

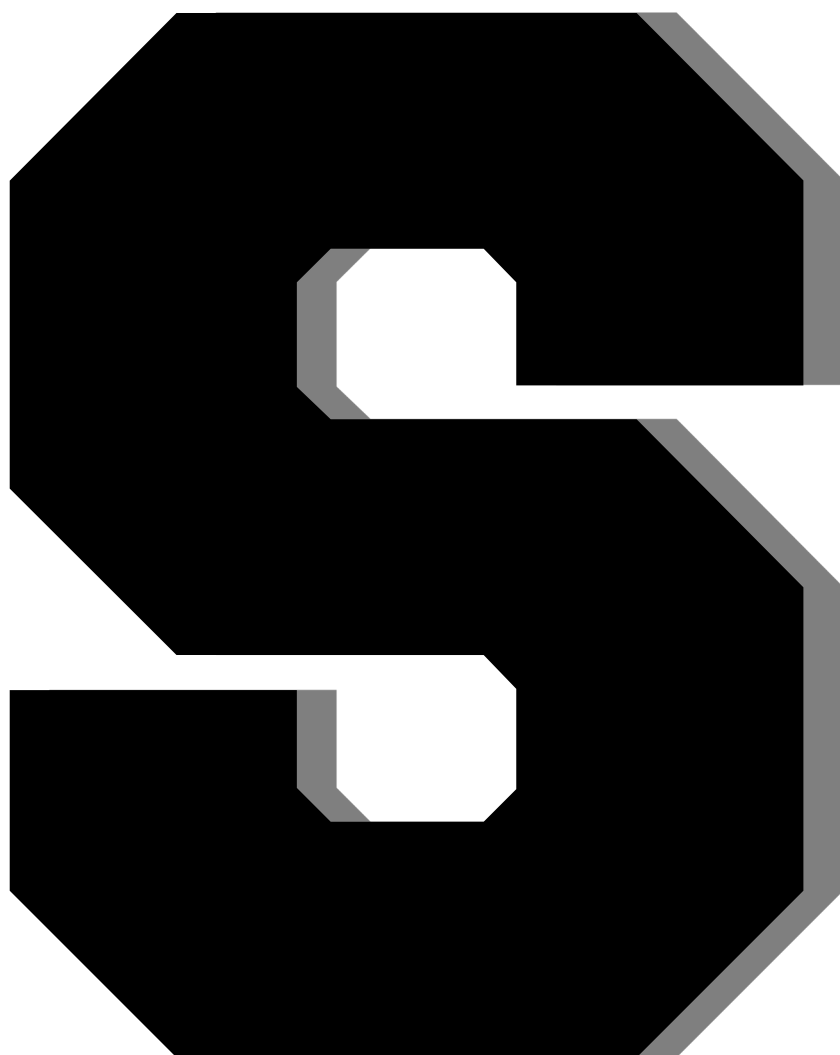
SOUTHERN REGIONAL

School District

"Committed to Excellence"

STUDENT/PARENT ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

This handbook has been written to enhance communication between parents, student-athletes, coaches and school administrators. Parents and athletes are asked to familiarize themselves with the contents of this booklet. Any concerns or questions should be directed to Chuck . Donohue Jr., Supervisor of H.S. Athletics, at 597-9481 Ext. 4355, or email cdonohuejr@srsd.net.

Before each season, a Parent-Coaches meeting will be held. This is an important event, and all parents are encouraged to attend. Many essential items relative to your child's specific sport. are discussed. Parents are also encouraged to demonstrate their support by attending as many athletic contests as possible.

Thank you for your support of Southern Athletics. If there are any issues, concerns, or questions that arise, please follow the athletic chain of command.

Head Coach of your child's sport

Athletic Director

Principal

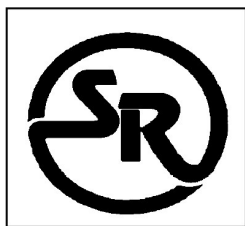
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PHILOSOPHY

Our Athletic Program will continue to make a mark as one of the premier programs in the State of New Jersey. Our state of the art facilities, as well as the performance and conduct of our student athletes will be modeled throughout education.

Our Athletic Program will test our student-athletes on their pride, enthusiasm and absolute loyalty to the Southern Regional School District. Neither they nor any coach will embarrass the program in any way. The program will hold all student athletes to a higher standard. Our student athletes will meet the expectations of our community.

Our Athletic Program will not only help mold our student's future positively, it will also prepare them for an increasingly competitive society.



SOUTHERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic Department

(609)597-9481 x4319



ACADEMIC WORLD'S IMPORTANT DATES

2016-17 school year

Back to School Night:

Middle School:	September 15, 2016	6 PM
High School:	September 22, 2016	6 PM

School Breaks and days off:

September 6	11:50 Dismissal
September 7	11:50 Dismissal
September 24	6pm – Homecoming Dance
October 21	11:50 dismissal – district in-service
November 7 thru November 11	Fall Break/ NJEA Convention
November 23	11:50 Dismissal – Thanksgiving break thru November 27
December 23	11:50 Dismissal Christmas break thru January 1
January 16	School closed Martin Luther King Day
February 17	11:50 dismissal – district in-service
February 20	President's Day
April 8	Spring Recess April 8 th thru April 16
April 19	Senior Trip April 19 th thru April 23
April 24	11:50 dismissal – district in-service
May 29	Memorial Day
Jun 12	Graduation

Academic Awards: May 9

Junior Prom: May 13

Scholarship Night:

Senior Prom: June 3

Summer Recess begins: June 11 per NJSIAA

Graduation: June 12

Last day teachers: June 13

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ATHLETIC PROGRAM GOALS

The Southern Regional High School District Board of Education endorses these goals to be achieved through the participation in the district's interscholastic athletic programs.

The Southern Regional Athletic Program should be an integral part of the total educational program, and all students should have an equal opportunity to become involved. Our program should be as extensive as the facilities, staff and finances can adequately support.

We believe:

1. Athletes should be required to maintain academic standards consistent with our eligibility policy.
2. Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right.
3. Athletes must learn to abide by rules, regulations, and decisions associated with their particular sport. The coach has the responsibility to determine an athlete's ability and talent, who shall make the team, and the coaching techniques and strategies that will be employed.
4. There must be mutual respect for all who are involved in the competition – teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials.
5. Participation helps develop character, cooperation, and the moral and ethical values that lead to useful citizenship.
6. Participation teaches a student that discipline and self-sacrifice are necessary ingredients of teamwork.
7. Through participation, the student-athlete will develop a healthy body, sound mind, and an appreciation of individual differences.
8. Participation leads to a better understanding of ethics, sportsmanship, integrity, and fair play.
9. Valuable lessons are learned in the course of competition, both winning and losing. They help us grow up and develop.
10. The Board of Education, administration, members of the athletic staff, student-athletes, and parents should do everything within their power and ability to promote the athletic program and to create an atmosphere of learning that it is in the best interest of the students and the community.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SPORTS OFFERINGS

<u>FALL</u>	<u>VARSITY</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>FROSH</u>
Cheerleading	X	X	X
Boys Cross Country	X		
Girls Cross Country	X		
Field Hockey	X	X	X
Football	X	X	X
Girls Gymnastics	X	X	
Boys Soccer	X	X	
Girls Soccer	X	X	
Girls Tennis	X	X	
Girls Volleyball	X	X	X
TOTAL	10	8	6
 <u>WINTER</u>			
Boys Basketball	X	X	X
Girls Basketball	X	X	X
Boys Bowling	X	X	
Girls Bowling	X	X	
Cheerleading	X	X	
Competition Cheer	X		
Ice Hockey	X		
Boys Swimming	X		
Girls Swimming	X		
Boys Winter Track	X		
Girls Winter Track	X		
Wrestling	X	X	
TOTAL	12	6	2
 <u>SPRING</u>			
Baseball	X	X	X
Boys Golf	X		
Girls Golf	X		
Boys Lacrosse	X	X	
Girls Lacrosse	X	X	X
Softball	X	X	
Boys Tennis	X		
Boys Track & Field	X		
Girls Track & Field	X		
Boys Volleyball	X	X	X
TOTAL	10	5	3
PROGRAM TOTAL:	32	19	11

Southern Regional is a member of the Shore Conference, the largest conference in the state of New Jersey. We are classified as a Group IV school by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, meaning Southern is in the group of high schools containing the largest student population. For FOOTBALL & WRESTLING ONLY during the 2016-2017 school year we will participate in South Jersey Group V.

The Shore Conference consists of the 47 high schools of Monmouth and Ocean counties. Schools are in a divisional structure based on size, geography, and other pertinent factors. Southern competes in the powerful “A” South division.

Our athletic program consists of 32 varsity sports, 30 sub-varsity (Junior Varsity and Freshman) and 14 Middle School sports.

We have won our share of championship plaques and sportsmanship awards. Southern has earned a fine reputation in our conference for competitive, aggressive play with an emphasis on sportsmanship, fairness and integrity. We are proud of our student-athletes, parents and coaches.

Shore Conference of High Schools Class A-South

**Brick Memorial
Brick Township
Jackson Memorial
Central Township
Southern Regional
Toms River East
Toms River North
Toms River North**

Divisions may vary depending on the sport.

Such as Boys Volleyball, Girls Golf, Ice Hockey, Boys Lacrosse & Girls Lacrosse.

Letter to Parents:

The role of the parent in the education of a youngster is important. The support shown in the home is often manifested in the ability of the student to accept the opportunities presented at school in the classroom and through co-curricular activities.

A student's involvement in the classroom and other activities contributes to the development of a value system which has been established in the home. Integrity, fairness and respect are life-time values taught through athletics. These are the principles of good sportsmanship. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.

A good sport-student or parent is a true leader in the community. As a parent of a student at our school, your sportsmanship goals should include:

To realize that athletics are part of the educational experience and the benefits of involvement go beyond the final score of the game.

To encourage our students to perform their best just as you would urge them on with their class work.

To participate in positive cheers that encourage your student and to discourage any cheers that would redirect that focus-including those that taunt and intimidate opponents, their fans and officials.

To learn and understand the rules of the game, and to respect the officials who administer.

To respect the task our coaches face as teachers and to support them as they strive to education our youth.

To respect our opponents and acknowledge their efforts and to develop a sense of dignity under all circumstances

To be a fan....not a fanatic!

You can have a major influence on your student's attitude about academics and athletics. The leadership role you assume in sportsmanship will influence your child for years to come.

We look forward to serving you in the year ahead, and appreciate your continued support.

STUDENT ATHLETE & ACTIVITIES DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

Participation in athletic sports and all school activities in the Southern Regional High School District is a privilege which carries with it certain responsibilities. A student is a representative of the school and the entire community. There are certain basic standards expected of the participants in sports and activities programs at Southern Regional.

1. All students who represent Southern Regional in an activity or team are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon Southern Regional.
2. All students must remember they are students of the school first and participants second. Participation in athletics and activities is a privilege granted to a student, not a right guaranteed to them.
3. Being a member of an activity or team does not entitle any student to any special privileges in the school. Rather, it may carry a burden of being a good school citizen in the face of peer pressure to become involved in some action which might violate school rules. Our athletes and participants are expected to set examples of good alcohol citizenship and cooperation which will reflect upon them as individuals and upon all our athletes and participants in general.
4. Students afforded these privileges must assume the responsibilities which accompany them at all times.

THE FOLLOWING BASIC RULES WILL APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS

Procedures and regulations are enacted in concert with normal school rules. In any case in which inconsistencies seem to be apparent, school rules will govern. Of course, enforcement and application of procedures, regulations, and rules may be modified by school authorities when reasonable and mitigating circumstances dictate.

- A. Any student participant in interscholastic or extra-curricular activities who is found to be under the influence of alcohol/drugs, steroids or is suspected of selling, transferring, or possessing same, at any time -- whether during a school-related or non-school-related activity--shall be subject to the following:

• First Violation

After confirmation of the first violation, the student shall lose eligibility for four (4) weeks for all inter-scholastic and extra-curricular activities. This includes sports practices, scrimmages, and inter-scholastic competitions. (This may run concurrently with suspension if invoked by regular school policy.)

• Second Violation

After confirmation of the second violation, the student shall lose eligibility for the remainder of the school year for all interscholastic and extra-curricular activities.

• Subsequent Violations

If there is a subsequent violation, the student will be permanently suspended from all extra-curricular and interscholastic activity.

- B. A Discipline Review Board shall meet to consider requests for reinstatement to athletic teams or activities in certain instances. Any student deemed guilty of alcohol or drug use by school or community authorities, must submit a written request to the Athletic Director's Office for review by the Discipline Review Board before resuming participation in athletics or activities at Southern Regional. In addition, any stu-

dent who receives a suspension from regular school classes must also submit a written request to the Athletic Office for review by the Board. Athletes ejected from athletic contests or guilty of egregious displays of poor sportsmanship must also have a hearing before the Discipline Review Board.

- The purpose of the Review Board is to meet and determine if continuance in a sport or activity is in the best interest of the student and the activity. The Board may deny participation grant immediate participation, or permit participation with some conditions.
 - The Review Board will consist of a school administrator and three coaches or advisors. These persons will be selected by the Principal's Office or the Athletic Office. In the Middle School, the Assistant Principal will pick the members of the committee. When possible, the student's guidance counselor will be present to serve as a resource person or the committee.
 - This board will deal with all requests for reinstatement within 5 school days of the student's request. The request for reinstatement shall not be made until the student returns from suspension. When possible, parents of the student will be given advance notice of the hearing.
 - The Review Board hearing will consist of a history of the situation, and testimony from the student about the incident and expectations regarding his or her conduct in the future.
 - The Committee will convene privately and decide on reinstatement. The student will be told immediately of the decision, and written notification will be sent to both the student and his or her parents.
 - A written record of the hearing will be made and kept on file.
 - It is the student's responsibility to meet with the coach after the conclusion of the Review Board hearing.
- C. Once an athlete has begun participation in official practice sessions for a team, he has committed himself/herself as a member of that team. Any athlete who quits the team or is dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons before the conclusion of the season, may not participate in any of the activities of any other sport until the season of his original team is over. In certain situations, this rule may be waived with the consent of all the coaches involved.
- D. When an athlete or student is issued equipment during the course of a season, it is his/her responsibility to return all of that equipment at the end of the activity. Any student who has not fulfilled all of his/her responsibilities in this area may not participate in any other sports or activity at Southern Regional until all prior obligations are satisfied. The Directors of Athletics will notify coaches of athletes who have financial obligations outstanding.
- E. All students are expected to maintain good habits of attendance and punctuality to school. Coaches and advisors will take steps to insure this of their athletes and participants. **Any athlete or participant who is absent from school may not participate in practice, games, or activities on that day unless permission has been secured from the Principal or his representative. In the event of an athletic contest on a non-school day, attendance in school on the day immediately prior to the event is required.**

- F. All students are expected to maintain good grades. Coaches and advisors should monitor grades throughout the year. Students should be encouraged to attend extra help sessions on the appropriate days.
- G. The coach of each team or activity may establish additional rules and procedures distinctive to that sport that team members are to follow. The coach or advisor may also establish disciplinary action for a breach in these rules and procedures.
- Copies of these rules will be on file in the office of the Directors of Athletics.
 - All participants will receive a copy of these rules during the beginning of practice.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROCEDURE

1. At the beginning of each activity, students will receive a copy of the drug and alcohol guidelines and procedures which will be reviewed with them and their parents by an assigned professional staff member. Students and parents will be required to sign a statement that they understand the guidelines prior to the student's participating.
2. After the first violation, the student will be seen by the Supervisor of Athletics and will be assigned to a staff member who will conduct a mandatory five session education/early intervention group that will address the effects of abuse of mind-altering chemicals and their personal use patterns.
 - The student and parents will have at least one (1) mandatory meeting with the assigned professional staff member **prior to the student's resuming any extracurricular** or interscholastic activity. Following the four (4) week suspension from all activities, the student must apply to the Discipline Review Board for reinstatement.
 - After the second violation, the student will be referred to a community agency for assessment of substance abuse. Furthermore, before the student is readmitted to activities, he/she shall show evidence in writing that he/she has gone for assessment, is receiving counseling, and is physically and mentally fit to return to participation as certified by a physician.The rules and regulations in this policy shall apply to any violators, on and off school premises, during the season of participation.

Appeal to the Superintendent and the Board of Education

1. Recognizing that all students are entitled to "due process" and that mitigating factors may be involved, any student has the prerogative of requesting an appeal.
2. Pursuant to any unfavorable decision by the Discipline Committee, the student may request, in writing, his case be reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools and responded to within 5 school days.
3. Pursuant to an unfavorable decision by the Superintendent of Schools, the student may request, in writing, a review by the Board of Education and responded to within 5 school days of the regularly scheduled meeting when the case was reviewed.
4. Pursuant to an unfavorable decision by the Board of Education, the student may request, in writing, to have his or her case heard before the New Jersey State Commissioner of Education within 10 days.

Adopted by Board 12/11/91

Revised 2001

Academic Eligibility Requirements

NJSIAA ELIGIBILITY

	<i>Grade 9</i>	<i>Grade 10</i>	<i>Grade 11</i>	<i>Grade 12</i>
Fall	All Eligible	30 Credits must be earned from previous year	30 Credits must be earned from previous year	30 Credits must be earned from previous year
Winter	All Eligible	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above
Spring	Must be passing equivalent of 30 credits (15 from 1st semester)	Same as grade 9	Same as grade 9	Same as grade 9

ATTENTION!

NJSIAA Concussion Policy

NJSIAA Steroid Testing Policy

Consent to random testing for student athletes.

Forms & physical packets are located at

Athletics.srsd.net

2016-2017 Marking Period & Quarterly/SGO Schedule

<u>Marking Period 1 (44 days)</u> <u>September 6 – November 4</u>	
Progress Reports Due: September 30, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: October 4 Grades Due: November 15, 9:00am Grades Posted: November 17	
October 31	English & Electives Quarterlies
November 1	World Languages & Social Studies Quarterlies
November 2	Math & PE Quarterlies
November 3	Science & Make up Quarterlies

<u>Marking Period 2 (47 days)</u> <u>November 14 – January 27</u>	
Progress Reports Due: December 9, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: December 13 Grades Due: January 31, 9:00am Grades Posted: February 2	
January 23	English & Electives Quarterlies
January 24	World Languages & Social Studies Quarterlies
January 25	Math & PE Quarterlies
January 26	Science & Make up Quarterlies

<u>Marking Period 3 (44 days)</u> <u>January 30 – March 31</u>	
Progress Reports Due: February 24, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: February 28 Grades Due: April 4, 9:00am Grades Posted: April 6	
March 27	English & Electives SGO
March 28	World Languages & Social Studies SGO
March 29	Math & PE SGO
March 30	Science & Make up SGO

<u>Marking Period 4 (45 days)</u> <u>April 3 – June 12</u>	
Progress Reports Due: May 5, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: May 9 Grades Posted: April 13	
June 5	Senior Exams 1 & 8
June 6	Senior Exams 2 & 3
June 7	Final Exams Periods 4 & 5
June 8	Final Exams Periods 6 & 7
June 9	Final Exams Periods 1 & 2 Graduation Practice 10:00am
June 12	Final Exams Period 3 & 8 Senior Slide Show 8:00am Last Day for Students Graduation 6:00pm

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sports Season

N.J.S.I.A.A. Regulations HS start of Practice:

- ⇒ Fall: H.S.: Before August 8th through December 2nd.
- ⇒ Winter: H.S.: Monday before Thanksgiving through March.
(Ice Hockey & Swimming: Start Nov. 7th, Bowling: Start Nov. 15th)
- ⇒ Spring: H.S.: March 3rd through – June.
- ⇒ Summer: June 11th

Since there will be overlapping of sports seasons for some student-athletes who will participate in more than one activity, the athlete will be allowed to finish the season started before beginning the second sport.

