

Herrick Middle School

Student name (printed):

O'Neill Middle School

Downers Grove School District 58

Student Agreement to Participate in Athletics & Cheerleading

Each student and his or her parent/guardian must read and sign this *Agreement to Participate* for each athletic season before being allowed to participate in interscholastic sport(s) or cheerleading. The completed *Agreement* should be returned to the Coach.

Sport:		
1.	Before a student athlete will be allowed to participate (in non-cut sports: track and cross-country) or tryout (for cut sports: basketball, volleyball, cheerleading), he/she must provide the School District with a certificate of physical fitness and complete any forms required by the District.	
2.	The student athlete agrees to abide by all school rules and follow all rules during the school day, as well as at athletic events and on school provided transportation to and from athletic events.	
3.	The student athlete agrees to abide by all conduct rules and will behave in a sportsmanlike manner. The student athlete agrees to follow the coaches' instructions, playing techniques, and training schedule, as well as all safety rules.	
4.	The student athlete has received and understands the educational materials regarding the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries, as well as the procedures that will be followed by District 58 staff in the management of concussions.	
5.	The student athlete understands the guidelines for academic eligibility.	
	Student Athlete Signature: Date:	

To be read and signed by the parent/guardian of the student:

- 1. I am the parent/guardian of the above named student and give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the interscholastic sport(s)/cheerleading. I have read the above *Agreement to Participate* and understand its terms
- 2. In order to make all athletic events a positive experience for our athletes/cheerleaders, I understand that while attending all athletic events, I will encourage our teams with positive reinforcements only. I will also be respectful and courteous to all game officials, opposing teams, parents, and coaches.
- 3. I acknowledge having received the attached educational materials regarding the nature and risk of concussions and head injuries, as well as the procedures that will be followed by District 58 staff in the management of concussions and head injuries.
- 4. I have received information about the guidelines for academic eligibility for student participation in athletic contests and understand that I will be contacted if my child becomes ineligible to participate.

At the beginning of each extracurricular activity program period, the coach/sponsor will review the eligibility policy with their respective participants. The coach/sponsor will provide teachers with a list of participants. Upon receipt of the participant list, each teacher will notify the respective coach/sponsor of any participating student who is failing or whose academic performance drops to a failing level. The coach/sponsor will inform the student and his/her parents of the child's probationary status. The student's progress shall be monitored weekly by the respective coach/sponsor until the student's academic performance improves to a passing level.

The academic eligibility of each participant will be checked on a weekly basis. Students who become ineligible during the season will not participate in the activity until the academic performance improves to a passing level. The coach/sponsor will inform the student and his/her parents of the child's probationary status.

If after three weeks of probationary status the student does not demonstrate adequate improvement, the building principal shall be informed by the coach/sponsor. The principal or his designee will determine if continued participation of the student in the extracurricular program should continue and, if so, under what conditions continued participation may occur. Once the eligibility status of the student is determined, the student, parents, coach/sponsor and appropriate teacher(s) will be informed

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Emergency Contact Information:	
Name:	Relationship to student:
Home phone number:	Cell phone number:
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Home phone number:	Cell phone number: