



**Fremont County School District #21
Fort Washakie, Wyoming**

**Fort Washakie High School
Activity Code
2025-2026**

Philosophy

Athletics have a significant influence on the Fort Washakie Community and enjoy a unique status in our value system. Participation on an interscholastic athletic team is a worthwhile experience, which all students have the opportunity to pursue.

Fort Washakie High School will afford each student-athlete the real opportunity to achieve their potential by giving them access to the goods, services, social, and cultural capital of our society while also affirming each individual's culture and talents and the groups with whom they identify.

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FWHS Athletic Program Objectives

1. All athletes and coaches treat opponents with respect.
2. Play hard and within the rules.
3. Exercise self-control at all times, setting a positive example.
4. Respect officials and accept their decisions without gesture or argument.
5. Win without boasting, lose without excuses, and never quit.
6. Remember that it is a privilege to represent your school during activities and in the community.

Wyoming High School Activities Association Rules

To be eligible for interscholastic activities, a high school student must meet the following state regulations:

1. Student in good standing
2. Grades and credits
3. Transfer or change of schools
4. Number of semesters of competition
5. Age limit
6. Physical examination and immunization
7. Amateur standing
8. Number of practice days
9. Awards
10. Assumed name
11. Undue Influence
12. Independent teams
13. Specialized sports camps

**Enclosed is the WHSAA pamphlet reviews each rule in detail*

Requirements for participation

Eligibility is contingent on many aspects including age, grades, health, and a number of practices. Our Activities Director, Gale Rowan, may be contacted at GRowan@fortwashakieschool.com for further questions regarding the athletic policy.

Fort Washakie High School student-athletes and activity participants will recognize they are accepting additional responsibilities, in addition to their academic requirements, in order to participate and compete. By accepting this, they agree to meet all academic and behavioral expectations, and to represent themselves, their peers, and the school to the highest standard.

Physical

All students need a physical before beginning practice. A physical lasts one year and must be dated after May 1, 2025.

Age

A student-athlete must be under the age of 20 years of age during the scheduled season to participate on the team. For instance, a student is 19 years old when basketball season starts and turns 20 a month into the season; their season will end on the day of their 20th birthday.

Medical Release Form

Each student's parent/guardian will complete a Medical Release Form giving permission for emergency medical treatment by a physician or hospital when the parent/guardian is not available. The Medical Release Form will be kept on file by the coach for availability at all practices and contests. Students requiring medical attention must obtain a written release from the attending physician or dentist before returning to practice and/or contests.

Academic Eligibility

Fort Washakie School recognizes that a student's first priority must be academics. Therefore, education is the most important goal we have at FCSD # 21.

At the high school level, academic eligibility is determined by the following:

- Eligibility as determined by WHSAA: students must have passed five (5) core courses during the immediate preceding semester.
- Eligibility as determined by FCSD#21: students will be determined to be ineligible if they are failing one or more of their classes. Eligibility for each activity will be determined by using the current quarter grade on a weekly basis and will run Monday - Sunday.

Ineligible students will receive a grade sheet Friday morning stating what classes they are failing.

- Grades sheets will be distributed by the Activities Director.
- Students have until 5:15 PM on Wednesday to bring failing grades up to passing to become eligible for the week.
- Every Friday, the Home-School coordinator will notify parents of athletes, informing them that their child is failing one or more classes.
- In the circumstance of contests being played on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, the student athlete will have until 1 PM to bring grades up to passing in order to participate that day.

Students that are ineligible may attend games if accompanied by a parent. Ineligible athletes may not sit on the bench with the team and may not work in the concession stand. However, the ineligible student may continue to practice with the team unless the coach and teacher decide it is in the student's best interest to attend tutoring sessions.

*In extenuating circumstances, the principal may make decisions regarding eligibility.

Students who are not academically eligible are expected to follow an academic plan established by the coaches and teachers.

Risk of Participation

All students and parents must realize that there is a risk of serious injury which may be a result of athletic participation. The FCSD #21 coaching staff will make every effort to eliminate injury.

Student Code of Conduct

Conduct of Student-Athletes

A firm fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold regulations and standards of the athletic department. FWHS feels that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound athletic program. Due to misconduct, disciplinary action may include probation, suspension

From the contest(s), dismissal from the team, notification of the law, and/or any other action reasonably fitting the seriousness of the violation.

Individual Coaches Rules

Coaches may establish additional rules and regulations for their respective activity. These rules, as pertaining to a particular sport, must be given by the coach in writing to all team members and explained fully at the start of the season.

The building administrator has the latitude to enforce other reasonable disciplinary actions warranted by the situation.

Practice/ School Attendance

Practice is as important as the game competition. Therefore, an athlete who is not in attendance by 9 AM on the day of practice will not be eligible to practice that day unless a verified excuse is on file.