Practice

- There are practice sessions everyday after school beginning 2:15-3:00 pm and ending at approximately 5:00—6:00 pm depending on the sport. Most sports will practice and/or have games on Saturdays. In addition, many sports will have practices and/or games during school vacation.
- A student-athlete shall not be permitted to participate in a scrimmage or a game in any strenuous sport until he/she has completed **six days of practice in that sport.**
⇒ Bowling and Golf are not considered strenuous as per the N.J.S.I.A.A.
- During this period athletes **may not** be involved in intramurals in which they have attained team status. Open gym and recreation participation are permitted for players as long as their coaches are not present. Non-School camp/clinic participation is permitted for players provided their coaches are not involved. Athletes may participate in local community sponsored recreation programs as long as their coaches are not involved. Athletes' involvement with non-school teams is a local option.
- Summer Recess – (June 11^h until beginning of school) year*
- Practice sessions during the summer recess period may be conducted by schools for their athletes only. Athletes are permitted to participate in any school sponsored practices. During the summer recess period, an athlete may not be sponsored or supported by a school or school-related group (Booster Club) when team-interscholastic or individual *competition* takes place as part of the activity in camps, clinics or recreation programs.
⇒ *Any Questions: contact the Athletic Office for further details.

School Attendance

- Any athlete or participant who is absent from school may not participate in practice, games, or activities on that day unless permission has been secured from the Principal or his representative. In order to be considered present, a student **must be in attendance a minimum of four hours.** In the event of an athletic contest on a non-school day, attendance in school on the day immediately prior to the event is required.

Transportation

- Transportation to and from all away contests is provided for athletes and coaches. Students and coaches must ride the bus provided for all away contests unless prior authorization has been obtained.
- The procedure listed below must be followed.
 1. Parents must make advance request in writing for the release of their children to themselves or other parents. (Travel Consent/Release Form)
 2. This note must be received by the athletic director, one day prior to the trip whenever possible. (Forms are available in the Athletic Office or the Athletics.srsd.net website.)

Participation Forms

- Parents should be sure to sign an athletic permit form for each sport his/her son/daughter will be participating in. Student/athletes will be afforded a physical by our school doctor during specific physical dates as established by the athletic director. If the student misses the scheduled school physical, one may be secured from a family physician, but the cost is the responsibility of the student.
- Students always have the prerogative of having a physical done by their own physician at their cost. **PHYSICAL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL AND RETURNED TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION.**
- (Forms are available in the Athletic Office or the Athletics.srsd.net website.)
- The school doctor will provide sport physicals as follows:
- Late Spring May or June for Fall physicals.
- July/August for Winter/Spring physicals.
- Please note: all appropriate forms must be complete and signed in order to receive a physical by the school doctor.

Accident/Injury

- There is a certain amount of risk in all athletics. We will always have unavoidable injuries in sports. School personnel shall attempt to prevent the avoidable injuries by alert supervision and safety procedures.

CONCUSSION IDENTIFICATION MANAGEMENT

- Please note allowing a student athlete to return to play before recovering from a concussion increases the chance of more serious brain injury that can result in severe disability and/or death.
- The athlete does not need to lose consciousness to sustain a concussion. A student athlete who is suspected of sustaining or who has sustained a concussion and/or has become unconscious during an athletic event shall not return to play until he meets all of the following criteria:
 1. Immediate removal from play and no return to play that day
 2. Medical evaluation to determine the presence/absence of concussion.
 3. Complete a symptom free week initiated on the first asymptomatic day before Initiating a graduated return to play exercise protocol.
 4. Any re-emergence of any post-concussion signs or symptoms once they return to play they will be removed from exertion maneuvers and return to physician for re-evaluation.
 5. If concussion symptoms re-occur the athlete
 6. Symptom checklists, baseline and balance testing are suggested.

Signs and symptoms of concussion:

1. Headache
2. Nausea/vomiting
3. Balance problems or dizziness
4. Double vision or changes in vision
5. Sensitivity to light or sound and/or noise
6. Depression or anxiety.

See:

Graduated Return to Competition and Practice Protocol Form

on the next page for a:

Sample Form

Insurance

- Student-athletes are covered by our Student Accident Insurance for injuries from sports. **Student-athletes must submit their claim to their own insurance company first.**
 - **Our insurance may cover the excess that wasn't paid by the student-athlete's primary policy.**
- Athletic Trainer**A certified athletic trainer is available for the treatment or injuries, determination of treatment, and a rehabilitation program. It is important that the coaches, athletes, and parents work closely with the trainer. 597-9481 Ext. 4205 - H.S.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

POLICY and GUIDANCE for TREATMENT of SPORTS-RELATED CONCUSSIONS and HEAD INJURIES

The following is a graduated return to competition and practice protocol for student athletes that have suffered a concussion or head injury during athletic competition. This New Jersey State mandated protocol will be followed by all athletes, coaches and parents when an athlete is cleared by their medical doctor to return to competition. Athletes and Parents will sign the form after the clearance note has been handed in to the Athletic office. Thank you!

Graduated Return to Competition and Practice Protocol

- Complete physical, cognitive, emotional and social rest is advised while the student-athlete is experiencing symptoms and signs of a sports-related concussion or other head injury. (Minimize mental exertion, limiting over stimulation, multi-tasking, etc.) After written medical clearance is given by a physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions stating that the student-athlete is asymptomatic at rest, the student-athlete may begin a graduated individualized return-to-play protocol supervised by a licensed athletic trainer, school/team physician or in cases where the aforementioned are not available a physician or licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of sports-related concussion. The following steps should be followed:

Completion of a full day of normal cognitive activities (school day, studying for tests, watching practice, interacting with peers) without re-emergence of any signs or symptoms. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:

Light aerobic exercise, which includes walking, swimming, or stationary cycling, keeping the intensity < 70% maximum percentage heart rate: no resistance training. The objective of this step is increased heart rate. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:

Sport-specific exercise including skating, and/or running; no head impact activities. The objective of this step is to add movement and continue to increase heart rate. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:

Non-contact training drills (e.g., passing drills). The student-athlete may initiate progressive resistance training. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:

Following medical clearance (consultation between school health care personnel, i.e. Licensed Athletic Trainer, School/Team Physician, School Nurse and student-athlete's physician), participation in normal training activities. The objective of this step is to restore confidence and to assess functional skills by the coaching staff. If no return of symptoms, next day advance to:

Return to play involving normal exertion or game activity.

- In the absence of daily testing by knowledgeable school district staff (i.e. Licensed Athletic Trainer, School/Team Physician) to clear a student-athlete to begin the graduated return-to-play protocol a student-athlete should observe a 7 day rest/recovery period before commencing the protocol. Younger student (K-8) should observe the 7 day rest/recovery period (after they are symptom free at rest) prior to initiating the graduated return-to-play protocol. A physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussion as well as the parents/guardians of the student-athlete shall monitor the student-athlete in the absence of knowledgeable school district staff (i.e., Athletic Trainer, School/Team Physician). School Nurses may serve as an advocate for student-athletes in communicating signs and symptoms to physicians and parents/guardians.
- If the student athlete exhibits a re-emergence of any concussion signs or symptoms once they return to physical activity, he/she will be removed from further exertional activities and returned to his/her school/team physician or primary care physician. If concussion symptoms reoccur during the graduated return-to-play protocol, the student athlete will return to the previous level of activity that caused no symptoms.

Student –Athlete Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Coach Signature: _____

Sample Form

Started in 2014-15 Physical Packet

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN YOUNG ATHLETES

The Basic Facts on Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Athletes

Website Resources

- Sudden Death in Athletes
www.cardiacdeath.org/sudden-death-in-athletes
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
www.hcm.org
- American Heart Association www.heart.org

Collaborating Agencies:

**American Academy of Pediatrics
New Jersey Chapter**
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Hamilton, NJ 08619
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www.aapnj.org

American Heart Association
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www.heart.org

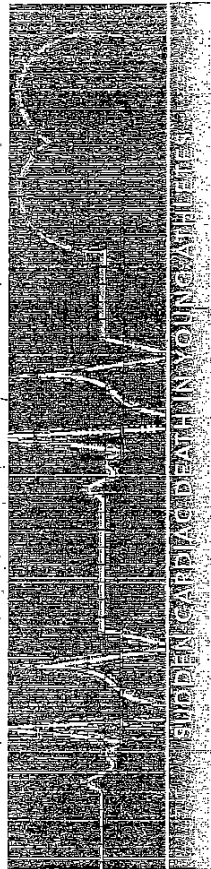
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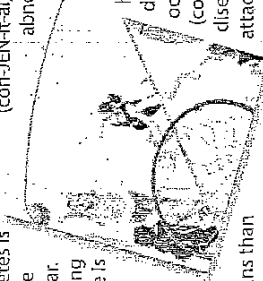
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SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN YOUNG ATHLETES

The Basic Facts on Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Athletes

Website Resources

- Sudden Death in Athletes
www.cardiacdeathinathletes.org
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
www.hcm.org
- American Heart Association www.heart.org

Collaborating Agencies:

**American Academy of Pediatrics
New Jersey Chapter**
3836 Qualterbridge Road, Suite 108
Hamilton, NJ 08619
(p) 609-842-0014
(f) 609-842-0015
www.aapnj.org

American Heart Association
1 Union Street, Suite 301
Robbinsville, NJ 08691
(p) 609-208-0020
www.heart.org

New Jersey Department of Education
P.O. Box 500
Trenton, NJ 08625-0500
(p) 609-292-5939
www.state.nj.us/education/

New Jersey Department of Health
P.O. Box 360
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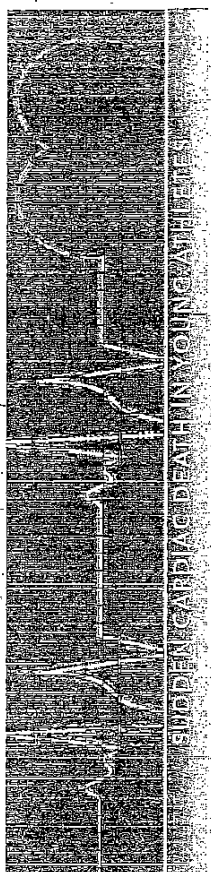
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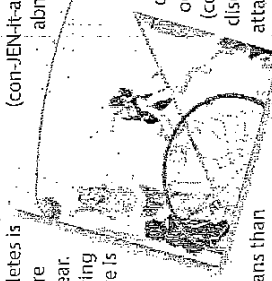
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Sample Form

State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Sudden Cardiac Death Pamphlet
Sign-Off Sheet

Name of School District: Southern Regional
Name of Local School: SR High School

I/We acknowledge that we received and reviewed the Sudden Cardiac Death in Young Athletes pamphlet.

