

**ANDOVER
HIGH
SCHOOL**



2020-2021

**PARENTS OF ATHLETES
INFORMATION**

Parents:

This handbook is designed to help, guide, and inform you about the Andover High Athletic Department.

The athletic programs at Andover High School are based on the premise that athletes are students first and athletic participation is a privilege rather than a right. Students learn teamwork and group responsibility. They also learn to deal with success and to overcome adversity. Research shows those who participate in extra-curricular activities tend to make better grades and have fewer discipline problems than those who do not participate.

Winning is important and trying to win is essential. Without the passionate pursuit of victory much of the enjoyment, as well as the educational and spiritual value, of sports will be lost. Throughout the pursuit of victory, there must exist ground rules which assure our administration, coaches, student athletes, and parents are committed to principles of ethics and sportsmanship.

The information provided in this handbook does not cover all information as stated in the Andover High School handbook. Andover High School follows all KSHSAA guidelines which can be obtained through the Athletic Director's office or at www.kshsaa.org. Please take time to read each section and feel free to call or email for clarification of any questions you may have.

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DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Andover Schools is to prepare learners for a lifetime of responsible living and learning in a changing society by creating partnerships, high expectations, and meaningful educational opportunities.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The Andover High School Mission Statement is to prepare students to function as competent, responsible, and respectful adults in the diverse global workplace of the 21st century. Teachers, administrators, supports staff, parents, students, and community are encouraged to reach their highest potential and to share the responsibility for advancing the schools mission and beliefs.

The Andover High School community believes in the value of:

- Literacy and critical thinking, problem solving, and communication.
- Respect, integrity, and unity within the school community.
- Self-Management & student accountability for choices and actions.
- Creative thinking, decision making, and a strong work ethic.
- Technology and information literacy skills.
- Academic proficiency, intellectual curiosity, and creativity.
- A caring and safe educational environment.
- Physical and emotional lifetime fitness.
- Interpersonal skills including teamwork and leadership.

PHILOSOPHY

The athletic/activity programs of USD #385 are an integral part of the educational program. Participation in these programs is a privilege.

We believe that a comprehensive program of inter-scholastic competitive athletics and activities provides a vital learning experience for all students. It is our belief that participation in these activities promotes principles of leadership, competitiveness, fair play, self-discipline, and prepares students for life after school. The pursuit of personal and team goals is vital for perpetuation of a healthy democratic society. A strong athletics program can and should complement a school's academic program.

The value of participating in athletics has been well documented. Participants earn better grades, have better attendance, and have a greater chance for success in later life than non-participants. Students must meet certain standards in order to maintain the privileges of competition. It is the goal of our school to provide such opportunity as a further means of developing the intellectual, emotional, and social maturity of our students, while at the same time teaching the importance and worth of teamwork and sportsmanship. Andover High School athletics provide a unifying influence upon our student body and between our school and community.

PROFILE OF AHS ATHLETICS

Andover High School is a member of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) as a class 5A member school. The activities association places member schools into classes based on the number of students enrolled in our school on September 20th of each year. Andover High School reported 959 students eligible for participation for the 2019-2020 school year. The largest Class 5A member school had an enrollment of 1305 students. The smallest Class 5A member school had an enrollment of 710. Football classifications are determined every other year in order to accommodate a two year schedule.

Andover High School offers 23 varsity sports as well as numerous junior varsity and freshman teams.

Fall

Football
Volleyball
Cross Country B&G
Soccer Boys
Tennis Girls
Golf Girls
Cheerleading (Fall & Winter)
Trojanettes Dance (Fall & Winter)

Winter

Basketball B&G
Wrestling
Bowling B&G
Swimming Boys

Spring

Track B&G
Softball
Baseball
Soccer Girls
Tennis Boys
Golf Boys
Swimming Girls

Andover High School has 21 athletic state championships with 15 coming after the split of Andover High School in 2001.

1973 Volleyball	2001 Girls Cross Country	2007 Boys Golf
1984 Football	2003 Boys Soccer	2007 Girls Golf
1989 Boys Golf	2003 Boys Tennis	2008 Boys Track and Field
1991 Girls Cross Country	2004 Girls Golf	2009 Boys Golf
1993 Girls Track and Field	2004 Volleyball	2013 Girls Tennis
2000 Boys Golf	2005 Girls Golf	2014 Girls Tennis
2001 Volleyball	2006 Girls Golf	2015 Girls Tennis

There have also been numerous individual state champions in wrestling, tennis, track and field, golf, and swimming.

ARK VALLEY CHISHOLM TRAIL LEAGUE (AVCTL)

Andover High School is a member of the 26 team AVCTL. The league consists of four divisions based on enrollment.

Division I

Derby
Haysville-Campus
Hutchinson
Maize
Newton
Salina Central
Salina South

Division II

Andover
Andover Central
Arkansas City
Goddard
Goddard Eisenhower
Maize South
Valley Center

Division III

Augusta
Buhler
Circle
El Dorado
McPherson
Winfield

Division IV

Andale
Clearwater
Collegiate
Mulvane
Rose Hill
Wellington

The AVCTL web address is: www.avctl.org

FACILITIES

Football:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Behind Andover High School (northeast) Andover District Stadium – 1747 N. Andover Rd
Soccer:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Behind Andover High School (northeast) Andover District Stadium – 1747 N. Andover Rd
Volleyball:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Andover High School Gymnasium Andover High School Gymnasium
Cross Country:	Practice Facility	Behind Andover High School (northeast)
Tennis:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Andover Public Schools Tennis Complex 603 E. Central Avenue, Andover Andover Public Schools Tennis Complex 603 E. Central Avenue, Andover
Golf:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Crestview Country Club - 1000 N 127th St E, Wichita Crestview Country Club - 1000 N 127th St E, Wichita Andover Municipal Golf Course,
Wrestling:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Andover High School Wrestling Room Andover High School Gymnasium
Basketball:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Andover High School Gymnasium Andover High School Gymnasium
Bowling:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	The Alley, 11413 E. 13 th , Wichita The Alley, 11413 E. 13 th , Wichita
Swimming:	Practice Facility	Andover YMCA – 1115 U.S. 54, Andover
Softball:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Behind Andover High School (east) Behind Andover High School (east)
Baseball:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Behind Andover High School (east) Behind Andover High School (east)
Track:	Practice Facility Competition Facility	Trojan Track Practice Facility – east of AMS Jaguar Stadium – 603 E. Central Avenue, Andover

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AHS Calendar: <https://www.avctl.org/public/genie/280/school/2/>

Directions to away events: <http://www.usd385.org/vnews/display.v/ART/2006/12/08/457976098c56c>

TICKET INFORMATION

Season tickets to all home Andover district athletic events can be purchased at the school office. These tickets gain access to all home district athletic events district wide except for tournaments and specified KSHSAA sponsored activities (playoffs, etc.)

Family \$175

Adult \$50

Individual Student \$45

*There will be a \$10 replacement cost per re-issued pass.

EXPECTATIONS

The expectations at Andover High School are that all parents and student athletes represent the school in a positive and respectful manner. Sportsmanship is expected to be displayed at all times. Andover High School believes that the athletic arena is for building sportsmanship and character in young adults. Therefore, we feel it is important to model such behavior within our community and as parents.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS OF SPECTATORS

Remember that you are at the contest to support and yell for your team, and to enjoy the skill and competition not to intimidate or ridicule the other team or its fans.

Remember that school athletics are a learning experience for students and that mistakes are sometimes made.

Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes, and as people, just as you would praise a student working in the classroom.

A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.

Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.

Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups.

Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.

Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.

Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, during, and after the game on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).

Use only cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.

Be a positive role model at events through your own actions and by censuring those around you whose behavior is unbecoming.

