

Dove Science Academy – Tulsa

Raptor Varsity/Junior Varsity Athletics & Activities



Parent & Student Handbook

2017-2018

DSA Athletics & Activities Welcome Letter

Parents & Student Athletes,

Welcome to Raptor Athletics!

In 2006, Dove Science Academy – Tulsa started a basketball program for boys and girls in both high school and middle school, and joined the OSSAA short for Oklahoma Secondary School Activity Association. Since that time, we have worked to add and refine our programs. We believe that athletics can be great for student health and self-esteem, but also motivation to keep grades at appropriate levels. For this current year, 2017 our sports will include:

Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball
Girls Slow-Pitch Softball	
Boys Soccer	Girls Soccer

Non-Athletic Sanctioned Programs will include:

Choir	Debate
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Prior to your season or the activity starting, you are encouraged to find time to visit with your coaches and/or the supporting staff that will be working with your child.

It is vital that your family feels comfortable and confident prior to committing to the season or activity. We want you to know that each coach/staff member has the best interest of all the students under his/her guidance at heart.

Our coaches/staff must donate their personal time and energy into these activities and sports, which shows their dedication. We are excited about interest in Dove Science Academy – Tulsa Athletics & Activities.

Go Raptors!!

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MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE COMPETITIVE RAPTOR ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Our mission is to provide a rigorous athletic program which complements and supports a challenging academic program by teaching students to persevere, to work well with others, and to test the students themselves.

- We believe students are our highest priority.
- We believe the dignity, worth, and self-esteem of participants should be paramount in all athletic activities.
- We believe the most important result of competition is the development of life-long values and skills.
- We believe the athletic program is an integral part of the high school experience.
- We believe high school athletics should be fun and rewarding.
- We believe well-designed athletic programs promote community and school pride.
- We believe open communication and mutual respect among coaches, parents, and athletes provide the foundation of a successful athletic program.
- We believe positive parent support and involvement enhance student growth and program quality.

DSA-TULSA ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

I. Student-athletes must meet the scholastic guidelines of the OSSAA:

OSSAA scholastic eligibility standards are required of all students engaging in co-curricular activity programs. For a complete explanation of the exact OSSAA guidelines, please make the request from the coach.

Section 1: Weekly Eligibility

- a. Official Eligibility is checked weekly by the Athletic Director and provided to the coaches.
- b. Eligibility
- c. A student must have received a passing grade in all of their classes when eligibility is checked.

d. Pupils enrolled for the first time must comply with the same requirements of scholastic eligibility. The passing grades required for the preceding 18-week grading period should be obtained from the records in the school last attended.

Section 2: Student Eligibility Mid-Semester

a. Scholastic eligibility for students will be checked after three weeks (during the fourth week) of a semester and each succeeding week thereafter. Schools may choose to run eligibility checks on any day of the week. The period of probation and ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked. Methods should be devised to check weekly grades of Career-Tech students and all concurrently enrolled students. For block scheduling, scholastic eligibility will be checked after two weeks (during third week) of the first and third blocks and each succeeding week thereafter and at the end of the first week of the second and fourth blocks and each succeeding week thereafter. Schools may choose to run eligibility checks on any day of the week. The period of probation and ineligibility will always begin the Monday following the day eligibility is checked.

b. A student must be passing in all subjects he/she is enrolled in during a semester. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in on the day of the grade check, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is still failing one or more classes during the next week on the grade check day, he/she will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period. The ineligibility periods will begin on Monday and end on Sunday.

DSA-TULSA ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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c. A student who has lost eligibility under this provision must be passing all subjects in order to regain eligibility. A student regains eligibility under Rule 3 with the first class of the new one-week period (Monday through Sunday).

d. "Passing grade" means work of such character that credit would be entered on the records were the semester to close at that time.

II. Student-athletes must meet the attendance guidelines of the OSSAA:

A student who has not attended classes ninety percent of the time for the semester in a member school becomes ineligible.

Exceptions may be made by the principal due to illness, injury, death in the immediate family, valid reasons for late enrollment, or late with the beginning of attendance. See Board Policy XLIV for supplemental on-line courses.

Question: At what point in the school year does the attendance rule begin?

Answer: Attendance for the semester begins with the first day of the semester, and continues throughout the entire semester. A student must be in compliance with the 90% attendance rule for each class in which a student is enrolled.

III. Student-athletes must meet the below age guidelines:

· Junior High

Athletes must **not** be 15 years or older on September 1st of this year.

· High School

Athletes must **not** be 19 years or older on September 1st of this year.

Athletes may not have already participated in any formal high school graduation ceremony.

IV. Annual Physical Examination

DSA-Tulsa Athletics and the OSSAA requires all athletes to undergo an annual physical examination by a licensed medical practitioner. Each sport an athlete participates in will need a copy of a current* physical examination on file.

OSSAA defines "current" as having an athletic physical exam on file that is dated no longer than 12 months from the last scheduled competition of the season/sport that he or she is registering for.

