

Center ISD Athletic Department

Welcome to the Athletic Program at Center ISD. You are about to join a program that has a long standing history of achievement and excellence. We hope your involvement in this program will provide you with many rewarding and worthwhile experiences and that perhaps you too can further enhance the reputation of Center ISD and its athletic program.

The Interscholastic Athletic Program of Center ISD is an integral part of the total school program, and as such is designed to help our students become better school, community, state, and national citizens.

While the academic area is the primary focus of our school system, we believe participation in an athletic program affords opportunities, training and experiences not ordinarily available in the regular curriculum. Education should not only provide for the many, but should also furnish a demanding test for the limited numbers who are gifted physically and who are ambitious to excel.

Rider Athletic Vision Statement

- **We envision a school system that offers an athletic program for its students that is considered a model for all other districts in Texas. Our expectations for the athletic activities is that we will match the expectations of the Center ISD academic program. Our vision is that the athletic program will be considered an asset to the academic mission of the schools and will enhance all aspects of school life. We envision a program that offers quality facilities that are student and people friendly and quality coaching for its administration. Ultimately, we envision an athletic program that all of its participants, students, parents, coaches, and administrators, can be proud of and one that promotes lifelong personal and community wellness and contributing, productive citizens.**

Conduct

- **Participation in athletics is a privilege, not a right. The Center ISD Board of Trustees expects all students who represent their school through participation in athletics to be good representatives of their school community. Students should dress, act and conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively on their school. Each student is expected to display good sportsmanship and citizenship at all times. Taunting is expressly prohibited. Taunting includes actions or comments, which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others whether or not deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Any student who violates the Center ISD Athletic or Academic Policies may have the privilege of participation limited or revoked.**

Commitments

- **Center ISD is committed to excellence in athletics as part of a larger commitment to excellence in education. Center ISD's student/athletes are students first and athletes second!**
- **The guiding principle behind The Rider Athletic Program is our belief in its educational value for our students. High School athletics promotes character traits of high expectations to personal development and successes later in life. These include the drive to take one's talents to the highest level of performance; embracing the discipline needed to reach high standards; learning to work with others as a team in pursuit of a common goal; and adherence to codes of fairness, respect, and sportsmanship.**

Center ISD Mission Statement

- **WHEREAS, we believe that athletics can be a valuable asset in the preparation of students for life skills needed for years to come.**
- **THEREFORE, we will offer a well rounded athletic opportunity for the students in Center ISD.**
- **WHEREAS, we believe that athletics can be an incentive for academic enhancement.**
- **THEREFORE, we will offer an athletic program that will be an integral part of the high school program stressing goals and objectives of our total program.**

Mission Statement cont.

- **WHEREAS, studies show that academic performance, attendance, drop out rates, and disciplinary performance is enhanced by athletic participation.**
- **THEREFORE, we will encourage all students who interested in any phase of athletics to get involved in our program at Center ISD.**
- **WHEREAS, the successes and disappointments experienced in athletic competition can provide many teachable moments.**
- **THEREFORE, we will use these moments to relate these experiences to ways of dealing with joys and heartbreaking situations in later life experiences.**

Mission Statement cont.

- **WHEREAS, we believe that the physical, social, ethical, and mental development of the well-rounded student is the primary goal of our total program.**
- **THEREFORE, we will offer an athletic program that will enhance all areas of a student athlete's development.**

- **WHEREAS, we believe that a major goal of the total high school program should be directed toward making those years valuable, fun-filled, and a "once in a lifetime" experience.**
- **THEREFORE, we will encourage student/athletes to participate in as many different sports as they desire without limiting themselves to one area of specialization.**

Mission Statement cont.

- **WHEREAS, businesses throughout our nation are spending large sums of money teaching and stressing the value of “team building skills” within the work place.**
- **THEREFORE, we will constantly stress the “team concept” throughout the Center ISD Athletic Program**

Goals of the Center ISD Athletic Program

- **To offer a program that will bring pride and tradition to our school, our community and to all participants.**
- **To offer a program that will enhance school spirit of our present students, as well as, continue the excitement within the alumni of our school and our community followers.**
- **To offer a program that continues to the goals and objectives of the total school program.**
- **To offer a well-rounded program realizing that all athletic activities are equally important to the members of each and every team.**

Goals cont.

- **To offer student/athletes a program that encourages them to participate in as many different programs as they desire without specializing in one activity.**
- **To keep the student/athletes enjoyment, as a major focus in all athletic activities.**
- **To provide coaches who have a sincere interest in the total development of the student/athlete and not solely on his/her athletic performance.**
- **To offer our student/athletes the opportunity to learn by experiences the roles that individuals play in the “team concept”**

Goals cont.

- **To teach our student/athletes the learning opportunity that exists, in both winning and losing outcomes, and to teach them how to deal with the successes and disappointments that they will experience in life situations**