

Gateway Sports Agreement

Sports at Gateway school are intended to be a positive experience for the students. Practices are designed to learn and to work as a team. Focus will be on effort and learning rather than comparison to others. We will teach that winners are people who make maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and doesn't let mistakes stop them. We will also strive to teach, "honor the game", respect for rules, opponents, officials, teammates, and self.

The structure of the sports teams will be dependent on the number of students interested in participating on teams. In some cases we might have (5-6) and (7-8), in others (5th), (6th), (7-8th) might be separate teams. Practices will be grouped to maximize the learning environment and will be based on the skill level of the players. In many cases different grades will be practicing together and sometimes a practice time will change to an earlier or later time. It is our intent to keep you informed as soon as a change takes place and to keep you informed when there are changes to the schedule. Practice is important for learning and working as a team. We require as a commitment to the team that players make practice. Therefore it is Gateway's policy that to be included on the playing roster, a player may only miss a maximum of 2 practices. Coaches are to be informed when a player has to miss a practice or game.

In accordance with the school handbook, it is the school policy that no faculty can transport an individual child to or from practice or games. If you are in need of a ride and cannot find another parent, you may contact the head of the school to arrange a ride. Note that there must be a least 2 players in accordance with the handbook.

For the 2009-2010 season the board has implemented a \$120 fee for each player per sport. This is to help with the cost of equipment, gym rental, and uniforms. It is not the intention to exclude anyone from playing Gateway sports, if this is a problem, please contact Rima Dunton to discuss your concerns. Her phone is 423-0341 x308 or email [rima.dunton@gatewaysc.org](mailto:rима.dunton@gatewaysc.org)

Please sign and return this copy to show you understand and agree with this policy.

Players Name:

Parent Signature:
