

Fort Mill Schools Athletic Philosophy

The immediate success of any athletic program should not be measured in wins, losses, or championships, but by the manner that its student athletes carry themselves not only in athletic competition but outside of athletics. We must keep in mind that the athletic program is only part of the total school setting. In the educational system, athletics only supplement academics. Athletics become an extension of the classroom.

It is the responsibility of the athletic program to teach the values that are important to our society and we must recognize that winning and the desire to win is a very basic part of this society and American culture. How to win on the playing field and in life is what the athletic program is all about. How we define what a “winner” is in our athletic program will determine the impact we have on the futures of our student athletes. A “winner” is not necessarily a person that possesses the best skills on the playing field, but someone who exhibits behavior in line with values and morals that we teach through athletic competition. A “winner” is one who is respected, sought out for advice or guidance, and one whose actions serve as a positive motivator to others. Honor, dedication, and integrity are qualities inherent in a “winner.”

Student athletes are expected to not only achieve their athletic goals, but also academic goals. Athletics are a great tool of encouragement in the success of a solid education.

The Athletic Board will support and encourage our student athletes in the attainment of their academic and athletic goals set forth, as well as the adherence to the values and principals that are esteemed by our school community.