

Parent's Role in Encouraging Quality Sportsmanship

Dear Parents,

The role of the parent in the education of a student-athlete is important. The support shown in the home is often manifested in the ability of the student to accept the opportunities presented at school, in the classroom, and through co-curricular activities.

There is a value system established in the home and nurtured in the school that young people are developing. Their involvement in the classroom and other activities contributes to that development. Integrity, fairness, and respect are lifetime values taught through athletics, and these are the principles of good sportsmanship. With them, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of the results.

A good sport, whether a student or a parent, is a true leader in the community. As a parent of a student-athlete at Mason Consolidated Schools, your sportsmanship goals need to include:

- Realizing that athletics are a part of the educational experience and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final score of the game
- Encouraging our student-athletes to perform their best
- Participating in positive cheers that encourage our athletes and discourage any cheers that would redirect that focus
- Learning, understanding, and respecting the rules of the game and the officials who administer them and their decision
- Respecting the task our coaches face as teachers and supporting them
- Respecting our opponents as students and acknowledging them for striving to do their best
- Developing a sense of dignity under all circumstances.
- Be a fan... not a fanatic!
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You can have a major influence on your student-athlete's attitude about academics and athletics. The leadership role you take in sportsmanship will help influence your child and our community for years to come.

We look forward to serving you in the year ahead and appreciate your continued support!