

# **ANDERSON COUNTY ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES**



## **2018-2019 HANDBOOK**

**ANDERSON COUNTY JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL**

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## Anderson County Junior-Senior High School Athletics & Activities Information

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**MASCOT** Bulldogs  
**COLORS** Red & White  
**LEAGUE** Pioneer  
**LEAGUE TEAMS:** Anderson County, Burlington, Iola, Osawatomie  
 Prairie View, Santa Fe Trail, Wellsville

### 2018-2019 SPONSORS/HEAD COACHES (ACTIVITIES)

|                   |                    |                                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HS Art Club       | Annie Courtney     | <a href="mailto:acourtney@usd365.org">acourtney@usd365.org</a>   |
| HS Band           | Jana Havens        | <a href="mailto:jhavens@usd365.org">jhavens@usd365.org</a>       |
| HS Drama          | Vicki Markham      | <a href="mailto:vmarkham@usd365.org">vmarkham@usd365.org</a>     |
| HS FBLA           | Phyllis Wilson     | <a href="mailto:pwilson@usd365.org">pwilson@usd365.org</a>       |
| HS FCCLA          | Heather Corley     | <a href="mailto:hcorley@usd365.org">hcorley@usd365.org</a>       |
| HS FFA            | Jeff Gillespie     | <a href="mailto:jgillespie@usd365.org">jgillespie@usd365.org</a> |
| HS Internationals | Maria Bowman       | <a href="mailto:mbowman@usd365.org">mbowman@usd365.org</a>       |
| HS NHS            | Nicole Stevenson   | <a href="mailto:nstevenson@usd365.org">nstevenson@usd365.org</a> |
| HS Scholar's Bowl | Dennis Richards    | <a href="mailto:drichards@usd365.org">drichards@usd365.org</a>   |
| HS Science Club   | Bryan Johnston     | <a href="mailto:bjohnston@usd365.org">bjohnston@usd365.org</a>   |
| HS STUCO          | Nicole Stevenson   | <a href="mailto:nstevenson@usd365.org">nstevenson@usd365.org</a> |
| HS Vocal Music    | Greta Adams        | <a href="mailto:gadams@usd365.org">gadams@usd365.org</a>         |
| HS Yearbook       | Phyllis Wilson     | <a href="mailto:pwilson@usd365.org">pwilson@usd365.org</a>       |
| JH/HS KAY         | Jessica Lee        | <a href="mailto:jlee@usd365.org">jlee@usd365.org</a>             |
| JH NHS            | Rochelle Kohlmeier | <a href="mailto:rkohlmeier@usd365.org">rkohlmeier@usd365.org</a> |
| JH Scholar's Bowl | Bryan Johnston     | <a href="mailto:bjohnston@usd365.org">bjohnston@usd365.org</a>   |
| JH STUCO          | Linda Detwiler     | <a href="mailto:ldetwiler@usd365.org">ldetwiler@usd365.org</a>   |