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Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian
Signature: _____

Date: _____

New Jersey Department of Education 2014: pursuant to the Scholastic Student-Athlet Safety Act, P.L. 2013, c71

Sample Form

Strength & Conditioning

- The weight room is open five days per week from 2:30/3:00 on most school days until 5:00. The room should be always supervised and no student is permitted the use of the room without supervision. All participants are given programs of instruction and safety procedures before they begin workouts. We believe that the weight training we do is an integral part of our athletic programs and the health and fitness of our student-athletes.

NJSIAA'S STEROID TESTING POLICY

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General prohibition against performance enhancing drugs:

1. It shall be considered a violation of the NJSIAA's sportsmanship rule for any student-athlete to possess, ingest, or otherwise use any substance on the list of banned substances, without written prescription by a fully licensed physician, as recognized by the American Medical Association, to treat a medical condition.
2. Violations found as a result of NJSIAA's testing shall be penalized in accordance with this policy.
3. Violations found as a result of member school testing shall be penalized in accordance with the school's policy.

List of banned substances:

- A list of banned substances shall be prepared annually by the Medical Advisory Committee, and approved by the Executive Committee. List is available in this handbook.

Consent form:

- Before participating in interscholastic sports, the student-athlete and the student-athlete's parent or guardian shall consent, in writing, to random testing in accordance with this policy. Failure to sign the consent form renders the student-athlete ineligible.

Selection of athletes to be tested:

1. Tested athletes will be selected randomly from all of those athletes participating in championship competition.
2. Sixty percent of all tests shall be from football, wrestling, track & field, swimming, lacrosse and baseball. The remaining forty percent of all tests shall be from all other NJSIAA sports.

Administration of tests:

- Tests shall be administered by a certified laboratory, selected by the Executive Director and approved by the Executive Committee.

Testing methodology:

- The methodology for taking and handling samples shall be in accordance with current legal standards.

Sufficiency of results:

- No test shall be considered a positive result unless the approved laboratory reports a positive result, and the NJSIAA's medical review officer confirms that there was no medical reason for the positive result. A "B" sample shall be available in the event of an appeal.

Appeal process:

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Penalties

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person shall also forfeit any individual honor earned while in violation. No person who tests positive, refuses to provide a test sample, or who reports his or her own violation shall resume eligibility until he or she has undergone counseling and produced a negative test result.

Confidentiality:

- Results of all tests shall be considered confidential and shall only be disclosed to the individual, his or her parents and his or her school.

Compilation of results:

- The Executive Committee shall annually compile and report the results of the testing program.

Yearly renewal of the steroid policy:

- The Executive Committee shall annually determine whether this policy shall be renewed or discontinued.

Uniforms

- As a rule, the school district will provide the equipment and uniforms for game competition. Shoes and practice clothing are usually the responsibility of the athletes. Athletes and parents should communicate with the coaches to be sure all athletes are attired appropriately. All uniforms and equipment must be returned at the end of the sports season

Security

- While every attempt is made to provide proper security in the locker room area, it is impossible to reduce all thefts. The athletes are urged to lock up all belongings at all times and are discouraged from bringing valuables into the locker rooms.

Awards

- Awards granted for participating in interscholastic athletics are approved by the Board of Education. The awards are symbolic in nature, consisting of letters, pins, trophies, plaques or jackets. The coaches have the responsibility of establishing criteria for the awarding of all letters and awards. We are in the process of changing the varsity letter to a plain block solid S.
 1. Freshman Certificate
 2. Junior Varsity Certificate
 3. Varsity 8" Varsity Letter, pin, certificate
2nd yr. – Certificate & bars
3rd yr. – Silver Certificate & bars
4th yr. – Gold Certificate & bars

Senior Awards

1. NJSIAA Scholar Athlete
2. Southern Regional Student Athlete
3. Ocean County Sportsmanship (2)
4. A.B. Dolph Cranmer Award (2)

SHORE CONFERENCE RULES & REGULATIONS: Review and check <http://shoreconferencenjdigitalsports.com>

RULEBOOK & GUIDELINES: www.nfhs.org & www.njsiaa.org or www.ncaa.org

FUNDRAISING: request must be submitted to the Board of Education via the student-activities coordinator (Susan Sattan) Forms may be secured in the Athletic office.

COORDINATION OF FITNESS LABS: (weight room & cardio room) with our strength coach. This schedule must be done in advance, as the demand is great.

HAZING: HAZING - NO TOLERANCE

Hazing - bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical harm or emotional harm to any student. This includes but is not limited to conduct unbecoming on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, e-mail, or cell phone technologies and/or social media outlets.

Examples of Physical Hazing:

- ◆ physical torment
- ◆ forced physical activity
- ◆ forced or coerced eating or drinking
- ◆ forced or coerced shaving of body hair
- ◆ forced or coerced theft or other unlawful activity
- ◆ assault/battery
- ◆ forced confinement
- ◆ forced or coerced nudity
- ◆ forced or coerced sexual activity

Examples of Mental Hazing:

- ◆ Ridicule
- ◆ Embarrassment of person
- ◆ Verbal abuse such as yelling, screaming, and threats
- ◆ Intimidation or retaliation
 - a. Coaches must dedicate time to discuss these issues with athletes.
 - b. All hazing incidents must be reported to the Supervisor of Athletics immediately!

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT will not be tolerated.

- Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when
 - A. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of a student's participation
 - B. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for the student's participation or decisions affecting the student; or such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the student's school performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

STERIODS and PERFORMANCE ENHANCERS - NO TOLERANCE.

The Southern Regional School District feels just as strongly about steriods and other performance enhancing drugs as it does with any other illegal substances. All head and assistant coaches are to be vigilant for any sign that any use of this type might be occurring among our athletes. It behooves all coaches to become educated in their use through reading, seminars, and discussions with knowledgeable sources. Any suspected drug usage should immediately be dealt with by bringing it to the attention of the director of athletics and appropriate school administration.

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WEB RESOURCES

Please check the following internet sites for you to follow throughout the Athletic year. for athletic information such as, game schedules, practice times. Tournament information, NJSIAA Steroid Policy, NJSIAA Concussion Policy, etc.

Athletics.srsd.net

<http://shoreconferencenjdigitalsports.com>

(shore conference tournament information)

www.njsiaa.org

www.nj.com

(for state post season tournament brackets
& group classifications)

www.shoreconference.nj.org

(team schedules through “R School today”)

www.nfhs.org

www.ncaa.org

The Champion's Creed

1. Never underestimate your opponent.
2. Work on your weaknesses until they become your strong points.
3. Remember that a great effort is usually the result of a great attitude.
4. Dedicate yourself to a mighty purpose.
5. Win with humility, lose with grace.
6. Ignore those who discourage you.
7. Work to improve your moral and academic strengths as well as your physical one.
8. Remember that how you conduct yourself off the field is just as important as how you conduct yourself on the field
9. Talent – born with – given – be humble, Fame is man-given – be thankful, Conceit is self-given – be careful.
10. Don't ask to be deprived of tension and discipline – these are the tools that shape success.
11. Do what has to be done, when it has to be done, and as well as it can be done.
12. Remember that when you're not working to improve, your competition is.
13. Always give your best.
14. Practice like a champion.
15. Play like a champion.
16. Live like a champion.

NJSIAA

Specific Sport Regulations

Note 1: A week is defined as from 12⁰¹ A.M. Sunday to Saturday midnight.

Note 2: A regularly scheduled game is one which has been contracted by mutual consent of the participating schools and approved by their respective Boards of Education and by the schools' Principals.

Note 3: Member schools may schedule games or scrimmages with any school accredited by its regional accrediting agency and having athletic eligibility standards similar to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association. Member schools may schedule regular season games or scrimmages with non-member schools, or with member schools of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools; however, in such case, any waiver of the NJSIAA eligibility rules must be agreed upon and set forth in the contract. Under this section, competition is limited to teams (or individuals) whose participation are in the first year of post-high school matriculation. Waiver of NJSIAA eligibility rules will not be granted for sanctioned tournaments.

- Member schools may not compete in "club" teams. Competition is not permitted with teams composed of post-high school students (private schools, junior colleges, colleges) whose participants are beyond the first year of post-high school matriculation or are beyond the first year since graduating from high school. All Independent School holding memberships (NJSIAA and NJISAA) must adhere to all regulations provided for by the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and they may not be waived.
- A school is permitted to sponsor only one team at the varsity level. A and B teams at the varsity level are not permitted in any sports.

Note 4:

A. Any student-athlete or coach disqualified before, during or after an interscholastic event for unsportsmanlike and flagrant verbal or physical misconduct will be disqualified from the next two (2) regularly scheduled game (s)/ meet (s), with the exception of football which will carry a one (1) game disqualification, at that level of competition and all other game (s) (s) / meet (s) in the interim at any level in addition to any other penalties which the NJSIAA or a league /conference may assess.

- Once a coach / player has been disqualified, NO appeals will be honored from the player, coach, official or any other party. Disqualification is a judgment call and officials must be certain the act warrants disqualification. All complaints against an official must be directed to the official's Chapter Secretary and the NJSIAA.
- Scrimmages are not considered part of the disqualification rule.
- The National Federation Rules do not permit a wrestler to continue to participate in a tournament if there is a flagrant disqualification. The NJSIAA rule requires a two match sit-out. Even though the wrestler is not permitted to wrestle in the remainder of that tournament, said wrestler may fulfill the two-match disqualification, provided his team continues to wrestle in scheduled events.
- See page 93 NJSIAA Handbook on website www.njsiaa.org

- B. A disqualified player or coach may not be present at any contest in that sport during the period of disqualification. Definition of not being present at the same site means the disqualified player or coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the bus, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.
- ⇒ In the team sports any player/coach in violation of this provision will be cause for forfeiture of those games during the period of disqualification.
 - ⇒ In individual sports the event or events in which the player previously participated while having be disqualified will be forfeited. The team will lose the highest points awarded in each event noted herein.
- C. Should a coach/player be disqualified from the final game/meet of the season, said disqualification will carry over to the next year in that sport. In the case of the Student-Athlete, the same degree of penalty shall apply if said athlete retains eligibility in that sport.
- D. Any player/coach disqualified a second time in single or multiple sports will have the penalty doubled (i.e. in football—disqualified for two (2) games; all other sports — four (4) games). Disqualifications will count for 365 days from the first disqualification.
- E. Any player with two or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of an NJSIAA tournament, will be ineligible to compete in said tournament.
- F. Any varsity team accumulating three or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of an NJSIAA tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.
- G. Single/multiple sports — on the third offense; players disqualified will be suspended indefinitely, and must apply in writing, to the NJSIAA through the office of their Principal for reinstatement. Disqualifications will count for 365 days from the date of the first disqualifications.
- H. Any coach disqualified a second time with 365 days from the date of the first disqualification will be required to appear before the Controversies Committee with the Principal and the Athletic Director.

Section 2 Out-of-Season Period

The out-of-season period shall be from the end of the season as defined in Rule 2, Section 10 until the next official starting practice date for that sport, excluding the Summer Recess, that period from the last scheduled date for NJSIAA championships in the Spring Sport Season until September 1st.

PENALTY - Any school proved guilty of violating the out of season coaching restrictions included in Rules 1 and 2 shall be subject to the Penalties provided by Article X of the Bylaws, after a hearing by the Controversies Committee.

Section 3 Intramurals

Although the NJSIAA philosophy relative to intramurals is that these programs should provide an opportunity for students not on interscholastic teams, nevertheless Student-Athletes are permitted to participate in all intramural activities during the out-of-season period, except those in which they have attained team status.

Article 1- Weight-lifting or other conditioning programs during the out-of-season period are permissible when not limited to Student-Athletes.

Article 2- Coaches may supervise or serve as directors, including officiating of intramurals, recreational, club, camp, or open-gym programs when the school district's Student-Athletes are not involved in their specific phase of the program during the out-of-season period.

Section 4 Open-Gym Programs

Student/Athletes are permitted to take part in this type of recreational program, but a coach of a specific sport activity in that Open-Gym Program is not permitted to be involved. Coaches may supervise Open-Gym Programs only when their Student-Athletes are not involved in that specific phase of the program during the out-of-season period. Open-Gym Programs involving a single sport in which only Student-Athletes are involved are interpreted as an attempt to circumvent the out-of-season rules.

CL 1 An "open-gym" program is one in which a variety of recreational type activities are offered, i.e., badminton, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, and the like. Coaches at any level may not be present when their specific sport activity is a part of the Open-Gym Program. Single sports programs in which Student-Athletes are involved are interpreted as an attempt to circumvent the out-of-season rule if those sports are not on a rotation basis with at least two or more other sports activities during a calendar week using that facility. Responsibility for monitoring Open-Gym Programs should be with the Athletic Director and Principal of the school.

All specific sport activities have to be recreational in nature; therefore, practice routines, such as, softball/baseball pitching, catching and batting, football place-kicking, golfing/putting, and similar routines are always interpreted as an attempt to circumvent the out-of-season rule.

Section 5 Recreation and Club Programs

The NJSIAA does not have any jurisdiction over these programs conducted by outside organizations even though school facilities are used; however, school uniforms and other individually issued equipment may not be used by Student-Athletes. Coaches may not be involved when the school district's Student-Athletes are involved in that specific phase of the program during the out-of-season period. Coaches may be spectators.

CL 1 Schools, school organizations, or school-related groups such as Booster Clubs may not assist the Student-Athlete's participation or influence the sponsoring agency in non-school Recreation and Club Programs during the out-of-season period.

Section 6 Camps or Clinics

The NJSIAA does not restrict an individual's choice to attend any participatory camps or clinics; however, schools, school organizations, or school-related groups such as Booster Clubs may not assist the Student-Athletes' attendance at any camp or clinic during the out-of-season period; this includes providing uniforms, equipment, and funds related to the camp or clinic, including transportation; and coaches may not instruct their Student-Athletes. Coaches may be spectators.

CL 1 There are no limitations or restrictions on member schools or their Student-Athletes at any time when attendance at non-school camps or clinics is of a non-participatory nature, i.e., as an observer rather than a participant.

CL 2 DURING THE OUT-OF-SEASON PERIOD, the NJSIAA does not restrict an individual's choice to attend a participatory camp or clinic; however, schools, school organizations, or school-related groups such as Booster Clubs may not assist the Student-Athletes' attendance at any participatory camp or groups such as Booster Clubs may not assist the Student-Athletes' attendance at any participatory camp or

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CL 3 DURING THE SUMMER RECESS a coach or Student-Athlete may not be sponsored or supported by a school or school-related group (example: Booster Club) when team-interscholastic or individual competition takes place as part of the activity in camps, clinics, recreation programs, independent play and tournaments.

Section 7 Faculty Games

Student-Athletes of a particular sport may not engage in faculty or similar games in that same sport except for those seniors who have exhausted their eligibility in that same sport.

Section 8 Non-School Non-Sanctioned Games

A Student-Athlete may compete as follows: Article 1 During Season –

Local Option

Article 2 Out-of-Season Period – A Student-Athlete may compete on a non-school team with the approval of the school so long as individually issued school equipment, coaching, or other school services are not provided.

CL 1 The participant competes in Non-School/Non-Sanctioned events “unattached,” i.e., not as a representative of the school and, therefore, schools, school organizations and school-related groups such as Booster Clubs, Parents Clubs or Varsity Clubs may not assist the Student-Athlete’s participation in any way.

CL 2 The NJSIAA does not permit the funding, in whole or in part, of participation in Non-School/Non-Sanctioned events by a Board of Education. This applies to Non-School/Non-Sanctioned events, e.g., the Dapper Dan, McDonald, and Derby Basketball Clinics, the Golden West Track Classic, and National High School baseball, tennis, wrestling, or similar games/events.

CL 3 The NJSIAA cooperates fully with the USOC (United States Olympic Committee) in establishing the means by which the participants are selected to represent the United States; therefore, a member school, their Student-Athletes, and their coaches do not have any restrictions placed upon them In-Season, Out-of-Season or during the Summer Recess so long as the administrator (Principal) of the member school gives approval and the USOC verifies that the activity is a part of the USOC development program and filed with the NJSIAA.

RULE 2 PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Section 1 Awards

Awards are not restricted by the NJSIAA, if approved by the Board of Education, so long as they are symbolic awards, i.e., letters, sweaters, jackets, pins, trophies, other similar type awards, and rings or watches which are properly inscribed. All other awards must be approved by the local Board of Education and the NJSIAA. Student-Athletes and prospective Student-Athletes must be cautioned when competing in any program including marathons and other running events in which cash or merchandise are the awards. By refusing to accept the cash or merchandise the student absolves himself/herself from placing his/her eligibility in jeopardy.

CL 1 The participant’s award or share thereof may not be assigned to another party or be accepted by another party but must be returned to the chairman of the event.

Section 2 Strenuous Sports

A player on an interscholastic athletic team shall participate in only one strenuous high school sport at a time during the regular high school sports season. A player may drop one high school sport to participate in another, but he/she may not return to a sport from which he/she withdrew.

The strenuous sports are: Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Diving, Fencing, Field Hockey, Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Skiing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track-Outdoor, Track-Winter, Volleyball, and Wrestling.

CL 1 Bowling and Golf are not considered strenuous sports.

CL 2 Rule 2, Section 2, Strenuous Sports, will mean a student concluding a season in one sport will not be able to participate in another sport regardless of the fact that the athlete would be able to meet the six (6) day practice rule.

Section 3 Physical Examinations

Physical examinations may be given prior to a Sports Season so that all players may be examined before the first day of practice.

See State Board of Education Regulations – Pages 19-26

Section 4 Equipment

Uniforms may be issued prior to the beginning of a Sports Season, if stored by the school; however under no circumstances may uniforms be worn until the first official starting day of practice for that specific sport, except for shoes which may be issued and worn two weeks prior to such official starting date of practice. No individually issued equipment of a member school, except as provided herein, may be issued or used by a student during the out-of-season period.

Section 5 Sports Seasons

Member schools must conduct their programs within the following datelines according to practice provisions as outlined in Rule 2, Section 6 to be eligible for NJSIAA Tournament play:

- Fall – **August 10 to November 30**
- Winter – **November 9 to March 31 - Ice Hockey, Swimming**
November 15 to March 31 - Bowling,
Monday after Thanksgiving (**November 30 to March 31 - Basketball, Fencing, Skiing,**
Winter Track, Wrestling)
- Spring – First Friday of March (**March 4 to last scheduled NJSIAA Tournament (June 11)**)

If, by way of exception provided in these Bylaws, permission is granted a school to extend its season in a particular sport, the provisions of this section are extended accordingly.

- Fall – Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Gymnastics, Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball
- Winter – Basketball, Bowling, Fencing, Ice Hockey, Skiing, Swimming, Track-Winter, Wrestling
- Spring – Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Softball, Boys Tennis, Track-••Outdoor, Boys Volleyball

The Executive Committee must approve conducting a specific program during a season other than the designated sports season for that sport.

Section 6 Start of Practice

A. Fall - 2015

1. All fall sports can start Official Practice on **August 10, 2015.**
2. **Scrimmages can be played after six days of Official Practice***

*Official Practice Days begin to count on August 10, 2015. If school board policy does not permit Sunday practices, then the “First Scrimmage” must be moved forward accordingly.

Reminder to follow the Heat Acclimatization Procedures (see page 84) which may begin before August 10, 2015, if school approval is obtained to start official school practice before August 10.

3. Girls Tennis - Teams may open as early as **September 8, 2015 (exception 9/4 or 9/5, 2015)** after six days of official practice, which may start on **August 10, 2015**, with the first scrimmage on **August 17, 2015**, **which must include one twenty-four (24) hour rest period.**

B. Winter

- November 9 - Ice Hockey, Swimming**
- November 15 – Bowling,
- November 30 – Basketball, Fencing, Skiing, Track-Indoors, Wrestling**

C. Spring

- March 4 – Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Softball, Boys Tennis, Track-Outdoor, Boys Volleyball**

Section 7 Practices/Scrimmages/Games-Meets

Article 1...A student shall not be permitted to participate in a scrimmage or a game (interschool) in any strenuous sport until he/she has completed SIX DAYS OF PRACTICE IN THAT SPORT, (days of 24 hours, not sessions). Practices during the Summer Recess prior to the official opening of the Sports Season cannot be counted to fulfill this requirement. The above restriction will be waived for Student-Athletes who are members of a team participating in competition after the start of the next season provided the athlete becomes a practicing member within three (3) practice days.

CL 1 Summer Recess practices do not count for “six-day” interschool scrimmage or game provisions. Only those practices from the official opening of the Sports Season may be counted to fulfill this requirement.

CL 2 Sunday practices may be counted only if approved by the local Board of Education.

CL 3 A practice is defined as a session where a team is assembled and involved in physical activity to enhance the participant’s physical condition. Practices of any kind for individuals, partial or entire teams, on days when the team is involved in interscholastic scrimmages or games-meets will not count toward satisfying the six (6) day rule.

CL 4 It is a local option for schools to permit ineligible students to practice or compete in interscholastic scrimmages. An ineligible student may not participate in an interscholastic regular season contest or scrimmage. Such practices will count to satisfy the six (6) day practice rule. The above is applicable provided the school meets the medical examination and parental permission as required by the State Board of Education.

Article 2...Interschool scrimmages, excluding baseball, tennis, softball and golf, are to be limited to the number of games, meets, or matches permitted in the sport during the regular season. The rule regarding numbers of contests on consecutive days will be enforced.

Article 3...No more than four (4) schools shall be permitted to take part in a joint interschool scrimmage.

CL 1 Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable number of games.

CL 2 The host school may not invite any more than three (3) schools to participate in a scrimmage at its site(s).

Article 4...No scrimmages shall be permitted after the “End of Season” as defined in Rule 2, Section 10 of the Rules and Regulations.

Definition:

Interschool scrimmages are provided as an opportunity to experience controlled game conditions for both coaches and players. A scrimmage must provide for voluntary interruption of the “scrimmage game” for instructional purposes, must not have recorded scoring, results, spectator admission must be on a complimentary basis only, and the event cannot be conducted in such a manner as to advance a team or individual to another level of scrimmage competition.

CL 1 Whenever team(s) or individual(s) from two or more schools practice at the same site, it will be designated as a scrimmage unless some extraordinary circumstance has been approved by the NJSIAA.

Article 5... “Regular season games” are those games, meets, or matches that are not statewide championship playoff contests. “Playoff games” are those games, meets, or matches that comprise the Statewide Championship Tournament. Regular season games include conference games, non-conference games, and games played at tournaments and invitationals. Regular season games count toward the total number of games in which a school can participate during a sports season.

Section 8 Start of Regular Schedule Opening dates are as follows:

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| Fall | 1. After six days of practice – Girls Tennis (September 8, 2015 - Exception September 4 or 5)
2. September 10, 2015 – Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Gymnastics, Soccer, Girls Volleyball – Exception – September 4 or 5
3. September 11, 2015 – Football – Exception September 4 or 5 |
| Winter | 1. November 28 – Ice Hockey, Swimming
2. December 1 - Bowling
2. Friday before 3rd Saturday of December – Basketball, Fencing, Track-Indoor, Wrestling (December 18, 2015)
3. First Week of January – Skiing |
| Spring | March 25, 2015 - Men and Women’s Lacrosse
April 1 – Baseball, Golf, Softball, Boys Tennis, Outdoor Track, Boys Volleyball |

Section 9 Contest Rules All contests involving member schools must be played according to the rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). This applies to all sports for which rules are formulated by that Association, with the following exceptions:

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| Bowling | – | US Bowling Congress |
| Fencing | – | United States Fencing Association |
| Golf | – | USGA |
| Girls Lacrosse | – | United States Women’s Lacrosse Association |
| Skiing | – | NCAA |
| Tennis | – | USTA |

Rules indicated will govern all sports unless modified by NJSIAA.

Section 10 End of Season All teams may participate in interscholastic contests up to the final championship in their respective sports. Equipment should be stored and practice terminated for the out-of-season period upon completion of the schedule. Individual competition shall terminate with the end of said competition.

Section 11 Out-of-Season Period Out-of-Season practice is not permitted under the direction of an instructor or coach, or student leaders. This eliminates any kind of equipment under any form of instruction. The object of this explanation is to make clear the point that there shall be absolutely no practice during the out-of-season period for a particular sport. Any subterfuge or “sharp practice” shall be construed as a violation of this rule.

CL 1 A. Non-School Activities

During the out-of-season period, the NJSIAA does not restrict an individual’s choice to participate in a non-school activity or in an open-gym program in which the athlete has attained Student-Athlete status, i.e., all freshmen and those sophomores, juniors or seniors who have been on the roster of the J.V. or varsity teams during the current season.

B. School-Related Organizations

During the out-of-season period, the school organizations such as Booster Clubs, Fathers’ Club, Varsity Club and the like may not assist the Student-Athlete during the out-of-season period or provide individually issued equipment, uniforms, transportation or funds related to camp or clinic attendance when same is of a participatory nature.

CL 2 A. Coaches/Student-Athletes

Coaches may not instruct their Student-Athletes during the out-of-season period; neither may they hold meetings nor any other way be involved with the Student-Athlete, including Open-Gym Programs. For Seniors, all rules apply through the last date of the NJSIAA Spring Championships, except for those seniors who have exhausted their eligibility and will not compete interscholastically in any future season/sport. When the same sport for Boys and Girls is conducted in different sports seasons, a Student-Athlete in that sport may not serve as manager of the team of the opposite sex and will be considered a violation of the out-of-season rule. Coaches may not exchange supervisory and/or coaching duties in their sport to circumvent the out-of-season rule.

QUESTION: From what point may a coach not be involved with a school's Student-Athlete?

ANSWER: From the day the coach is appointed to coach a particular sport until the start of practice for that sport the following year, except for the summer recess period.

B. Coaches' Meetings

Coaches may hold one, non-instructional meeting for the purpose of distributing try-out schedules, medical forms, parent permission slips, etc. to returning lettermen and prospective team candidates. Strategy or techniques may not be discussed and neither may any physical activity take place.

CL 3 Fund-Raising

A school may conduct any school approved fund-raising campaign at any time of the year so long as the fund-raising activity is not designed to keep Student-Athletes active in their particular sport during the out-of-season period (exclusive of seniors who have exhausted their eligibility). Exception: One day fund-raising activities such as foul-shooting contests involving basketball players; marathons involving cross-country runners; swim-a-thons involving swimmers, and the like will not be considered violations when conducted after their respective seasons have been completed.

CL 4 Summer Recess

A. Practice

That period from the last NJSIAA scheduled championship to September 1st, all restrictions are rescinded for practice for all sports. Schools may issue any and all equipment for practice use during the summer recess and the local school district may determine to what extent the school, the coaches, and the students are to be involved in the "summer recess" program.

B. Games/Scrimmages

Interscholastic competition is not permitted outside of the dates provided for in Rule 2, Sections 7, 8 and 10; therefore, a school may not sponsor a team/individual, pay entry fees, provide transportation, or in any way have a team/individual represent their school outside of the seasonal datelines for that sport in competition against other schools. School equipment may be provided. A coach/team or Student-Athlete may not be sponsored or supported by a school or school-related group (example: Booster Club) when team-interscholastic or individual competition takes place as part of the activity in camps, clinics, recreation programs, independent play, or tournaments.

Scrimmages consistent with the Early Season Opening or Regular Season Opening provisions are permitted.

C. Non-School Teams

A member of a high school's coaching staff may not be involved in any way with a non-school team on which there are team members who participated on the freshman, junior varsity, or varsity team of the coach's high school team(s) in that sport until the day after the date of the latest scheduled date for NJSIAA Championships in the Spring Sports Season.

Section 12 Alumni Games Alumni games count as part of the schedule in all sports, but they may not be included when submitting records for tournament consideration.

NJSIAA INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINES CONCERNING SCHOOL/COACH/ATHLETE PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

The NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations has for all intent and purposes defined the twelve-month sequence of participation in the following manner:

(A) In-Season; (B) Out-of-Season and (C) Summer Recess

A. In Season

The Constitution clearly stipulates this time frame by our Rules and Regulations and causes few problems with the exception of early season practice and the length of the seasons. The participation limits and association with coaches is clearly established and needs no elaboration here. (Rule 2)

Athletes in some sections of the State play in out-of-school (non-school sponsored) competition which is not prohibited by our rules during the in-season period. This competition is not sponsored by the schools in any way and the NJSIAA does not sanction said participation which is a local option in that regard. (Rule 1, Sec. 8, Art. 1)

B. Out-of-Season Time Frame

During this period athletes may not be involved in intramurals in which they have attained team status.

Coaches may participate in these programs as long as their players are not involved. (Rule 1, Sec. 3)

Open-gym and recreation participation are permitted for players as long as their coaches are not present. In the same vein, coaches may be involved but not with their athletes present. (Rule 1, Sec. 4, 5)

Camp/clinic participation is permitted for players provided their coaches are not involved. (Rule 1, Sec 6)

While the open-gym programs can be sponsored by the member schools, recreation and camp/clinic sponsorship is prohibited. (Rule 1)

A Student-Athlete may be involved with a non-school team with the approval of the school in accordance with our rule. (Rule 1, Sec. 8, Art. 2)

PARTICIPATION CHART (OUT-OF-SEASON TIME FRAME)

	<u>Athletes</u>	<u>Coaches</u>	<u>School-Related Sponsorship</u>
Intramurals	(#1) No	Yes (w/a)	Yes
Open-Gym	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	Yes
Camps	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	No
Clinics/Participatory	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	No
Clinics/Non Participatory	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recreation Programs	Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	No
Independent Play	(#2) Yes (w/c)	Yes (w/a)	No

(w/c) – Without Coach

(w/a) – Without Athletes

(#1) – If student has attained team status in the sport being offered. All Freshmen are considered to have team status.

(#2) – An athlete may compete on a non-school team (independent) with approval of the school. See Rule 1, Sec. 8, Art. 2 for Limitations.

C. Summer Recess

Participation Limitations Summer Time Frame – Practice sessions during the summer period are the prerogative of the member school within existing regulations.

A coach/team or Student-Athlete may not be sponsored or supported by a school or school-related group (or Booster Club) when team (interscholastic) or individual competition takes place as part of the activity in: camps, clinics, recreation programs/independent play.

PARTICIPATION CHART (SUMMER TIME FRAME)

<u>Camps</u>	<u>Athletes</u>	<u>Coaches</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Team Individual Interscholastic Competition	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	No
<u>Clinics</u>			
Team/Individual Interscholastic Competition	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	No
<u>School's Summer Camp(s)</u>			
Practice Only	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)
<u>Recreation/Independent Programs</u>			
Team/Individual	Yes (1)	Yes (1)	No
<u>Open-Gym Facility</u>			
Practice Only	Yes	Yes	Yes (2)

(1) Not representing their school.

(2) ONLY FOR THAT SCHOOL'S ATHLETES/PROGRAMS INVOLVING INTRA-SQUAD PRACTICE.

PLEASE NOTE: The NJSIAA does not regulate or sanction non-school activity and to that extent member schools, for their own protection, are encouraged to inform their coaches and athletes of their independent status when involved in said activities. Information supplied to coaches/athletes should include, but not be limited to, issues dealing with eligibility, injuries, insurance and potential litigation on the part of participants and use of the school name or nickname. In addition, coaches/players must be instructed not to use the school name or nickname in any non-school participation.

TRANSFER CHART
(Summary of Key Rules Regarding Transfers)

	<u>PRACTICE</u>	<u>SCRIMMAGE</u>	<u>REGULAR SEASON</u>
With bona fide change of residence			
Varsity level Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes
With bona fide change of residence			
Sub-varsity Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Without bona fide change of residence			
Varsity level Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes, after 30 day sit period or Half of maximum games
Without bona fide change of residence			
Sub-varsity Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes

· **Bona fide change of residence** is defined as moving with a parent/guardian from one public secondary school district to another public secondary school district. A bona fide change of address, with or without varsity participation, only negates the 30-day/half of the maximum games sit rule, not the prerogative of a school to challenge the transfer on grounds of athletic advantage or recruitment. If the previous school exercises its prerogative to challenge the transfer on said grounds, the student athlete may not compete in any varsity regular season contest until there is a hearing by the NJSIAA Eligibility Appeals Committee and a decision rendered.

· **Varsity Participation** is defined as playing in one play of an interscholastic varsity level regular season contest. This participation refers to the previous year prior to the transfer.

· 30 day sit out period begins with the first regular season interscholastic scheduled contest.

· If a transfer occurs during the season of the sport in question, and it requires a 30 day sit out, the clock starts from the first day of attendance in the “new” school.

· Note that students transferring during the season may not be eligible for post season competition. See the specific sport regulations (Rules 3 through 24) for more detailed information.

· Scrimmages refer to pre-season scrimmages only and not scrimmages during the season or post season for those sports that allow such.

- I. Any coach who is disqualified during the preceding school year must attend a Compliance Meeting conducted by the NJSIAA. Any coach who has three or more players on a team disqualified during the course of the preceding school year must attend a Compliance Meeting conducted by the NJSIAA. Any coach disqualified who has three (3) or more players disqualified during the course of the preceding school year, must attend along with his/her athletic director, a Compliance Meeting conducted by the NJSIAA. Page 94 of the NJSIAA Handbook.
- Coaches/players who do not fulfill their penalty in a sport at their present school will be disqualified for the same length of time in their subsequent coaching assignment/sport participation at another school.
 - Seniors who are disqualified from their last game or next to last game will serve their penalty in a subsequent sports season according to the penalty provision of that subsequent sport. When seniors are disqualified from their last game of their high school careers, and are unable to fulfill the penalty, member schools are required to take proper administrative action to discipline the offending student.
 - Seniors who quit a sport and have not fulfilled their penalty in that sport, must serve it in the new sport before beginning playing in the new sport.

**ATTENTION ALL High School
Student Athletes and Parents**

Article V, Section 4E

1. To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester (September 1 to January 31) of the 10th grade or higher, or the second year of attendance in the secondary school or beyond, a pupil must have passed 25% of the credits (30) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (120), during the immediately preceding academic year.
2. To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (Feb. 1 to June 30) of the 9th grade or higher, a pupil must have passed the equivalent of 12.5% of the credits (15) required by New Jersey for graduation (120) at the close of the preceding semester (Jan. 31). Full– year courses shall be equated as 1/2 of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.

The Fundamentals of Sportsmanship

The NJSIAA and its member schools are emphasizing the Importance of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP. Hopefully, the following will help everyone to understand his/her responsibilities at athletic contests.

- ◆ Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the contest. To be well informed is essential. All involved must know the rules. Uniformed individuals should refrain from expressing opinions of officials, coaches, and administration decisions. The spirit of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP depends on conforming both to a rule's intent and to the letter of the given rule.
- ◆ Exercise representative behavior AT ALL TIMES. A prerequisite to GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP requires one to Understand his/her behavior. The true value of interscholastic competition relies upon everyone exhibiting behavior which is representative of a sound value base. A proper perspective must be maintained if the educational values are to be realized. An individual's behavior influences others whether or not that person is aware of it.
- ◆ Recognize and appreciate strongly skilled performance regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance displays generosity. It is a courtesy that should be regularly practiced. This not only represents GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP but also reflects a true awareness of the game by recognizing and acknowledging quality.
- ◆ Exhibits respect for the officials. The officials of any contest are impartial arbitrators who are trained and who perform to the best of their ability. Players should not rationalize their own unsuccessful performances by placing responsibility on an official. The rule of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP is to accept and abide by the decision made.
- ◆ Display openly a respect for the opponent at all times. Opponents are guests and should be treated cordially, provided with the best accommodations, and accorded tolerance at all times. Each person needs to be a positive representative for his/her team, school, and family. This is the Golden Rule in actions.
- ◆ Display pride in your actions at every opportunity. Each individual must never allow his/her ego to interfere with good judgment and his/her responsibility as a school representative. This is paramount since it suggests that the person cares about him/herself and how others perceive him/her.
- ◆ These are high school athletes who are performing. They are friendly rivals as members of opposing teams. They are not enemies. This basically, is the theme of interscholastic athletics, the idea of friendly competition. The visiting team is a guest of the home team. They are expected to be so regarded and treated. The officials are men or women who, by agreement between competing teams, are assigned to administer the rules of the game. Their experience and their integrity qualify them for their part in this friendly interscholastic contest. All spectators, too, should reflect this attitude of sportsmanship no matter what their personal feeling of loyalty may be to one or the other of the teams in each contest.

Parents Code of Conduct

- ◆ We feel that as parents we play a vital role in the development of our student athletes. Therefore, we believe that we should:
- ◆ Be a positive role model through our own actions to make sure our child has the best athletic experience possible.
- ◆ Be a “team” fan, not a “my kid” fan.
- ◆ Weigh what our children say; they will tend to slant the truth to their advantage.
- ◆ Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
- ◆ Be respectful of all officials’ decisions.
- ◆ Please do not instruct your children before or after a game, because it may conflict with the coach’s plans and strategies.
- ◆ Praise the student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people.
- ◆ Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the contest.
- ◆ Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- ◆ Help our children learn that success is oriented in the development of a skill, and we should make the student-athletes feel good about themselves, win or lose.
- ◆ Take time to talk with the coaches in an appropriate manner including proper time and place.
- ◆ Be sure to follow the designated chain of command.
- ◆ Reinforce the school’s drug and alcohol free policies by refraining from the use of any controlled substances before and during athletic contests.
- ◆ Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest.
- ◆ National High School Coaches Association

CLASS

What exactly is class? It's one of those valuable, intangible, "personal traits that's in high demand because it's so rare. Most people, unfortunately, do not have it. Class is being a good person, showing good sportsmanship, always taking responsibility for the consequences of your actions and being considerate to others. You have class if you show pride, have humility, poise, and display self-confidence without being arrogant.

Class athletes handle victory and defeat in the same way – graciously, with their heads held high. They don't brag in victory, or make excuses in defeat. They accept the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. They accept the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat in stride. They always praise their opponent for a job well done, and they admit their mistakes.

Class always shows, whether you win or you lose. People can tell instantly if you have class by watching you perform and interact with others. If you have class, you don't need much of anything else to be a winner. If you don't have it, whatever else you have won't make up the difference.

Fame, fortune, trophies and glory are all fine, but they alone won't give you class. Only you can give yourself class.

From: "The Edge", by Howard Ferguson

**Southern Regional Student Athletes
Have "Class"**

Days school is not in session

- The Board of Education meets in the Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. {Ram Room} on the second Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise advertised.
- Southern Regional Home & School Association Meets in the High School Room 107 at 7:00 pm

September 2016

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SEPTEMBER

- 1Teacher Convocation
- 5Labor Day
- 6School Opens for students—11:50am dismissal
- 711:50am Student Dismissal
- 15Middle School Back to School Night— 6:00pm
- 198th grade Washington Trip parent Meeting—6:00pm

NOVEMBER 2016

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NOVEMBER

- 2-3High School Fall Play
- 4End of First Marking Period
- 7-11NJEA Convention—school closed
- 17College Planning Seminar—6:30pm
- 23Thanksgiving Recess—11:50am Dismissal
- 24-25Thanksgiving Recess—school closed

JANUARY 2017

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JANUARY

- 16Martin Luther King Day—school closed
- 21SAT (I & II)
- 27End of Second Marking Period

MARCH 2017

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MARCH

- 1-4District Musical
- 10Scholarship Breakfast—8:30am
- 13Senior Trip student/parent meeting—7:00pm
- 31End of Third Marking Period

MAY 2017

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MAY

- 2Middle School Academic Awards—6:00pm
- 5-12Celebration of the Arts
- 6SAT (I & II)
- 9High School Academic Awards—6:00pm
- 13Junior Prom—6:00pm
- 17ASVAB Testing
- 29Memorial Day—school closed
- 31Senior Service Day
- 31Scholarship Awards Ceremony (tentative—6:00pm)

OCTOBER 2016

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OCTOBER

- 1SAT (I & II)
- 5Financial Aid Seminar—6:30pm
- 13-148th grade Washington Trip
- 19PSAT
- 21District In-service—11:50am Dismissal

DECEMBER 2016

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DECEMBER

- 3SAT (I & II)
- 23Winter Recess—11:50am Dismissal
- 26-30Winter Recess—school closed

FEBRUARY 2017

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FEBRUARY

- 8ASVAB Testing
- 10District In-service—11:50 Dismissal
- 20Presidents' Day—school closed

APRIL 2017

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APRIL

- 10-14Spring Recess—school closed
- 19-23Senior Trip
- 24District In-Service—11:50am Dismissal

JUNE 2017

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JUNE

- 3SAT (I & II)
- 3Senior Prom—6:00pm
- Final Exams—LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL
- ALL students required to participate- dates of final exams subject to change based on snow day closings
- 12Graduation/Project Graduation (tentative)

2016-2017 Marking Period & Quarterly/SGO Schedule

<u>Marking Period 1 (44 days)</u> September 6 – November 4 Progress Reports Due: September 30, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: October 4 Grades Due: November 15, 9:00am Grades Posted: November 17	
October 31	English & Electives Quarterlies
November 1	World Languages & Social Studies Quarterlies
November 2	Math & PE Quarterlies
November 3	Science & Make up Quarterlies
<u>Marking Period 2 (47 days)</u> November 14 – January 27 Progress Reports Due: December 9, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: December 13 Grades Due: January 31, 9:00am Grades Posted: February 2	
January 23	English & Electives Quarterlies
January 24	World Languages & Social Studies Quarterlies
January 25	Math & PE Quarterlies
January 26	Science & Make up Quarterlies
<u>Marking Period 3 (44 days)</u> January 30 – March 31 Progress Reports Due: February 24, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: February 28 Grades Due: April 4, 9:00am Grades Posted: April 6	
March 27	English & Electives SGO
March 28	World Languages & Social Studies SGO
March 29	Math & PE SGO
March 30	Science & Make up SGO
<u>Marking Period 4 (45 days)</u> April 3 – June 12 Progress Reports Due: May 5, 9:00am Progress Reports Posted: May 9 Grades Posted: April 13	
June 5	Senior Exams 1 & 8
June 6	Senior Exams 2 & 3
June 7	Final Exams Periods 4 & 5
June 8	Final Exams Periods 6 & 7
June 9	Final Exams Periods 1 & 2 Graduation Practice 10:00am
June 12	Final Exams Period 3 & 8 Senior Slide Show 8:00am Last Day for Students Graduation 6:00pm

Testing Dates	
April 18 – May 4	H/S PARCC Gr. 10 - April 18-20 Gr. 11&12 Alegebra2 - April 25-27 Gr. 9 - May 2-4 Make-ups - May 9-11
March 27 – April 7	M/S PARCC Gr. 7 & Waves - March 27-31 Grade 8 & Riptides - April 3-6
May 31 – June 1	New Jersey Biology Competency Test
May 31	New Jersey Biology Competency Test NJASK Science

Early Dismissals and In-Service Days	
September 1	Staff In-Service
September 6	Student Dismissal, 11:50
September 7	Student Dismissal, 11:50
October 21	Staff In-Service Students dismissed at 11:50
November 23	Thanksgiving School closed at 11:50
December 23	Winter Break School closed at 11:50
February 17	Staff In-Service Students dismissed at 11:50
April 24	Staff In-Service Students dismissed at 11:50

“The Pursuit of Excellence”

PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE

Alma Mater

Lyrics by Jo Ann White – Class of 1959

Music by Mr. Robert Claren

To our Alma Mater

*We pledge our hearts and souls:
For Southern Regional High School
May we strive to reach your goals.*

*Your truth, your joy, your wisdom,
Closely we shall hold;
Proudly waves the banner
Southern's black and gold*

*And when we make decisions,
In happiness or strife;
May your spirit ever guide us
As we walk the roads of life.*



“RAM IT”

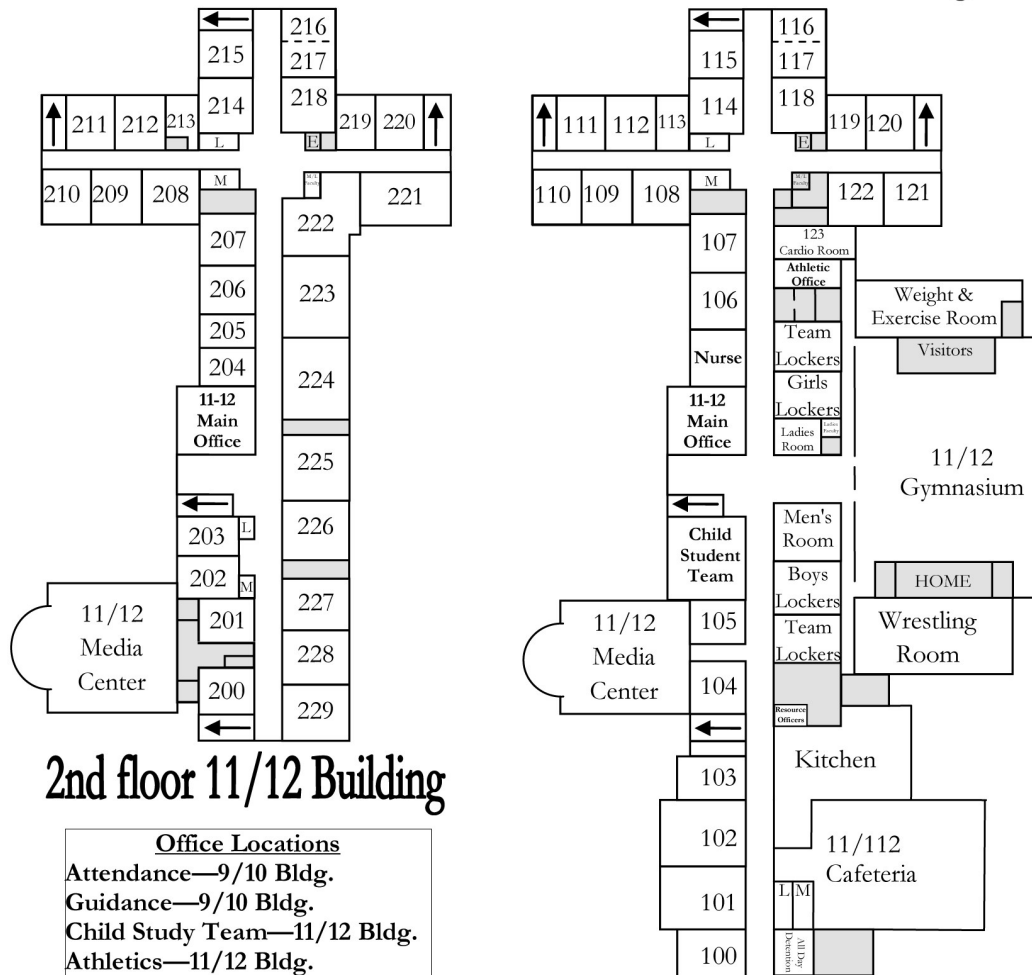
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***“Show class, have PRIDE, and display character, if you do,
Winning takes care of itself.”***

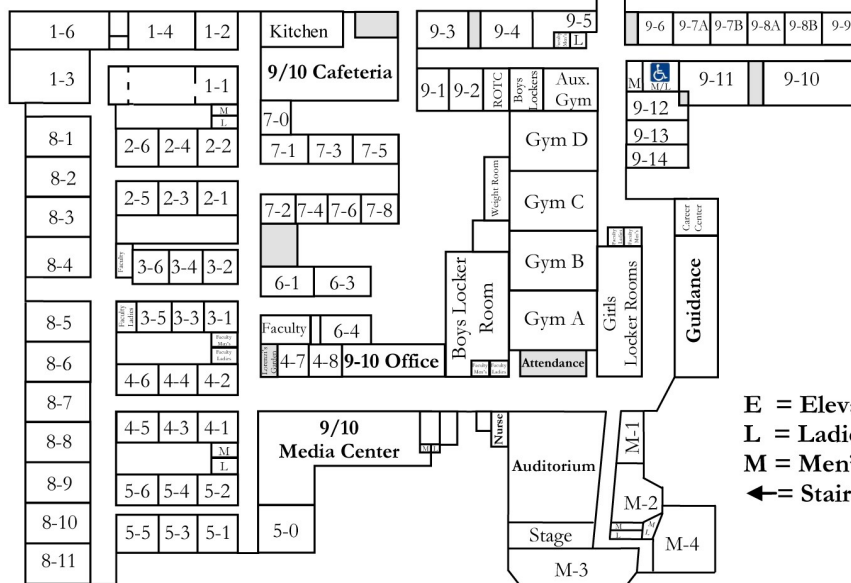
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