



**Fremont County School District #21
Fort Washakie, Wyoming
Fort Washakie School Activity Code
2026-2027**

Athletics/Activities have a significant influence on the Fort Washakie Community and enjoy a unique status in our value system. Participation on an interscholastic athletic/activity team is a worthwhile experience, which all students have the opportunity to pursue. Fremont County School District #21 affirms the right of every student to participate in the interscholastic athletic/activity program without regard to gender, race, or creed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Physical

All students participating in sports need a physical before beginning practice. A physical is valid for one year and must be dated after May 1.

Age & Grade

Athletes, parents and coaches should always be aware of age and grade restrictions set forth by the WRCAA (Wind River Conference Athletic Association) and WHSAA (Wyoming High School Activities Association), of which Fort Washakie School is a member, which governs all sports with the exception of non-conference activities.

1. Fifth and sixth grade students are considered to be in the youth program. Seventh and eighth graders are considered to be in the junior high program.

2. Ninth through Twelfth grade students are considered to be in the high school program.
3. Students may be eligible to play in the youth division until the day they turn 14 years of age.
4. Students may be eligible to play in the junior high division until the day they turn 16 years of age.
5. Students may be eligible to play in the high school division for 8 semesters and age requirements follow WHSAA rule 6.3.1.

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. An updated medical release form is required for each season.

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.

- Weekly eligibility reports will be compiled every Monday morning and distributed by the Athletic Director. Fifth through twelfth grade students will be determined to be ineligible if they are failing any classes.
- Eligibility will run Monday-Sunday; Monday B.A.G. sheets determine eligibility for that week.
- For Tuesday competitions, Students have until 5:15 PM Monday to turn in all missing/needed work and bring failing grades up to passing to become eligible.
- Students have until 5:15 PM Wednesday to turn in all missing/needed work and bring failing grades up to passing to become eligible for competitions for the rest of the week.
- Eligibility for each sport will be determined by using the current quarter (5th)/semester (6th-12th) grade on a weekly basis.
- Every Monday, the registrar will notify parents of athletes, informing them that their child is failing one or more classes.

Students that are ineligible may not travel to any away games with the team. Students that are ineligible may not dress out for home games. Students who are ineligible cannot sit on the bench with the team. 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, administrators may make decisions regarding eligibility.

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

FWHS Semester Academic Eligibility

High School student participants must have passed five classes during the immediate preceding semester to be academically eligible to participate (per WHSAA Rule 6.2.0).

Dual Participation

A student may not participate in two school sports at the same time. A student will have 2 weeks after the season starts to switch sports. Both coaches must give approval of the transfer. (per WHSAA Rule 5.10.1).

Risk of Participation

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

Concussion

Any student who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with concussion shall be immediately removed from the contest or practice and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional. Concussion information is included with participation permission slips. Parents/guardians and student athletes must sign proper forms stating that they read and understand the risks involved with concussion when participating in athletics (Per WHSAA Rules).

ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT

Conduct of Student Athletes

A firm, fair policy of enforcement is necessary to uphold regulations and standards of the athletic department. FWS feels that high standards of conduct and citizenship are essential in maintaining a sound athletic program. Due to misconduct, disciplinary action may include detention, 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 sport. A written copy of these rules must be turned in to the Athletic Director 1 week prior to the start of a season in order for review and approval. These rules, as pertaining to a particular sport, must be given by the coach verbally AND in writing to all team members and explained fully at the start of the season. These rules require the signature and acknowledgement of parents/guardians in order for students to participate.

If an infraction occurs prior to a contest, the athlete's privilege to play will be determined by the district's activities Code of Conduct. The Athletic Director will inform parents/guardians of an athlete's inability to participate prior to the contest.

During a contest, the consequence of a Code of Conduct infraction will be decided upon by the coach and Athletic Director.

School Attendance/Practice/Game Day

Practice is as important as the game competition. Therefore, an athlete who is not in attendance by 9:30 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 8:30 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 8:30 AM will not be eligible to play that day, unless the student has a verified 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.

Appearance

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

Coaches are expected to enforce this policy with ALL athletes.

INFRACTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

As a student at Fort Washakie School, students are expected to have the self-discipline required to respect the rights of other individuals. 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 hold themselves to a high standard and represent themselves, their peers, and the school to the highest standard.

Activities are extensions of the school day and all school policies apply. Prohibited behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Bullying, hazing, or harassment
- Fighting
- Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, inhalants
- Theft or vandalism

Consequence for the above infractions will include:

First Offense:

Student will be suspended from 25% of regular season competition according to the suspension penalties. The student may continue to practice.

Second Offense:

Student will be suspended from 50% of regular season competition according to the suspension penalties. The student may continue to practice.

Third Offense:

Student will be suspended from participation and competition in all activities covered by the Code of Conduct for one year from the date of the infraction.

Code of Conduct suspensions will carry over from season to season if the assigned suspension is longer than the time remaining in the current season.

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

Suspensions

Student athletes receiving In-School Suspension (ISS) are eligible to attend practice, and participate in an interscholastic athletic activity scheduled on the same day as long as the reason for ISS does not violate the Code of Conduct. 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, over the course of their assigned dates of OSS.

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.

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.

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 attend any athletic contests for the remainder of the academic year.

I have read and acknowledge the Fort Washakie School Activity Code.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date