### 2018-2019 HEAD COACHES/SPONSORS (ATHLETICS)

|                           |                  |                                                                                |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| HS Baseball               | Travis Persinger | <a href="mailto:tpersinger@usd365.org">tpersinger@usd365.org</a>               |
| HS Dance                  | Eileen Burns     | <a href="mailto:eburns@usd365.org">eburns@usd365.org</a>                       |
| HS Football               | Greg Welch       | <a href="mailto:gwelch@usd365.org">gwelch@usd365.org</a>                       |
| HS Men's Basketball       | Steve Lyon       | <a href="mailto:slyon@usd365.org">slyon@usd365.org</a>                         |
| HS Men's Golf             | Steve Lyon       | <a href="mailto:slyon@usd365.org">slyon@usd365.org</a>                         |
| HS Softball               | Doug Archer      | <a href="mailto:darcher@auburnpharmacies.com">darcher@auburnpharmacies.com</a> |
| HS Track                  | Mike Sibley      | <a href="mailto:msibley@usd365.org">msibley@usd365.org</a>                     |
| HS Volleyball             | Alaina Fairbanks | <a href="mailto:afairbanks@usd365.org">afairbanks@usd365.org</a>               |
| HS Women's Basketball     | Amy Disbrow      | <a href="mailto:coachdisbrow@gmail.com">coachdisbrow@gmail.com</a>             |
| HS Women's Golf           | Nicole Wiehl     | <a href="mailto:nwiehl@usd365.org">nwiehl@usd365.org</a>                       |
| HS/JH Cheer               | Trish Wittman    | <a href="mailto:twittman@usd365.org">twittman@usd365.org</a>                   |
| HS/JH Cross Country       | Mike Sibley      | <a href="mailto:msibley@usd365.org">msibley@usd365.org</a>                     |
| HS/JH Wrestling           | Jeremy McAdam    | <a href="mailto:mcadamframing@hotmail.com">mcadamframing@hotmail.com</a>       |
| JH Boy's Basketball (7G)  | Logan Pegram     | <a href="mailto:lpegam@usd365.org">lpegam@usd365.org</a>                       |
| JH Boy's Basketball (8G)  | Travis Persinger | <a href="mailto:tpersinger@usd365.org">tpersinger@usd365.org</a>               |
| JH Football (7G)          | Marty Alley      | <a href="mailto:malley@usd365.org">malley@usd365.org</a>                       |
| JH Football (8G)          | Steve Lyon       | <a href="mailto:slyon@usd365.org">slyon@usd365.org</a>                         |
| JH Girl's Basketball (7G) | Stacey Richards  | <a href="mailto:srichards@usd365.org">srichards@usd365.org</a>                 |
| JH Girl's Basketball (8G) | Travis Persinger | <a href="mailto:tpersinger@usd365.org">tpersinger@usd365.org</a>               |
| JH Golf                   | Nicole Wiehl     | <a href="mailto:nwiehl@usd365.org">nwiehl@usd365.org</a>                       |
| JH Track (Girls)          | Lucas Catloth    | <a href="mailto:lcathloth@usd365.org">lcathloth@usd365.org</a>                 |
| JH Track (Boys)           | TBD              | TBD                                                                            |
| JH Volleyball (7G)        | Stacey Richards  | <a href="mailto:srichards@usd365.org">srichards@usd365.org</a>                 |
| JH Volleyball (8G)        | Stacey Bures     | <a href="mailto:sbures@usd365.org">sbures@usd365.org</a>                       |

## **ADMISSION**

Adults - \$4.00, Students \$3.00 (High School Activities)

Adults - \$3.00, Students \$2.00 (Junior High Activities)

**NOTE:** Admission prices for tournaments and/or postseason play may be different than the prices listed above.

## **LOCATION OF FACILITIES**

Anderson County Jr/Sr High is located at 1100 W. Hwy 31 (Go west at the stoplight on the north side of town) in Garnett. Volleyball games (except on nights where all three levels are played), girls JV basketball games, varsity boys and girls games, wrestling matches and football games will be played at the high school. Freshman boys and girls basketball and boys JV basketball is played at Ray Meyer Gym (305 N Oak Street). Cross Country and golf meets will be held at Garnett Country Club.

All JH volleyball games, wrestling matches and football games will be played at the high school. JH Basketball is played at Ray Meyer Gym (305 N Oak Street).

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Sportsmanship, both on and off the playing field, must be one of our main goals in competition against other schools and in contests among ourselves. The opponents who are matching themselves against our teams, the fans from the visiting schools, and the officials who have been selected by us because of their ability, are guests of the Anderson County Schools and the Garnett community. Let them remember us for our graciousness and politeness. Cheers are to be positive. Negative or rude cheers will not be tolerated. *Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of Sportsmanship for our youth as prospective representatives of society.* Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action. All actions are to be for, not against; positive, not negative or disrespectful.

## **KSHSAA RULE 52**

As a voluntary member of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, our school is obligated to follow all rules of the KSHSAA, including "Rule 52—Citizenship/Sportsmanship." The provisions are as follows:

1. Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, fans, and staff)
2. Know the rules, abide by and respect the officials' decisions.
3. Win with character and lose with dignity.
4. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
5. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
6. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school and its activities.

