

Blanco / Driftwood Schools ATHLETIC POLICY

There will be maximum participation in athletics to involve as many athletes as possible. Emphasis will be upon fundamentals and sportsmanship rather than winning. Participants will be encouraged to give their best effort and strive to win within the spirit and rules of the competition.

The following procedure applies to all athletic practices and events at Blanco/Driftwood Schools:

1. Students who are enrolled at Blanco/Driftwood Schools at the beginning of a sport season are expected to enroll in that sport the first day of the season, If they do not, the following procedure will be followed:
 - ☼ He/she must complete a number of practices equal to the number of practices other participants completed before the first game or contest.
2. All athletes must have a current physical on file before they practice or participate in any sport. Under no circumstance may an athlete participate in a game or contest without a valid physical examination on file. All students must also have proof of medical insurance on file with the school prior to engaging in a practice. Coaches will further determine if a student's physical condition is sufficient to participate in a game or contest.
3. Students are expected to be at all practices and contests unless absent from school. Approved absences from practice may be granted providing the absence has been arranged with the coach prior to practice. Medical and dental appointments are considered approved absences.
4. Unless pre-arranged with coaches, an absence from school for any portion of the day will result in a student being ineligible for participation in a contest which is held on that day. Students must be in school on Friday in order to be eligible for game or contest held on Saturday.
5. Students may not attend practice unless they have been enrolled in school on that day. Students who have one unexcused absence from practice or school will not take part in the next scheduled contest. It will be the coach's discretion whether the student will attend the contest as an observer. Under the direction of the coach and principal, a second unexcused absence may result in dismissal from the team.
6. All students who complete the athletic season will be presented with certificates of participation at the end of the season.
7. It shall be the policy of the Blanco/Driftwood Schools coaching staff to ensure that all eligible athletes actively participate in each contest.
8. Except for the last "away" contest of the season, athletes will provide their own sack lunch whenever Blanco/Driftwood Schools play an away contest on a school night. It shall be the policy of the Blanco/Driftwood Schools coaching staff to return athletes to their homes at the earliest possible time following all contests. A planned stop at a restaurant is authorized for the last away contest providing it is approved by the principal.

9. All assignments in all classes must be completed in order for a student to be eligible to participate in any contest (home or away). Eligibility sheets will be presented to respective teachers on the last day of the week, usually Friday. Missing a contest because assignments are not completed is considered an unexcused absence and will result in the athlete not attending the next scheduled contest.
- ☀ All work for the week must be turned in during class time by the Friday preceding Monday's eligibility check. Ineligibility period will commence Monday morning and extend until the following Monday morning.
 - ☀ The principal will indicate the name of any individual who is not eligible for behavioral reasons.
 - ☀ Teachers will complete eligibility sheets on the first school day of each week and submit them to the school secretary. Students who are not eligible for the ensuing week will be officially notified by the office.
 - ☀ Students who missed school will have the same number of days they were absent to turn in back work (absent one day - one day to make up work, etc.)
 - ☀ Faxing assignments after deadlines is not permissible.
 - ☀ If a student is not eligible on Monday morning, but later turns in the assigned work and it is approved by the respective teacher(s), he/she may have eligibility re-instated. It will be mandatory that at least one competition be missed.
 - ☀ Parents may arrange appointments at an appropriate time with classroom teachers to discuss eligibility.
10. For "away activities", travel both to and from the event will be school-sponsored transportation. The student may ride home from the event with their own parents providing arrangements have been made with the coach and transportation department.
11. On returning from "away" games and contests held south of Port Orford, the game bus will stop at Driftwood School, Pacific High School, and Blanco School. On returning from away games and contests held north of Langlois, the game bus will stop at Laurel Grove Store, Blanco School, Pacific High School, and Driftwood School. Parents or an adult have the responsibility and obligation to meet their children at their designated stop after each game or contest. A cell phone will be available on the game bus to alert parents on impending arrival of their children.
12. Any student who intentionally sells, gives, possesses, uses, or is under the influence of illicit drugs, narcotics, tobacco or alcohol in or on school property, at any school activity, including buses shall be:
- a. Suspended from school
 - b. Reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies for possible legal action.