Parents and spectators should be aware that the school can (and should) remove them from the premises and can prohibit them from attending future contests due to undesirable behaviors.

Game officials can ask that school administrators have unruly fans removed from a contest facility.

There is no such thing as a “right” to attend interscholastic athletics. Interscholastic athletics are considered a “privilege” and the spectator who avails themselves of it is expected to conduct himself or herself accordingly.

Keep in mind that you are a guest of the school, and that while winning is certainly an admirable goal, it is hollow if it comes at the expense of morals, ethics, and just plain common sense.

The school is responsible for the behavior of their spectators. The school district can be and will be punished for actions of patrons in violation of KSHSAA standards and rules.

RULE 52 CITIZENSHIP/SPORTSMANSHIP

The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected, and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

National Federation Mission Statement:

“The ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity permeate our culture. The values of good citizenship and high behavior standards apply equally to all activity disciplines. In perception and practice, good sportsmanship shall be defined as those qualities of behavior which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Further, awareness is expected of the impact of an individual’s influence on the behavior of others. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation as a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.”

-National Federation of State High School Associations-

Rule 52:

The effective American secondary school must support both an academic program and an activities program. We believe that these programs must do more than merely coexist—they must be integrated and support each other in “different” arenas. The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

Philosophy:

Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in the American schools. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand and to value the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model SPORTSMANSHIP, to build school pride, and to increase student/community involvement; this ultimately translates into improved academic performance. 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 respected representatives of society. Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!

Section 1 - General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: SPORTSMANSHIP is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below for clarification:

- a. Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff and fans).
- b. Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- c. Win with character and lose with dignity.
- d. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- e. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
- f. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

Art. 2: Enforcement Procedure:

- a. It is encouraged and recommended by the Kansas State High School Activities Association that local boards of education adopt these regulations and reinforce them as indicated herein.
- b. The Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association shall be responsible for the interpretation of these regulations, including "desirable and unacceptable behavior" and shall publish them in the Association's *Sportsmanship/Citizenship Manual*.

"SPORTSMANSHIP IS: winning with class; losing in style; always being positive; and going the extra mile."

The Sportsmanship "High Five" For Everyone

1. Show respect for the opponent at all times
2. Show respect for the officials
3. Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the contests
4. Maintain self-control at all times
5. Recognize and appreciate skill in performances regardless of affiliation.

AMATEURISM AND PARTICIPATION ON TEAMS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The KSHSAA has regulations regarding participation on teams that are not associated with Andover High School. Below are some of the regulations. For a complete list or explanation of the regulations contact the Athletic Director's office or visit www.kshsaa.org.

Rule 21

AMATEUR

Ineligibility under this rule holds for the entire time the student is in middle/junior or senior high school, unless he or she is reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art 1: A student who uses his or her athletic skill or knowledge for gain, or who plays with a professional team, or who competes for a cash prize, shall be ineligible for that sport.

Art 2: If the student signs a professional athletic contract, he or she shall be ineligible in that sport.

Art 3: A student who receives pay for participation in athletics is ineligible in that sport under the provision of this rule.

- a. A student may receive pay for teaching activities such as swimming, lifesaving, golf, tennis, wrestling, basketball, dancing, baseball, etc., provided he or she confines the work to teaching skills.
- b. A student may not receive pay for coaching teams or individuals involved in competition.
- c. A student may receive pay for officiating athletic contests.

Art 4: It is permissible for a student to accept necessary meals, lodging and transportation while competing, if such are accepted in service rather than money or other material form.

Art 5: The acceptance of merchandise, jackets, sweaters or other wearing apparel, athletic equipment, pay for pitching a game, remuneration for scoring a certain number of goals or making base hits, etc., or any other form of cash or merchandise award, is a violation of this rule. Neither may the foregoing be accepted as pay to cover necessary expenses.

Art 6: Competing for a cash prize applies to one individual or team members. It does not matter whether the amount is sufficient to cover expenses, or whether an individual receives a portion.