## **PIONEER LEAGUE SPORTSMANSHIP**

The Pioneer League has also adopted the following sportsmanship regulations:

1. No artificial noisemakers
2. No booing
3. No yelling, pointing, or signaling at officials or decisions
4. No negative chants
5. All school signs and/or posters must be positive in nature and approved by the home school administration
6. No stomping of feet or kicking of bleachers
7. No cheers or noise during free throws.

## **USD #365 ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT GOALS**

Research indicates that students involved in extra-curricular activities have a greater chance for success. Among the goals of USD #365 Athletics & Activities

- 1) To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
- 2) To eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
- 3) To stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
- 4) To show cordial courtesy and respect to teammates, visiting teams and officials.
- 5) To establish a respectful relationship between visitors and hosts.
- 6) To respect the integrity and judgment of officials.
- 7) To achieve thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
- 8) To encourage leadership, use of initiative, and good judgment by all involved in the sports program.
- 9) To recognize that the purpose of extra-curricular activities is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social, and emotional well-being of the individual player.
- 10) To remember that an athletic contest is only a game---not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, official, fan, or community.

## **PHILOSOPHY OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

American value system. We believe that participation on a high school athletic team is a worthwhile experience, which all students should have the opportunity to pursue.

Since high school athletics are philosophical extensions of the classroom and classified as extra-curricular activities, the goals and objectives of athletics should be supportive of and consistent with the goals and objectives of the total educational program. When conducted properly, athletics, we believe can positively contribute to the intellectual, physical, social and emotional development of our athletes. We believe that high school athletics can teach our students lifelong values like discipline, leadership, work ethic, comradery, respect, sportsmanship, citizenship, dedication, team work, being goal oriented, and the value of hard work.

Although the explicit goal of all competitive sports is to win within the rules that is by no means the only measure of success. The total development of the individual as a person is of considerably greater importance. Success in athletics occurs when athletes are allowed to develop their abilities to the fullest and become all they are capable of being.

Students who choose to participate in our athletic program will be expected to conform to basic standards of conduct and to demonstrate a degree of self-discipline and self-sacrifice for the welfare of their team. Athletes will also be expected to demonstrate respect for the dignity and rights of others, good sportsmanship, and respect for authority.

## **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

The junior high school athletic program addresses the unique needs of our students. Our approach to athletics is less competitive and opportunities to participate are expanded in recognition of the physical, mental, and social changes our junior high school students are experiencing. Participation in junior high school athletics is not based on ability and students are encouraged to participate, and everyone who wants to be involved can be.

## **CUT POLICY**

Squad reduction in athletics and/or activities may be necessary at times due to the nature of the sport or activity, number of participants, or to ensure player safety and practice time. Thus, the athletic director, in concert with the head coach and with approval from the building principal, may establish which students will be permitted to participate as a member of an athletic team

*or activity group/organization. Coaches/sponsors will communicate if/when squad reduction becomes necessary.*

*The amount of game time is determined by the coach/sponsor's evaluation of the athlete's attitude, attendance, work ethic, skills, and team role at practice. Coaches and sponsors strive to teach athletes to compete within the rules of sportsmanship and fair play, while developing the ambition to achieve at the next level of competition.*

### **SPORTS PARTICIPATION**

*A fundamental outcome of the athletic program at ACJSHS is the recognition of the importance of teamwork, individual athletic accomplishments should primarily contribute to the overall success of the team.*

*No student athlete shall simultaneously practice or compete in more than one school sport in any given season (i.e. fall, winter, spring) as defined by the activities calendar of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.*

*Student athletes who participate in non-school sports shall inform the ACJSHS athletic director of such participation is acceptable under the rules of the KSHSAA and does not jeopardize the student athlete's current or future eligibility to participate in school sports governed by the KSHSAA.*

*For the purposes of this policy, cheerleading and dance are not considered sports.*

### **CHANGING SPORTS**

*Whenever students enlist in the athletic program by joining a specific team, they assume a responsibility and commitment to that team and coach. Dropping out of a sport is discouraged. On occasion, however, an athlete may find it necessary to drop a sport for a good reason. The dropping of a sport and subsequently transferring to another sport shall adhere to the following guidelines:*

