

# Crusader Athletic Philosophy

*“Engage the mind, elevate the spirit, and stimulate the best effort of all who are associated with the institution.”*

## Middle School Junior High Level Statement of Philosophy

To develop and build strong Christian values in our student-athletes through the spirit of competition. The mission of the athletic department ultimately, is that of the Academy’s academic program: **EXCELLENCE**.

In this context, excellence includes commitment to physical and emotional well-being, social development of our student-athletes as well as to the development of their sense of citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play. The development of individual and team skills, exertion of one’s best effort, the will to win and general conduct that brings credit to Crusader Athletics.

The measure of “excellence” when applied to interscholastic athletics means a level of performance that will frequently produce success, both on the field and in the classroom and the realistic opportunity to compete for conference and state championships. It requires that student-athletes engaged in athletics be students first, that they be admitted according to this criterion, that they progress satisfactorily towards a degree, and that their graduation rates as student-athletes not be different from those of non-athletes.

### Evaluation and Selection Process

**One Program System:** The coaches from junior high through high school varsity work together in the preseason evaluation, tryout and selection process in each specific sport.

Teams and number of participants varies in size from year to year and sport to sport.

Strive to maximize the number of student-athletes involved while maintaining a quality program and athletic experience for all involved.

### Participation and Competitive Guidelines

The interscholastic athletic program strives to maximize the number of student-athletes participating while maintaining a quality athletic experience for all involved.

Each student-athlete will have an opportunity to earn the privilege to participate through proper attendance, attitude and work ethic.

Development of fundamentals and team players are the primary goals.