Student athletes traveling or participating in an athletic event need to be in school no later than 9 AM on game day. An athlete who is not in attendance at school the day of the game or an athlete who gets to school after 9 AM will not be eligible to play that day, unless the student has a verified medical excuse. It is expected that the athlete will be in school for the full day. Please make every effort to schedule appointments on non-game days.

An unexcused absence from practice is when an athlete is in school but does not report for practice on time, does not check in with a coach prior to leaving, stays after school and does not communicate this to the coach ahead of time. An athlete with 3 unexcused absences will be dismissed from the team.

Dismissal from the Team

Student-athletes are strongly encouraged to remain a member of the team until the season is complete. Quitting a team without a valid reason is discouraged. The coaches will make every effort to communicate with the athletes to make sure they have a positive experience while participating in athletics. Students must also make an effort on their part to be responsible, accountable individuals.

If a student-athlete has 3 unexcused absences from practice they will be dismissed from the team. If a student-athlete violates any rules as stated in the code of conduct their consequence may result in being dismissed from the team.

Appearance and Attitude of Student

On game days, all athletes and coaches will dress in appropriate and neat attire. Coaches are

expected to enforce this policy with ALL athletes.

Suspension

Student athletes receiving In-School Suspension (ISS) are not eligible to attend practice-or participate in an interscholastic athletic activity scheduled on the same day. Student athletes receiving Out of School Suspension (OSS) are not eligible to attend practice or participate in any interscholastic athletic activity during the period of the out of school suspension. Out of School Suspension (OSS) student athletes may not attend games/events on campus even if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Lettering Policy

To obtain a varsity athletic letter in the current season, the FWHS student-athlete will need to finish the entire season with no athletic code violations that resulted in suspensions and start in 90% of the season events or be a senior who completes the entire season. (Possible exceptions to the above policy include: injury, disability, or foreign exchange.)

INFRACTIONS

A student of FWHS, Fremont County School District #21, is defined as any student enrolled in grades 9-12 who participates in any sanctioned Wyoming High School Activities Association activity. The student will be subject to disciplinary action if he/she commits any of the following violations at any time during a calendar year.

1. Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like substances, i.e., snuff, herbal chew, etc.; marijuana or any other illegal, controlled substance, as defined by Wyoming State Law, while on or off school grounds. If a student is suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or any of the above drugs (tobacco or tobacco-like substances, i.e., snuff, herbal chew, vape products, etc.; marijuana or any other illegal, controlled substance) the district reserves the right to conduct a drug test.
2. Theft or vandalism of property.
3. Acts of inappropriate conduct during the season in which the student is involved (i.e., fighting, verbal abuse of officials, contestants, coaches, or spectators).
4. A student will not wear apparel that pertains to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or conveys inappropriate, vulgar or profane messages while on school grounds or involved in any school-sponsored activity.
5. Violations may also result from behaviors, which are detrimental to the individual student or to the school.

Any violations of the Activity Code while the student is enrolled in FWHS in grades 9-12 will result in the following action(s):

1. Suspension from contests for an amount of time as determined by coaches and administration while school is in session. If the student is not currently participating in an activity, the penalty will begin at the opening contest of his/her next season. Reinstatement will be after the suspension and a parental conference with the administrator in charge of activities and the activities director. Students must participate in all practices during this suspension. The student will continue to remain under the Activity Code while on suspension.
2. If drugs or alcohol are involved law enforcement will be notified immediately. The student and parents/guardians must meet with the administrator in charge of activities and the

activities director, and the student assistance counselor. The student may not practice until his or her coach/sponsor has received notification from the administrator in charge of activities and/or the activities director that preliminary contact has occurred.

Parental Support

FCSD #21 believes that the presence of parents at interscholastic athletic events is positive and beneficial to the student athlete, the district, and the community. It is expected that parents will conduct themselves in a manner that supports good sportsmanship. This includes language and actions that do not belittle coaches, chastise referees, fellow teammates, or opponents. If a parent is asked to leave a game for inappropriate behaviors, he/she will not be permitted to attend any home games until they have completed the NHFS course, "The Role of the Parent in Sport." A certificate of completion must be submitted to the Activities Director before the parent is allowed in attendance at home games. If a second incident occurs, the parent will not be permitted to any athletic contests for the remainder of the academic year.

Due Process

Any student athlete found in violation of this code of conduct, and/or parent/guardian, may request to meet with the coach/principal/activities director to explain his/her actions. Meetings must be scheduled and occur outside of practice time or contest days. If an appeal of the decision is requested, the student and/or parent/guardian may appeal to the school superintendent, then to the FCSD #21 Board of Education if needed.

I have read and acknowledge the FWHS Activity Code.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