- 1. An athlete who is dismissed from a squad for disciplinary reasons shall not be allowed to participate in another sport for the remainder of that sports season.*
- 2. An athlete who wished to leave a team and transfer to another may do so provided he/she leaves while in good standing and only after discussing with the coach the reason for leaving and returning all issued equipment.*

### **ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION RULES**

*Participation in inter-school activities is an important part of school life. Trips made by athletic teams, music groups, student council, and all other student organizations provide opportunities for students to represent their school and community before the public. It should be considered a privilege to represent ACJSHS.*

*To be eligible as a participant in any outside of school activities, a student must:*

- 1. Be in attendance during regular school hours the half-day immediately preceding the activity. (Exceptions may be made under unusual circumstances. These exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the Administration and should be requested in advance when possible. Examples of possible exceptions are: medical appointments or attending a funeral of a family member.)*
- 2. Make arrangements with his/her teachers for make-up work. Make-up work should be done in advance when possible.*

3. **Meet academic eligibility policies established by the school district and the Kansas State High Schools Activities Association (KSHSAA). According to the KSHSAA, students must have passed five classes the preceding semester to be eligible. The school district has additional requirements.**

### **ACTIVITIES ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY (District Requirements)**

**In addition to the KSHSAA policy on eligibility, the following academic eligibility will apply. USD #365 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will update grades no later than 3:45 every Thursday. The administration will run a list of failing students on Friday. Any student who is **failing two or more classes (59% or below)** when the list is generated will be ineligible to participate in any school sponsored competition, performance, or trip as part of any extracurricular activity (excluding school dances) for the following week – effective Sunday to Sunday. The first two weeks of each quarter will be a “probationary” period to establish grades. The ineligible list will go into effect at the start of the third week.**

**A student may practice during the week they are ineligible, but at the coaches’ discretion. A student’s main priority is academics, not extra-curricular events, so representing USD #365 is a privilege, not a right, it must be earned.**

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

**At times during the course of the school year, some students involved in several activities may find themselves scheduled to participate in more than one event on the same date. If this occurs, the student must make a choice as to which activity he/she is going to attend. The student should notify the coach or sponsor of the decision at least one week in advance of the scheduled activity.**

**In the event a conflict occurs between two events or activities, if one of those activities is a state-sponsored competition, the state-sponsored activity will always take precedence.**

**In the event a conflict occurs between two events or activities, if one of those is a practice and the other a competition, the competition will always take precedence.**

**No sponsor and/or coach should threaten the student with a reduction of his/her grade nor a reduction of playing time at the next game.**

### **ELIGIBILITY RULES**

**In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities the KSHSAA requires an athlete to have passed five (5) classes from the previous semester. Summer school classes do NOT count towards eligibility. A student must also be currently enrolled in five (5) classes. Students who do not meet this requirement will be ineligible for one semester. Students may continue to practice with a squad only if they have the potential of future eligibility.**

**An ACJSHS student is eligible to participate in high school activities when:**

**(A) All regulations of KSHSAA and ACJSHS are met (Handbook on file in athletic director’s and principal’s offices).**

**(B) An athletic physical form has been properly completed, signed, and filed by the coach with the athletic director prior to student participation in a practice session.**

**(C) A concussion awareness form is completed and on file.**

**(D) Have completed required concussion awareness training, and (if applicable) turned in copies of certificate to the athletic office.**

### **DELAYS IN ELIGIBILITY**

***There are several factors that delay eligibility. These include: foreign exchange students, transfers from another school or district.***

***These students require paperwork that has to be sent to previously attended schools and then returned back to us. The sooner these students are identified, the sooner the process can begin. Seek out these students early in your season so their eligibility can be verified prior to the first contest.***

### **HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

***Anderson County Jr/Sr High will provide a limited insurance required by the KSHSAA. Each athlete is insured with a catastrophic insurance policy. Individual insurance is required and can be purchased through the school.***

