



REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOL

I really enjoy being a Warrior and cheering on our many student athletes. I am so impressed with the community support of our students and their extra-curricular activities. I sometimes see behaviors at these events that warrant a reminder of our expectations for all participants in these activities. I want our school to be a model for sportsmanship throughout Woodford County and beyond. With more and more unacceptable behavior being shown at sporting events around the nation, Germantown Hills School District #69 would like to list the following examples as to what could be deemed as acceptable or unacceptable behavior while at sporting events. Parents, athletes, and spectators are asked to use common sense when attending a sporting event at the school and to respect the opponent as well as their own athletes and coaching staff. Students and parents should understand that their *participation or attendance at a contest or event is a privilege and not a right*. Wearing a uniform or buying a ticket is not a release to act inappropriately. Those doing so will be asked to leave.

Some things that can be done to help boost team spirit:

- ✓ Applaud the introduction of players, coaches, and officials for both teams
- ✓ Accept the decisions of the officials (no matter how hard you have to bite your lip!)
- ✓ Start a cheer or chant that is in good taste or join in when someone tries to get one started
- ✓ Showing good sportsmanship to all the players
- ✓ Show concern for an injured player regardless of the team
- ✓ Clap and sing along with the school song

Below are actions that depict poor sportsmanship/unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated at GHMS:

- ✓ Yelling or stomping during a free throw, serve, field goal, etc.
- ✓ Derogatory cheers, chants, songs, or gestures
- ✓ Booming or verbal assault of an official, athlete, coach, or fan
- ✓ Yells that antagonize the opponent
- ✓ Refusing to shake hands with an opponent or official
- ✓ Taunting, profanity, or actions made to bring attention to you and away from the team
- ✓ Running around the foyer and halls during a sporting event. REMINDER: Once you leave the building, you must pay to return.
- ✓ No inappropriate displays of affection
- ✓ Bringing soda and Gatorade into the gym
- ✓ Throwing food
- ✓ Straggling after the game and not being picked up in a timely manner

Definitions:

- **Athlete:** An individual who strives to compete at his/her highest level to bring about the best possible results for the team in a positive manner.
- **Fan:** An individual who attends an event to show SUPPORT and CHEER for the athletes. A fan always looks to applaud the good play.
- **Unacceptable:** An individual who casts a dark light on what the athletes and fans are trying to achieve. The individual is always focused on the negative things and finds it tougher to find people willing to sit by him/her as the season goes on.

PLEASE BE AN ATHLETE OR FAN! GO WARRIORS!

Thank you for your cooperation.

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