COMPETING ON NON-SCHOOL TEAMS

Rule 22

OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Violation of this rule shall make a student ineligible for the remainder of that sport or scholars' bowl or debate season, unless he or she is reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student who is a member of a school athletic, scholars' bowl or debate squad effective Tuesday following Labor Day through Friday preceding Memorial Day may not participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport, scholars' bowl or debate activity. (*Exception: See Rule 4, United States Olympic Committee-Sponsored National Trials and Competitions.*)

NOTE: Informal participation on the part of the student athlete, such as that experienced on the black top (concrete), in the park, local "Y", etc., is not considered a violation of this rule, provided it was not formally called or organized, no coaching takes place, where no official score is kept, time kept, officials used, etc. Intra non-school youth group athletic participation is not considered a violation of this rule. Inter non-school youth group athletic participation is a violation.

Art. 2: A student shall not be prohibited from competing on a special team within his or her own school such as an FFA team, etc. All members of such teams must be bona fide students, however, and eligible under the rules of the Association.

Art. 3: A student becomes a member of a school's athletic squad, scholars' bowl or debate team when he or she first participates in a practice session. A student ceases to be a squad member after his or her last contest for the school's athletic squad, scholars' bowl or debate team or when the membership on a squad is terminated. (*See Rule 14-1-1, Bona Fide Student and Rule 30-2-2, Seasons of Activities.*)

ANTI-TRYOUT AND PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Rule 26

ANTI-TRYOUT AND PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

A student who violates this rule shall be ineligible in that activity for a period of one year from the date of the violation, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student may receive instruction from their parent(s) at any time. A student's parent(s) may attend their student's private instruction session without violating the provisions of this rule.

Art. 2: A student may receive private instruction at any time of the school year. During the time a student is a member of a school athletic squad, starting with the student's first day of school practice and ending with the student's last day on the school athletic squad, a student may receive private instruction subject to the conditions set forth in this rule.

Art. 3: Other individuals may be present at a student's private instruction session as long as they are there in a supportive capacity only and not giving or providing instructions to the student.

NOTE: Private instruction is defined as one student receiving instruction from one person during the period of instruction. A group is defined as two or more students receiving instruction from an instructor during the same period of instruction. Supportive capacity is defined as participating in the period of instruction without providing any instruction to the student or instructor or in a competitive situation/capacity.

Art. 4: A student shall not participate in group training sessions or tryouts held by colleges or other outside agencies in a sport while he or she is a member of a school athletic team in that identical sport.

Exception: The Kansas Legislature in the 2011 session, enacted the following law:

"(a) The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) and its member high schools, and administrators, principals, coaches, teachers and other affiliated with such association and member high schools, shall not adopt any rules and regulations or interpret any existing rule and regulation in any manner which would prohibit a student athlete from training with any Kansas state high school league-sponsored sport or competition while the student athlete is participating in nonschool swimming athletic training or diving athletic training, or both, during the high school sport season and throughout the year if: (1) The nonschool swimming athletic training or diving athletic training, or both, is under the jurisdiction of and sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport, U.S.A. swimming, inc., or U.S.A. diving, inc. and is conducted in a manner which protects the health and safety of the student athlete; and (2) the student athlete meets the reasonable and ordinary school-established requirements for participation in the student athlete's high school swimming program or diving program, or both, including requirements designed to protect the health and safety of such student athlete. (b) This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2011."

Rationale:

An Anti-Tryout and Private Instruction requirement:

- a. Protects the school/coach - student/athlete relationship;
- b. Establishes guidelines under which a student athlete may receive private instruction;
- c. Helps preserve the school's staffing integrity;
- d. Promotes and helps protect the student/athlete relationship to the school's team;
- e. Provides opportunity for specialized individual training;
- f. Prohibits student/athletes from trying out for non-school teams during the school season of the same sport;
- g. Maintains a fair competitive environment for school teams;
- h. Protects the parent-child relationship.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Any student who reaches nineteen on or before August 1, shall be ineligible for interscholastic activities.