### **CANCELLATIONS**

***1. All cancellations due to weather or any other unforeseen circumstances will be made by the Athletic Director after consultation with the coach.***

***2. The coach will be responsible for notifying athletes of any changes in the schedule.***

***3. When school is closed or closes early due to inclement weather or other emergencies, scheduled contests and practices on that day will be canceled. KSHSAA Post-Season play may be an exception.***

### **PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP**

***The most important factor in a successful parent/coach relationship is respect. Coaches need to respect that fact that parents want the best for their own children and are protective of them. Parents need to respect the fact that the coach makes decisions for the good of the team based upon what they evaluate every day in practice and what the situation is in the game at that time. Any discussions between parents and coaches MUST be done in a respectful, professional manner. If this cannot be accomplished then an appointment should be made with the Activities Director to mediate a meeting.***

***Both parenting and coaching can be difficult, challenging and ultimately rewarding experiences. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide a greater benefit to children. As parents, when your children become involved in our programs, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's team or activity.***

***As a parent, please understand that there is no one who works harder and wants to be successful more than your child's coaches.***

### **PARENTS**

***If you have ten fans from the crowd and let each coach a game, each one would receive some type of criticism. Therefore, there can only be one person to give personnel judgments, the coach. It must be remembered that a coach sees and evaluates his/her players every night at practice and at every game. The coach knows and understands which players can excel in certain situations and which players do not have the ability to perform in such situations.***

**Coaches are often times faced with the task of playing many athletes and still manage to keep a competitive game so we can maintain our enthusiasm to be competitive.**

**The bottom line to all of this is simple: The coach must be the judge of what is best for his/her players, his/her team, and his/her program and final decisions and personnel judgment in every case must be left to him/her.**

#### **COMMUNICATION YOU CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH**

1. **An understanding of the Anderson County Junior/Senior High School Activities Philosophy.**
2. **An understanding of the coach's personal philosophy.**
3. **Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all players on the team.**
4. **Locations and time of all practices and contests.**
5. **Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning, etc.**
6. **Procedures and preparations to deal with students injured during participation.**
7. **Student actions that may result in the denial of your child's participation.**
8. **Expectations the coach has for our fans attending events.**

#### **COMMUNICATION COACHES NEED FROM PARENTS**

1. **Concerns expressed directly to the coach involving your child only.**
2. **Notification of any schedule conflicts, in advance, that would result in missed practices.**
3. **Specific concerns in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.**

**When your children become involved in the programs at Anderson County Junior/Senior High School they will experience some of the most challenging and rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there may also be times when things do not go the way your child wishes. At these times, the expectation is that the student-athlete will initiate a discussion with the coach about their concerns. We believe this approach is both the most likely way to a positive resolution, and a valuable learning experience for the Anderson County student. The coaches have been instructed to encourage this type of dialogue and to promptly set aside time for individual, private appointments when requested.**

#### **APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES**

1. **The treatment of your child, both mentally and physically.**
2. **Ways to help your child improve.**
3. **Concerns about your child's progress, behavior, health and grades.**
4. **Your child's roll on the team.**

**It can be very difficult to accept a situation when your child is not playing as much as you may have hoped. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions on what they believe to be in the best interest of all the students involved and for the team as a whole. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed below, must be left to the professional discretion of the coach.**

#### **INAPPROPRIATE ISSUES TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES**

1. **Playing time.**
2. **Team strategy.**
3. **Play calling.**
4. **Other student-athletes.**



There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences become necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution of the issue of concern. It is also important to understand that extra-curricular activities are not a "requirement" of the school. Therefore there is NO guaranteed playing time for any student at the varsity level. This is determined by the coach.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSING A CONCERN WITH A COACH**

**\*We ask that you wait 24 hrs after an event to contact a coach about a concern, unless it is an injury.**

##### **MEETINGS WITH PARENTS: Chain of Command**

1<sup>st</sup> meeting is between athlete/participant and coach/sponsor.

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is between parents and a coach.

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is between parents/coach and athletic director

4<sup>th</sup> meeting is between parents/coach/athletic director and principal

5<sup>th</sup> meeting is between parents/coach/athletic director/principal and superintendent.

