

Board-wide Action

Student-Athlete and Parent Codes of Conduct: An Extension of the Classroom ...

About the program ...

The [Student-Athlete and Parent Codes of Conduct](#) at the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board are based on the understanding that student-athletes and their parents/guardians have a duty to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner at school events. The codes are lists of expected behaviours which act as a guide to help students and parents avoid conduct and practices that are detrimental to high school sport, whether as a participant, as a spectator, or otherwise. These expectations are part of the Extension of the Classroom initiative and are signed by the student-athlete and their parent/guardian as part of the HWCDSB participation package.



Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- Students learn to recognize that their participation in sports and extracurricular activities is an extension of the classroom and that respectful and productive behaviours exhibited in the classroom are equally expected on the court or field.
- The Parent Code of Conduct reminds parents/guardians that school athletics are for the students and that they also have a responsibility to make the environment that the student-athletes perform in as positive as possible.
- Respectful Play banners are displayed in all elementary and secondary schools. These banners draw attention to the importance of positive behaviour and the pride that each school takes in providing a positive playing environment for their student athletes.

“Our philosophy has always been that athletics should be guided by the highest standards of good sportsmanship and fair play. This initiative comes at an important time and calls upon all of us to reflect very seriously on the value of sport and the huge impact sport and teacher-coaches can make to the Catholic school environment.”

– Sports Steering Committee
Chairperson Patrick J. Daly

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