Any student who reaches nineteen after August 1, shall be eligible for the remainder of that school year. The KSHSAA Executive Board may waive provisions of the age requirement. For more information, please contact the athletic director's office.

ACTIVITIES DEFINED

All KSHSAA sanctioned athletic/activity programs and/or events sponsored by USD #385, both on or off school property. This includes but is not limited to: Athletics, Music, Debate/Forensics, Student Council, Drama, National Honor Society, and school clubs.

ACTIVITIES REGULATIONS

School rules and regulations apply to all students that participate in athletic/activity programs, both on and off school grounds. Students who are suspended from school are not eligible to participate in practice or an activity during the period of their suspension. (A suspension begins when the penalty is imposed and continues through reinstatement in school).

GOOD STANDING

In order to participate in athletic/activity a student must meet the following requirements in order to be a student in **“good standing”**. **“Good Standing” requirements are as follows:**

Eligibility:

- All Kansas State High School eligibility guidelines apply.
- Students must pass at least 5 courses in the previous semester and must be currently enrolled in 5 courses not previously taken.
- Students must have attended Andover High School, Andover Central High School, or a USD #385 Middle School for a minimum of 18 weeks, or the student must make a bona fide move as defined by the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Academics:

- Students involved in athletic/activity program must maintain a 2.0 grade point average during the school year.
- Students may not fail more than one class

If a student does not meet the academic minimums listed above, the student will lose their good standing status and may not participate in any athletic/activity competition unless one of the following is met:

- Satisfactory attendance in an activity study hall. (A minimum of two hours of study hall per week).
- Satisfactory progress in a Student Assistance Program.
- Satisfactory progress in a Special Education Program.

Behavior:

Students participating in an athletic/activity program are expected to conduct themselves as responsible representatives of their school. Behavior of participants will be monitored by coaches, sponsors, and school officials for the duration of the activity, whether on or off campus. Participants will be subject to disciplinary action if they violate any of the regulations below:

Level I

- Commission of any offense that would bring discredit to the school.
- Conduct which endangers the safety of or substantially infringes upon the rights of others.
- Conduct which constitutes the commission of academic fraud.

- Use or possession of tobacco at any time.

Level II

- Possession of a weapon at school, on school property, or at a school sponsored event.
- Theft or vandalism on or off school property.
- Conduct which constitutes the commission of a misdemeanor.
- Conduct which constitutes the commission of a felony.
- Use or possession of alcohol at any time.
- Use or possession of illegal drugs at any time.
- Abuse of any prescription/non-prescription drug and/or substance.

Any violation of the regulations listed above while a participant in an activity will result in the following consequences.

First Violation:

- Suspension from all activity programs and/or events for one week of competition. If a student is not currently in an activity it will be applied to the next activity the student participates in if the student had participated in that activity in the past.
- A mandatory conference will be arranged with the coach and/or sponsor and also a school administrator before the participant can practice.
- Voluntary admission of an infraction of a rule regarding substance abuse will not result in a suspension when outside the jurisdiction of USD #385, but will count as a first offense.
- Any blatant violation that directly affects a team activity, practice or game may be treated as a second offense and the participant will lose eligibility for the remainder of the season.
- Any student with a previous violation and entering a new season is on probation. Any new violation will be treated as a second violation and the participant will not be eligible for the remainder of the season.
- The student will be on probation for 365 days from the date the penalty is instated.

Second Violation:

After confirmation of a second violation within the next 365 days from the first offense cycle the following shall occur:

- Second violation level 1, Student will be on suspension from all activity programs and/or events for one week or one event (whichever is greater). If a student is not currently in an activity it will be applied to the next activity the student participates in if the student had participated in that activity in the past.
- Second violation level 2, student will lose eligibility for a 365 day cycle.

Any participant, who loses eligibility in more than one activity during the school year, will not be eligible to participate in a third activity.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Students absent due to illness must be in attendance the **majority** of that student's school day in order to participate in activities held that same day. Students are also required to attend school all day following a week night activity. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the building administration.