DSA-TULSA ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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V. Student Athlete in “Good Standing”

All student-athletes will be in “good standing” with all Dove Science Academy – Tulsa teachers and administrators in regards to their behavior in and out of class. And all student-athletes must be in financial good standing, up to date and current with any past due school fees prior to beginning practice in a new sport.

DSA-TULSA EXPECTATIONS

Raptor Coaches and Supporting Staff Expectations

Parents and other coaches can expect the following from DSA-Tulsa Coaches and their Supporting Staff:

- To seek to take the adversity and lessons of the GAME and teach lessons that will build character and enlarge the heart, mind and body for real life.
- To coach and care for your child as if he or she were our own.
- To be a positive role model for your child.
- To coach your child to be the best player that he or she can be.
- To provide motivation for your child to develop strong work habits.
- To provide motivation for your child to develop physically, mentally, and emotionally.
- To continually encourage your child “to do the right thing” at all times.
- To promote an atmosphere of caring and respect.
- To provide the discipline that it takes for your child to be a part of the *team* concept.
- To respond appropriately to concerns.
- To make it fun!

Student Expectations

DSA-Tulsa coaches and supporting staff as well as all other players/students, especially those younger players/students who look up and admire you expect you:

- TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN – Your actions are a reflection on the entire team/group, coaches/staff, Raptor Athletics & Activities, your school, and your community. You will be expected to demonstrate first class behavior; you must be in absolute control of your attitudes and actions and be willing to take full responsibility for them.

- TO BE UNSELFISH – In all you do, always look for ways to yield to and serve your teammates/classmates, not desiring or displaying self-centered or self-glorifying attitudes and/or actions.
- TO BE CARING – The concept of togetherness is the foundation of our team; a close meaningful relationship must exist between players/students, and between players/students and coaches/staff.
- TO BE A LEADER – Set positive examples by your actions in the following areas: Practice performance, Game performance, Demonstration of sportsmanship, Role modeling with youngsters, Being courageous and loyal in adversity, Being tough enough to stand up for what is right, Being tough enough to avoid the use of drugs, steroids, alcohol, & tobacco.
- TO BE A GOOD STUDENT – You must maintain acceptable work in your academics while striving for the highest level of academic achievement. If you are not making your grades you will be expected to do whatever it takes to get caught up so that your academic failures do not harm yourself, the team, and your teammates.
- TO BE A HARD WORKER & DISCIPLINED – The coaches will not tolerate halfhearted effort. This is a trait that is not inherited; it is learned. You must learn to do what is right in all situations. The coaches will teach and you must be willing to learn.
- FOLLOW ALL SPECIFIC TEAM RULES AND ALL SCHOOL RULES

Parent/Guardian Expectations

DSA-Tulsa Coaches and Support Staff, as well as other Raptor families expect you:

- To volunteer and serve the program
- To uplift, encourage and support the coaches/staff, team, and individual players
- To be in attendance at all of your student's games that you possibly can
- To demonstrate and promote good sportsmanship
- To take a stand against the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco and performance enhancing drugs by your student and other team members
- To express concerns in private and at the appropriate time and to the appropriate coach/staff (During or directly after a game/competition is not the appropriate time, "sleep on it for a night" is a good habit)
 - Always speak first to the one your concern is about or with
 - If you are unable to resolve the issue with your coach/staff member, then speak to the athletic/activities director.
 - If you, the athletic/activities director and coach/staff are not able to reach an agreement then you may go to the administration by written request. The request will be reviewed and if accepted, a time will be scheduled to meet with you.
- To not question coaches in regards to roster assignment, player/student position assignments, and/or game/competition-time play in a derogatory manner or inappropriate time
- To not condemn, complain or criticize the coaches, players, team, Raptor Athletics, or Dove Science Academy

RAPTOR SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Participants and participant parents/guardians shall at all times represent themselves, and the Dove Science Academy organization with honor, proper conduct, and good sportsmanship. Competitive rivalries are encouraged but disrespect for opponents lessens the value of the rivalries. Confine the competitiveness of contest to the competition itself. Behave properly at events before and after the event. Participants and coaches/staff shall comply with the rulings of the officials.

Players

Any participant who is ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct during a Raptor competition will automatically be suspended for, at least, the next scheduled Raptor competition from activities/athletics.

Ejection of any participant from any event requires a written official report to the Athletic Director within 24 hours of the ejection, detailing the incident.

The Dove Science Academy – Tulsa Athletic/Activities Director and athletic coaches / activities staff will review the report and any appeals. The Dove Science Academy – Tulsa Athletic/Activities Director and athletic coaches / activities staff reserves the right to uphold, overturn, or increase the next event suspension based on findings.

Parents and Spectators

Any parent/guardian or spectator who acts in a disruptive or abusive manner will be asked to resolve the situation or be removed by a game official, host security, game administrator, or coach. Removal can result in the dismissal of the student from the team if the situation is out of control.