Please **DO NOT** attempt to confront a coach before/after a practice or contest. These can be extremely emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature simply do not promote a positive resolution. In addition, our coaches have supervision responsibilities for their student-athletes during these times that require their full attention.

- *Call the coach to set up an appointment. Please do not show up for a meeting with any coach without first making an appointment.*
- *The Anderson County Junior/Senior High School phone number is (785) 448-3115*

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not result in a satisfactory resolution? Call or write the Athletic Director outlining the facts and concerns of the situation. As appropriate, additional conferences will be arranged and the situation will be addressed. Please understand that this does not guarantee a change if one is not found to be warranted.

#### **ACTIVITIES ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO POLICY**

USD 365 believes that school activities are a positive influence for students and the community. The expectation for all of our students is to be lawful in the conduct of their daily lives. Students who voluntarily represent USD 365 in various school activities are held to a high standard of conduct. The following guidelines reinforce the expectation of good conduct and positive representation of USD 365 by students who participate in the Unified School District No. 365 activities. School activities shall include: any school sponsored competition, performance, or trip as part of any extracurricular activity (for example: athletics, music, cheerleading, drama, FFA, etc.). Participation in school activities is a privilege. This privilege is available to a student for as long as the student complies with district policies, Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) policies and/or coach/sponsor rules. Failure to comply with any of the guidelines will result in suspension of the privilege of participate in school activities.

Under these guidelines, an offense shall mean the use, possession, disbursement, or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, any illegal or misuse of drugs, by an USD #365 Junior High and Senior High School student during his/her time as a student. It should be understood that the school staff will not "police" the community looking for violators. The intent of this policy is to prevent problems. **Violations of the rules must be observed by a staff member, law enforcement officer, or reported by the student's parents if penalties are to be imposed.**

**Consequences for student participants who use, possess, and/or distribute alcohol, drugs, or tobacco during any academic year (at school events or in public) are listed below. School procedures, district policy and additional team rules established by the head coach may also apply.**

**- First Offense:** The student will be ineligible to participate in all school activities for ten (10) school days after the penalty has been imposed. If a violation occurs at the end of the school year, consequences will be carried over to the next school year.

**- Second Offense:** The student will be ineligible to participate in all school activities for forty-five (45) school days. If a violation occurs at the end of the school year, consequences will be carried over to the next school year.

**- Third Offense:** The student will be ineligible to participate in all school activities for ninety (90) school days. If a violation occurs at the end of the school year, consequences will be carried over to the next school year.

**A conference with student, parent, or legal guardian, coach, school administration and others deemed necessary will be conducted for each offense.**

**Self-Disclosure:** If a student voluntarily initiates disclosure of a violation to school personnel, an administrator will have a conference with the coach/sponsor, the student, and a parent/guardian. No disciplinary action will be administered for the initial self-disclosure. The offense will be recorded by an administrator. Subsequent self-disclosures of a violation to school personnel will result in the steps outlined in Parts A, B, and C of the above policy.

**Note:** Violations during a student's time in Junior High School will not carry over to Anderson County High School. However, violations are accumulative while the student is in Junior High and then again when he/she is in High School.

## **AWARDS SYSTEM**

A system of awards has been established to recognize the contributions and achievement of all members of Anderson County athletic teams. It shall be the coach's responsibility to establish criteria for the awarding of participation credit at the varsity, junior varsity, freshman, or junior high levels. The criteria, which should be explained to all squad members at the beginning of a sport season, takes into consideration an athlete's level and quality of participation during a season as well as during his/her previous years' contributions in that particular sport. A record of each student's participation on athletic teams will be maintained by the Athletic Director.