- First Violation = warning from the administration.

- Second Violation = one week suspension from the athletic/activity program.
- Third Violation = dismissal from the athletic/activity program.

DUAL PARTICIPATION/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Dual participation in activities requires the approval of the school administration. Students that participate in more than one activity should understand the time commitments involved and be aware that schedule conflicts may occur. In order for a student to be allowed dual participation, the student, parent, school administration, and the coaches/sponsors must agree to follow a written participation plan. If a conflict should occur, the following guidelines will be followed:

- If one of those activities is a state-sponsored competition/performance, the state-sponsored activity/performance will always take precedence.
- If one of the activities is a practice and the other a competition, the competition/performance will always take precedence.
- The student will be allowed to choose between the two activities in all other instances, provided they have informed the coaches and/or sponsors at least one week prior to the conflict.

Coaches and sponsors shall not use undue influence to persuade a student to choose one activity over another.

ELIGIBILITY OF ANDOVER eCADEMY STUDENTS

New Students enrolled in Andover eCademy WILL NOT be eligible for activities for the 2020-2021 school year.
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TRAVEL

Any student making an athletic or activity trip sponsored by Andover High School will be required to use transportation provided by the school. This includes the return trip from the activity back to the school. Exceptions to this rule shall be made only at the request of the parent/guardian and with the approval of the coach/sponsor and as authorized by the school administration. Parents/guardians must sign out their student with the sponsoring coach prior to leaving an event. Students that participate in activities that regularly occur off school grounds (golf, swim, etc...) will be required to have transportation waiver signed by the student and parent/guardian on file with the athletic director.

HAZING

Kansas law prohibits “hazing”. Incidents involving initiations, hazings, intimidations, and /or related activities which are likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, or which affect the attendance of another student, are prohibited. If a student is found to be involved in hazing, parent notification and/or consultation for specialized help, short term suspension and parental conference may take place. Severe and/or repeated acts may be considered grounds for a recommended expulsion or long term suspension.

EQUIPMENT USE AND RETURN

Use of equipment and supplies is for the performance of official and approved activities only. Use of district equipment or supplies for personal projects is prohibited without prior permission from the administration. Students shall handle all school equipment and supplies carefully. Students shall be responsible for any damage they cause to school equipment or supplies.

All equipment and uniforms at the time of checkout is the sole responsibility of that student. Any items needing to be replaced or fixed will be at the replacement cost of that item. All equipment and uniforms must be returned by the designated time established by the coach.

FRESHMAN PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Andover High School maintains separate teams for freshmen whenever possible. Freshmen are eligible to participate in all sports at the junior varsity and varsity level on ability as determined by the coach.

CUTS

There are times when cuts must be made regarding the number of athletes kept for a specific athletic team. The decision of how many athletes will remain on a team will be made by the Coaches and Athletic Director. The decision of who remains on the team will be made by the coaching staff of that sport.

PURSUING COLLEGE ATHLETICS

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has established specific standards for participation in any of its member school intercollegiate programs. Please visit the National Collegiate Athletic Association website at www.ncaa.org for further information about academic standards. Upon request, the AHS counselor's office will help students determine the number of core classes and academic eligibility as determined by GPA and test scores. Please visit the NCAA eligibility center for information and resources regarding NCAA eligibility at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Core Course Tracking: Check out www.corecoursegpa.com



