

Athletics / Athletic Policy

Bethlehem Lutheran School believes that students should be offered an equal opportunity to participate in competitive sports. The following guidelines will be followed:

1. Bethlehem may have athletic teams in girls' volleyball, boys/girls basketball as student interest allows.
2. Bethlehem will participate in games scheduled by the Athletic Director and coaches.
3. It is the policy of Bethlehem Lutheran School that student participation on school athletic teams will be open to currently enrolled students of Bethlehem Lutheran School and/or are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church who meet all academic and behavior eligibility requirements to participate. Concerns related to this policy should be addressed to the Athletic Director and the Board of Education.
4. Bethlehem Church member and students in grades three through eight (3-8) are eligible to be on the teams; exceptions to be approved by the Board of Education
5. Students must maintain a "C" average on a twelve-point scale.
 - a. A "C" average will be determined by averaging core subjects; Religion, Memory, Math, Reading, English, Spelling, Science, and Social Studies. Art, Music, Handwriting, and Physical Education will be used as additional indicators.
 - b. Home-room teachers will be responsible to keep a record of athlete progress and report any ineligible students to the coaching staff. The teachers must also inform parents concerning their child's ineligibility.
 - c. Averages will be compiled approximately every four (4) weeks: at the time of mid-quarter and the official reporting nine (9) weeks.
 - d. Any student-athlete not maintaining a "C" average, as reported at mid-quarter or quarter, will be ineligible until the average is raised to a "C."
 - e. Any student-athlete receiving an "F" or an "incomplete" in any subject on any report, mid-quarter or quarter, will be ineligible until a passing grade is achieved or the missing work completed.
 - f. Ineligibility applies to practices and games.
6. **Students must have a physical examination and parent permission form signed before they will be allowed to participate.**
7. **Students who participate in sports will pay an annual fee of \$20 to the PTL to help offset expenses.**

Bethlehem Lutheran School students enrolled in **grades 6-8** (for grade 6 it is up to the Principal and Teacher) have the opportunity to participate in athletics at Norwell Middle School. Students who leave Bethlehem early in the school day will be responsible for any academic work that they miss. They will present a completed Request to Participate in Norwell Middle School Athletics Form for each sport in which they wish to participate. Those students will be dismissed from Bethlehem no earlier than 2:25 p.m.

PARENTAL CONSENT

- A. I/We hereby give consent for my son/daughter to participate in the Bethlehem Lutheran School sports program.
- B. I/We know of and acknowledge that my son/daughter knows the risks involved in athletic participation, understands that serious injury is possible in such participation and chooses to accept any and all responsibility for his/her safety and welfare while participating in athletics. With full understanding of the risks involved, I/we release and hold harmless Bethlehem Lutheran School and all responsibility and liability for any injury or claim resulting from such athletic participation and agree to take no legal action against Bethlehem Lutheran School because of any accident or mishap involving the athletic participation of my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date: _____