



Athlete Attendance Policy

If the athlete has an unexcused absence, he/she may not participate in any extracurricular activity for that day. Pre-approval by the principal or athletic director is the only exception. The general procedure to be followed is:

1. If the athlete has an excused absence, which consists of, illness, religious holiday, death or family emergency, which causes them to miss any part of the school day. They must get permission from the principal or athletic director to participate in any athletic activity.
2. It remains the responsibility of the athlete to present written evidence of excused absence that justifies such a request. Failure to do so will cause him/her to forfeit participation for that day.
3. Athletes are expected to be in school the entire day following contests if school is in regular session.

Athletic Fees and Sports Banquet

There is a \$100.00 athletic fee for all athletes who participate in one sport, and an additional \$25.00 fee for each additional sport thereafter. The athletic fee will be used for transportation, non-conference officials, any equipment needed, and the sports banquet. The head coach will be the primary decision maker regarding spending of funds. Once the athlete makes it onto an official roster, the athletic fee will not be refunded in the event the athlete quits the team or becomes ineligible to play due to grades, attendance, or behavior. Near the end of May each year, the Von Steuben athletic department will host the annual sports banquet. All athletes are invited and must pick up their ticket one week prior to the event. No exceptions due to final count for the banquet hall. There will be a \$20.00 fee for any parents who wish to attend.



Insurance

The Chicago Board of Education insurance is secondary to parent/athlete insurance. Accident insurance is to be paid by the parent/guardian. If there is any remaining debt, the Board of Education will cover the remaining balance. In order to apply for this, the athlete must obtain a claim form from the athletic director to insure proper payment is made.



NCAA Academic Eligibility National College Athletic Association

Most colleges and universities require a minimum Core G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) of 2.0 for a student to participate. Your coach, athletic director or school counselor will help familiarize you with these academic requirements if you choose to attend a Division I, Division II, Division III, Junior College or University. Ask one of them for further explanation of the eligibility standards.

Role of District Personnel

Chicago School Board Personnel

Superintendent of Schools Director of Sports Administration

The executive function is delegated to the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Sports Administration, who are charged with the responsibility for efficiently executing the policies adopted by Illinois Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools and the Illinois High School Association.

Von Steuben High School Personnel

Principal Assistant Principals Director of Internal Affairs

The interscholastic programs as well as other school activities are delegated to the administrative team. The administrative team helps to implement athletic policies and procedures as established by the Illinois Board of Education, Chicago Public Schools and the Illinois High School Association. As a member of the Illinois High School Association, the principal is directly responsible to the Illinois High School Association for conduct regarding the school's athletic activities.

Athletic Director

The Athletic Director is assigned to administer the athletic programs of the school. It is his responsibility to ensure the program is conducted within the rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Association, Chicago Public School, and Illinois Board of Education.

Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center

Athletics Program

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Von Steuben has an outstanding history and tradition of interscholastic athletics throughout the state of Illinois. Our student-athletes are provided with facilities, equipment, coaches, and opportunities that are second to none. We are excited that you have chosen to take advantage of these opportunities.

This brochure will provide you with important information about the athletic programs within our school. When you become a member of an athletic team at Von Steuben MSC, there are numerous expectations you will need to fulfill.

This brochure will outline the expectations as well as answer questions you may have regarding athletic policies and procedures within the Illinois High School Association.

We welcome your participation in Von Steuben's athletics and extend our assistance and best wishes for a successful career here.

Requirements for Participation

In order to participate in practices, games, and tournaments, each athlete must satisfy the following requirements:

1. A signed parent permission form must be on file (Player Record Card) with the athletic director for each sport of participation.
2. A valid physical form with clearance without limitation for sports participation must be on file with the athletic director. Physicals are valid for one calendar year.
3. A \$100.00 athletic fee for the first sport and an additional \$25.00 for each additional sport participated in thereafter must be paid to the athletic director for essentials and the sports banquet.
4. Each athlete must be passing six subjects each week and must have passed five subjects at the end of the previous semester. Driver's Education does not count as a class towards these totals.

Equipment

Athletes are responsible for all items of equipment they are issued. A complete record of everything issued will be kept. Lost or damaged items must be paid for by the athlete at replacement cost. Athletes will NOT be issued equipment for subsequent sports and will not receive awards until records are cleared.

Academic Eligibility

All athletes participating on a team must have a G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) of 2.0 or higher. In the event an athlete earns a GPA under 2.0, the athlete must undergo a few steps in order to become eligible.

All athletes under 2.0 GPA and above 1.5 GPA will be put on a 10 week probationary period. The athlete has to sign an Individualized Study Plan and have his/her grades checked weekly. Every 10 weeks, progress report grade must equal a 2.0 GPA. If the 10 week grade does not equal 2.0, the ISP will become nullified and the athlete will be ruled as ineligible.

Any student under a 1.5 GPA will not be eligible to participate in ANY Von Steuben Athletics.

Athletic & Competitive Activity Policies & Procedures

One purpose of the athletic competitive activity program is to provide students with wholesome competition on an interscholastic level. A necessary correlation to this purpose is the development in a student's sense of dedication and establishment of higher standards. Because participants represent their school and community, they are expected to represent a higher standard of morality, conduct and attitude. Students are expected to be exemplary year round.

All athletes at Von Steuben MSC will exhibit good conduct at all times. All athletes will be responsible for their own actions and behavior. All athletes will abide by the Chicago Public School Code of Conduct.

I agree to the following:

1. To be punctual and attend every class.
2. To remain in good academic standing.
3. To show good sportsmanship at all times.
4. To be respectful to ALL teachers, teammates, classmates, faculty and staff.

I understand that I will be suspended from the team one week for the following:

1. Unexcused absences (2)
2. Grades dropping below a 2.0 GPA or failing two (2) classes each week.
3. In or out of school suspension

In addition to the Chicago Public School Code of Conduct, the following Illinois High School Association policies and procedures are expected:

1. Exemplary moral character on and off the field.
2. Enthusiasm for self, team, sport, academics and school.
3. Confidence in self, team, and the coaching staff.
4. Commitment to academics, athletics, and the school community.
5. Good sportsmanship, which includes fair play and courteous treatment to coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials.

NOTE: Every athlete MUST sign a Code of Conduct, to be kept on file with the head coach

It is expected that PRIDE will be taken in wearing team uniforms by all athletes and treat them with respect. Equipment will only be worn at authorized events, contests and practices unless authorized by the head coach of the team.

Teams and Sport Offerings

Von Steuben MSC offers a competitive sports program in accordance with the highest tradition of athletic competition and in proper perspective to the overall educational program of our school.

Shown below is a list of sports offered during the year. They may change without notice. Students may participate in one major sport each season.

Fall sports begin in mid August, and run through October.

Winter sports begin the first week of November and continue through February.

Spring sports begin in February and continue through May.

Tryout dates are posted throughout school year on the daily information board across from Room 122. Students should check the school Web Site for current updates and schedules.

<i>Gentlemen</i>		<i>Ladies</i>
	Fall Season	
Cross Country		Cross Country
Golf		Golf
Soccer		Swimming
16" Softball**		Tennis
		Volleyball
	Winter Season	
Basketball		Basketball
Bowling		Bowling
Cheerleading		Cheerleading
Chess		Chess
Indoor Track		Indoor Track
Swimming		Wrestling
Wrestling		
	Spring Season	
Baseball		Soccer
Tennis		Softball
Track		Track
Volleyball		Water Polo
Water Polo		

** Not a recognized IHSA sport