Estimated Probability of Competing in College Athletics

	High School Participants	NCAA Participants	Overall % HS to NCAA	% HS to NCAA Division I	% HS to NCAA Division II	% HS to NCAA Division III
Men						
Baseball	482,740	36,011	7.5%	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%
Basketball	540,769	18,816	3.5%	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%
Cross Country	269,295	14,303	5.3%	1.8%	1.4%	2.1%
Football	1,006,013	73,712	7.3%	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
Golf	143,200	8,485	5.9%	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%
Ice Hockey	35,283	4,323	12.3%	4.8%	0.6%	6.8%
Lacrosse	113,702	14,603	12.8%	3.1%	2.5%	7.3%
Soccer	459,077	25,499	5.6%	1.3%	1.5%	2.7%
Swimming	136,638	9,799	7.2%	2.8%	1.2%	3.2%
Tennis	159,314	7,785	4.9%	1.6%	1.0%	2.3%
Track & Field	605,354	28,914	4.8%	1.9%	1.2%	1.7%
Volleyball	63,563	2,355	3.7%	0.7%	0.7%	2.3%
Water Polo	22,475	1,072	4.8%	2.7%	0.8%	1.3%
Wrestling	247,441	7,300	3.0%	1.0%	0.8%	1.2%
Women						
Basketball	399,067	16,509	4.1%	1.3%	1.2%	1.7%
Cross Country	219,345	15,624	7.1%	2.7%	1.7%	2.7%
Field Hockey	60,824	6,119	10.1%	2.9%	1.4%	5.8%
Golf	79,821	5,436	6.8%	2.8%	1.9%	2.1%
Ice Hockey	9,650	2,531	26.2%	8.9%	1.1%	16.2%
Lacrosse	99,750	12,452	12.5%	3.7%	2.6%	6.2%
Soccer	394,105	28,310	7.2%	2.4%	1.9%	2.9%
Softball	362,038	20,419	5.6%	1.8%	1.7%	2.2%
Swimming	173,088	12,980	7.5%	3.3%	1.2%	3.0%
Tennis	189,436	8,596	4.5%	1.5%	1.0%	2.0%
Track & Field	488,267	30,326	6.2%	2.8%	1.5%	1.9%
Volleyball	452,808	17,780	3.9%	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%
Water Polo	21,735	1,217	5.6%	3.3%	1.1%	1.2%

Sources: High school figures from the [2018-19 High School Athletics Participation Survey](#) conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations; data from [club teams](#) not included. College numbers from the NCAA [2018-19 Sports Participation Survey](#).

LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

Last Updated: April 8, 2020

Lettering requirements are designed by the individual sports coach and are explained prior to the season of competition. A student's initial letter and any other bars or pins are provided by Andover High School. The purchase of letter jackets and any additional patches are the responsibility of the student or parent. Patches are ordered at the conclusion of each season. Students will be notified of a deadline to order patches through general announcements.

AWARDS

1. No awards other than medals and cloth, felt, or chenille letters shall be made to students participating in interscholastic athletics, unless approved by KSHSAA.
2. All awards will be in accordance with the requirements determined by the coach of the activity in which the student participates.
3. First year varsity letter winners will receive the official letter "A". A certificate of lettering, a metal symbol, and a metal bar will also be received. A metal bar and certificate will be given for each year of lettering after the first year.
4. Managers, trainers and statisticians will receive appropriate awards.
5. Students who decide to quit or are removed from the squad cannot letter.
6. In case of injury or serious illness, a letter may be awarded if in all probability the requirements would have been met.
7. A student may also letter at the coach's discretion

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Andover High School offers several athletic awards for accomplishments of athletes throughout the year and their high school career.

Senior Athletic Award: Senior plaques are presented to all senior athletes who have competed on an athletic team the same season for all four years. Early completers are not eligible for the senior athletic award. Students must be four year participants at Andover High School.

Bernie Saggau Award: The Bernie Saggau Award originated in 1982 after Mr. Saggau spoke at our athletic banquet. He emphasized commitment to both academics and athletics. To be eligible athletes need to have participated in a sport three seasons during their last three years at Andover High School. Each year a certificate is given to those individuals who have started on their journey to receive this prestigious award.

Dale Downing Sportsmanship Award: Dale Downing was the athletic director at Andover High School for 21 years. Due to his high standards, Andover High School has developed an outstanding reputation for sportsmanship throughout the state of Kansas. Each year we honor two students that have demonstrated the traits of sportsmanship as set by Mr. Downing.

