appropriate To Discuss With Coaches/Administration:

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student-athletes/participants.

### Procedure To Discuss A Concern With A Coach:

Call to set up an appointment with the coach in a private setting. **Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during or after a contest or practice.** These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach and these meetings usually do not promote resolution.

### Procedure If The Discussion With The Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution:

Call and set an appointment with the Principal to discuss the situation. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined. Please adhere to the proper chain of command in these matters (Coach, Principal/Superintendent, Board of Education). Inquiries made of out of this order will result in the notification of the appropriate chain of command.

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Student and Parent(s) Must Sign**

**Please fill this form out completely. It will need to be returned by the third scheduled practice.**

Athlete's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number where you can be reached from 3:00-5:00 weekdays \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student have any medical conditions that could be affected by basketball or that would affect the playing of a sport? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the student regularly take any medications? (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

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**I certify that I have read and understand the above expectations and information related to sportsmanship. I understand that I am a role model for my son / daughter and that I represent our school and our community when I attend an activities function. I also understand that if I do not comply with the above listed responsibilities that I may forfeit my privilege of attending future activities involving our school.**

**Furthermore, I give my permission as a parent for the above mentioned student to participate in Boys or Girls Basketball at Concordia Elementary School. I realize that student athletes are subject to certain rules and regulations permitting their play including attendance, academics and behavior. Also, I realize that there is a required Athletic Physical form that must be signed by a doctor or doctor's designee before my child can participate in practice or games.**

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Date

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature(s)

Please contact me to volunteer for one of the following:

- Score book Keeper (training provided, boys and/or girls)
- Scoreboard Operator (home games only)