1. **Varsity - First time varsity award winners will receive a letter and pin insert. For subsequent varsity awards, athletes will receive a pin insert. Certificates will also be awarded, and all varsity presentations will be made at an evening Booster Club sponsored awards ceremony or reception.**
2. **Junior Varsity/Freshman - Award winners will receive a certificate. These will be presented for all participants by coaches at the conclusion of each sport season during the Booster Club sponsored awards ceremony.**

3. *Junior high – Award winners will receive a medal. These will be presented for all junior high participants at 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and 7<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony. The color of the medal will depend on how many sports the athlete participated.*
4. *Special Awards- The following awards are presented annually to players in their respective sports who approach the ultimate in attitude, effort, sportsmanship and performance. Recipients are selected by coaches and/or squad members and their names are placed on plaques that remain in the school permanently.*
  - a. **Bulldog of the Year Award:** *The entire squad participates in the selection. A secret vote of the squad is taken, based on the following criteria: ability, attitude, sportsmanship, leadership, and contribution to team effort.*
  - b. **Ralph E White Senior Sports Award:** *The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Ralph E. White who while he lived was an avid supporter of the football teams as well as the other sports teams. Dr. White was instrumental in filming football games until his accidental death. This truly unique award goes to the football player who is the “surprise of the year.” The recipient is one who the coaches really didn’t plan on for a significant role, but who through his own determination played a key role in the team’s success. It is an achievement award, but more importantly, unanticipated achievement. The recipient is chosen by the head coach after consultation with his assistants.*
  - c. **Travis Kipper Memorial Award-** *This award is for the student who likes to meet all challenges head on both in and out of the classroom. A student who sees a problem and finds a solution that may not be obvious to you. A person who opens your eyes to a different type thought process. A student who is socially acceptable by peers, teachers and community young and old. A student that always has an extra bounce in their step, a smile on their face and a laugh to keep you going. A student that every teacher is proud to say that I influenced this student and they influenced me.*
  - d. **Ray Meyer Sportsmanship Award-** *The award was initiated by the Garnett Boosters Club upon Ray’s retirement as Basketball Coach in 1974. The award is symbolized by a plaque which hangs in the hallway with nameplates for the recipients. The recipient is chosen with the following criteria in mind:*
    - *only seniors are eligible.*
    - *leadership qualities*
    - *enthusiasm*
    - *team player*
    - *humble in victory, gracious in defeat*
    - *accepts decisions of the officials without show of emotion.*

#### **ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION**

*Transportation for out of town school activities will be provided by the school. Students who wish to participate in activities must use school transportation both to and from the activity. In the event that parents wish to transport their son/daughter after an activity, they must sign out with coaches prior to leaving from the activity. Special circumstances should be discussed with the head coach and AD in advance.*

## **DROP OFF POINTS**

*As a convenience to parents, students will be dropped off before reaching Garnett, if prior approval by parents and school authorities has been obtained. Under no circumstances will students be allowed to ride home from a “dropping point” with anyone other than that student’s parents. Students may be dropped off at a specified location if they were picked up there. Also, with advance approval, they may be dropped off at a location if their parent meets them there. Locations are as follows:*

1. *When returning to Garnett from the North on Highway 59, the dropping point will be Richmond Body Works.*
2. *When returning to Garnett from the East on Highway 169, the dropping point will be the St. John’s Catholic Church*
3. *When returning to Garnett from the West on the Burlington Road, the dropping point will be the corner of Harper and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Aka “Wiley Corner”*
4. *When returning to Garnett from the South on Highway 169, the dropping point will be the Old Rocky Roost Cafe’ in Welda.*

*All athletic trip scheduling will be completed by the athletic director. Any changes to the trip schedule need to be approved by the athletic director.*

*It is the coach’s responsibility to ensure that his/her athletes behave responsibly while on the bus. Athletes should be reminded that as team member, they are representing Anderson County, and any misconduct will negatively reflect on their team, coach, and school.*

## **PRACTICE TRANSPORTATION**

*Students of USD 365 may be transported to practice in one of two ways:*

1. *Those students who are of legal driving age (16 or older) and hold a valid drivers’ license and who can provide their own transportation, will be allowed to drive their own vehicle to practice each day.*
2. *Those students who are not of legal driving age or who do not have valid drivers’ licenses or cannot provide their own transportation will be transported to practice each day via school transportation.*

*Parents will make arrangements to have their child picked up at the off-campus practice site at the conclusion of practice.*