PROCESS FOR CONCERNS

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE COACH:

- Expectations the coach has for the players on the squad
- Location and times of all practices and contests
- Team requirements; i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning
- Player responsibilities and team guidelines
- Lettering requirements

COMMUNICATION THE COACH SHOULD EXPECT FROM THE ATHLETE:

- Notification of any scheduling conflicts in advance
- Special concerns in regard to the coach's expectations

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH:

- Treatment of the student-athlete (physically/mentally)
- Ways to help your child improve his/her ability to compete
- Concerns about your child's behavior

****It is often difficult to accept that your son/daughter is not playing as much as you desire. Our coaches are professionals and spend a significant amount of time evaluating each specific situation. They will make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all student-athletes involved, including your son/daughter.**

ISSUES NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS WITH THE COACH:

- Playing time
- Team strategy
- Play calling
- Other student-athletes

****The AHS Coaching Staff has been directed not to discuss these issues.**

****There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent, as it is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure will be used to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.**

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

1. The player should first meet with the coach or coaches to address the concern.
2. If a concern still exists, a parent, player, and coaches meeting should be scheduled. This meeting may consist of Andover High administration.
3. If the concern is still un-resolved, Andover High administration will meet with the appropriate people involved.
4. If the situation is not resolved, the concern should be directed to the Superintendent or other designee representing USD 385.

Many decisions are made throughout the course of the season. Utilizing a chain of communication/response allows for issues to be addressed efficiently and allows for the appropriate people to respond to the concern.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS & CONCUSSION RELEASE

Student's participation in athletics, cheerleading, and dance team must have a **KSHSAA Physical and Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form** on file before participating. No student will be allowed to practice until Andover High School has a physical on file. Physicals are good May 1st through April 30th of the following year. EX: If a student receives a physical on May 1, 2020, that physical is good through the 2020-2021 school year. Physicals for following school year must be obtained after May 1st.

INHERENT DANGERS OF ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Student athletes and parents should be aware that athletic participation will always have inherent dangers. Although rare, death or catastrophic injury can result from participation in sports, and care should be taken by all concerned to minimize such dangers through the use of appropriate equipment, proper training methods and common sense.

CONCUSSIONS

Each athlete must have a signed Concussion form on file in the Athletic Director's office before being allowed to practice. Kansas State law requires written clearance from a health care provider before the student is allowed to return to participation following a suspected concussion. The law defines a healthcare provider as someone licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery. By interpretation of the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, this means a medical doctor (MD) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) must provide the written clearance for the student to return to participation. Andover High School will work with the contracted athletic training service provider to establish and follow return-to-participate protocol for students who have been diagnosed with a concussion.

INJURIES

Injuries must be reported immediately to the coach and/or athletic trainer. If an athlete visits a doctor, a formal doctor's release must be on file in the athletic director's office before that athlete is allowed to participate in practice or games.

ATHLETIC TRAINER

USD 385 provides athletic training services at most events hosted by Andover High School. Services are provided by Kansas Joint and Spine Specialists. The designated athletic trainer is available most school days at designated times. Student trainers under the supervision of the certified athletic trainer may provide first aid and treat minor injuries. Student athletes may be evaluated and treated for injuries by certified athletic trainers provided by host schools during contests held at other schools. Student athletes' health information and privacy are protected through HIPPA federal regulations in which the certified athletic trainers and student aides are trained to follow.

INSURANCE

As a member of KSHSAA, Andover High School students participating in activities and interscholastic athletics under the jurisdiction of the Association have been provided with catastrophic insurance (\$25,000 deductible). **Andover High School does not provide medical coverage for students participating in KSHSAA sponsored activities beyond the KSHSAA policy.** It is recommended that students without personal medical coverage consider purchasing student accident coverage. Information on the KSHSAA summary of coverage and student accident coverage can be attained through the Andover High School Athletic Office.