

Columbia Basketball

Blue Devils

Program Philosophy:

“Fist”

Communication-Trust-Collective Responsibility- Caring-Pride

“It is amazing what a group of people can accomplish, when nobody cares who gets the credit.”-John Wooden

We will be successful if everybody is together as a single unit. The five fingers of a hand represent a team. When they come TOGETHER to form a fist they become much more powerful. Each of us alone is weaker, by far, than all of us will be if we come TOGETHER as one.

COMMUNICATION

Eye contact and honesty- “do not beat around the bush.”

TRUST

Each player must know and believe that his teammates and coaches will be there for each other.

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Everything is done together, winning & losing. No finger pointing, no blame, no excuses.

CARING

Care about your teammates, the team’s performance and the people associated with the program.

PRIDE

Everything we do has our own personal signature on it. We always want to do everything as well as we possibly can.

“Be apart of something bigger than you...TEAM.”

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Guidelines:

We are not only representing our families and ourselves, we are also representing our school and community. Be respectful to your coaches, teammates, fans and especially the officials and your opponents.

The following guidelines will be strictly enforced by the coaching staff and will be expected of you:

1. Adhere to the Columbia High School Athletic Code of Conduct-Breaking the code will result in being benched, and or suspended for part or an entire game(s).

2. BE ON TIME-

LATE FOR PRACTICE/BUS/GAMES

Practice will start at schedule times. You must show up 10 minutes early to make sure your ready to start on time. Varsity players need to be in the gym for the start of home JV games.

IF YOU ARE LATE-YOU PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER OF NOT BEING ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FOR THE DAY.

3. DRESS CODE:

AWAY GAMES:

Shirt and tie to all away games. Can wear sweat suit home from away games.

HOME GAMES: Can wear Columbia Basketball sweat suits.

4. GRADES

Columbia HS does not have an official academic policy; however, you must understand that your grades come before basketball. See a member of the coaching staff if you are having any difficulties.

If you do not dress for PE class you cannot participate in interscholastic athletics.

5. GENERAL ETHICS...BE RESPECTFUL!

Eye contact when being spoken to

Do not speak to officials

No trash talking-Do not disrespect your opponents

No profane language: sprints and push-ups will be administered

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Coaching Staff & Parent Communication:

Dear Columbia Basketball families,

The coaching staff understands that all parents:

1. Love their children
2. Want to see them on the court

Your child will know what his role on the team is and should communicate it with you, and through daily practice will be given opportunities to improve throughout the season.

The coaches will have an open dialogue with the players. If you have any concerns, i.e. grades, family or social issues, please let the coaches know ASAP.

Coaching staff will not discuss:

1. playing time
2. coaching strategy

If you need to contact me in case of an emergency please call at school (207-2368) or email me at obermayerja@egcsd.org.

Parent/guardian signature

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Program Goals:

1. To instill the principles of good sportsmanship, teamwork, and hard work, and have the players incorporate them on and off the court.
2. To compete for a Suburban Council South Division Championship.
3. To be the most competitive team, based on our ability, at the Varsity level, and develop as many players as we can on the Modified, Freshmen, and Junior Varsity levels.
4. To improve as a team, so we are playing up to the best of our ability going into the Section II post-season tournament