**New HCMHS Athletic Department Policies in Effect For 2025**

Starting August 1st, 2025, HCMHS will have a new Athletics Handbook that will incorporate all athletics policies and procedures. This Athletics Handbook will be reviewed by each head coach during their respective team’s parent/legal guardian meeting. These parent/legal guardian meetings will be mandatory for the parent/legal guardian, the student-athlete, and the coaching staff of each athletics team. Once the Athletics Handbook is gone over, each student-athlete and their parent/legal guardian will be required to sign and date an acknowledgment sheet. Once this is completed, there are other forms that will need to be signed and dated by the student-athletes and their parents/legal guardians. All of this - including a physical by a medical physician - must be completed before participation in HCMHS Athletics is allowed.

Also, starting August 1st, 2025 the HCMHS Athletic Department will implement a new Attendance Policy for fans. The new Attendance Policy for fans will be enforced as follows, **any child that is age 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult in order to gain admittance to any athletics event at HCMHS.** This policy is part of a broader initiative to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere at all HCMHS athletic events for our students, families, and the community. We at HCMHS ask that everyone please be mindful and respectful of these new Athletics Policies as we try to create the best environment possible for our student-athletes, their teams, and our fans.