COMPETITIVE ROSTER SELECTION

Depending on the number of students, and the current structure of the sport/activity, there may be a need for try-outs, especially at the High School level. In the event of try-outs, some athletes will be selected to fill the team roster, while others will not. This process will be the sole responsibility of the head coach / staff member supported by his or her assistants and the Athletic/Activities Director. This selection of a roster is a very difficult, objective process with many variables taken into consideration. Students' grades, attendance, classroom behavior, potential ability, commitment, and coach-ability are tops on the list, but by no means exhaustive. If a participant is not invited/selected to the most competitive roster, the staff and/or Athletic/Activities Director will seek to guide and direct the family to a level of play best suited for the athlete to grow and develop his or her skills. With or without a try-out, once a student has been selected for a team roster, he or she will be given the privilege and opportunity to fill a role on the Dove Science Academy - Tulsa team. Being extended the invitation to join a Raptor roster means that the coaches and/or supporting staff of that team recognize the ability, either potential or realized, for the student to develop into a competitive participant. By no means should the student or family construe the acceptance of this roster selection process as a guarantee to a starting position. The head coach may at any time make roster changes based on the needs of the teams and the players he or she oversees. Examples would not be limited to, but may include moving a JV athlete up to a Varsity roster or a Varsity athlete down to a JV roster.

COMPETITIVE GAME TIME AND PLAYER POSITION ASSIGNMENT

Competitive game time and player position assignments, like the roster selection process is a very difficult and objective process determined by the head coach and supported by his or her assistants and the athletic director. Three primary criteria are taken into account in assigning player's positions and awarding game time:

1. The coaches' evaluation of the athlete
2. The needs of the team
3. The desire of the athlete

If an athlete has questions and/or concerns regarding position assignments and/or game time play, the athlete is encouraged to speak directly with his or her coach.

RAPTOR CODE OF CONDUCT

For Students.....

I will participate with all diligence, giving my best effort at all times by:

- Attending required participants' meetings, fundraisers, practices, and competitions and arriving on time.
- Letting the appropriate coach/staff member know well ahead of time of any absences.
- Refraining from harsh criticism of my teammates, opponents, coaches/staff, and officials; speaking with respect to all adults.
- Maintaining the required academic standards.
- Appealing concerns through the proper chain of command; my coach/staff advisor, then Athletic/Activities Director, then Principal.
- Playing fairly and following the rules of my activity during practice and competition.
- Respecting facilities and equipment at home, while traveling, or at a host site; leaving them in the same or better condition than I found them.
- Meeting my financial responsibilities in a timely manner. (No pay – No play)
- Participating in fund-raising projects, and completing various tasks to help meet the needs of the Raptor organization.
- Showing respect for myself and teammates by abstaining from alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products, and endeavoring to be a law abiding citizen.

Recognizing that I am a representative of Dove Science Academy, I will abide by the following standards including but not limited to:

- I will follow the school dress code at all times while on school property.
- No shorts, skirts or dresses shorter than 6 inches from the top of the knee
- No sagging pants or shorts. Pants and shorts will be worn at the waist and no underwear, boxers, or shorts will be seen hanging over the top of the pants or shorts.
- No sheer, clinging, or tight fitting clothing or with inappropriate words or graphics.
- No visible tattoos or body/facial piercings, all must be removed while at school or at any Raptor sponsored activity.

For Parents.....

I will participate with all diligence, giving my best effort at all times by:

- Seeing that my student attends required participants' meetings, fundraisers, practices, and competitions helping them to arrive on time.
- Refraining from harsh criticism of the team, opponents, coaches/staff, and officials, speaking with respect to all adults.
- Assisting my student to meet the Raptor Code of Conduct for Students.

RAPTOR TEAM FEES

There will be a \$50 team fee to participate in Raptor Athletics for the 2017-2018 season. One payment of the team fee will cover students that play one sport or multiple sports. We also expect members of Raptor Athletic team to participate in fundraisers that will help cover the cost of team uniforms, team equipment, and travel expenses.

VARSITY LETTER / PARTICIPATION AWARDS

Student athletes that compete for Dove Science Academy are eligible for three differing athletic awards at the conclusion of the academic year.

- **Varsity Letter:** Awarded to the student/athlete whom meets the coach's/sponsor's highest recognition. The head coach for each specific activity will establish the criteria that he or she may use to identify these recipients. After determination, the student/athlete will receive a patch for his or her athletic jacket that they may purchase at their expense.
- **Varsity Participation:** Awarded to the student/athlete whom completes the season for their particular activity but has not earned merit for the varsity letter. This award shows recognition that the student participated in their activity. Student/athletes will receive a certificate.
- **Non-Varsity Participation:** All members of middle school athletic/activity teams who successfully complete their season are to be awarded a participation certificate.

These awards will be distributed at a scheduled banquet / awards dinner. Student athletes that receive these honors can identify them as items of merit on collegiate admission and/or scholarship applications and will receive full recognition by the athletic department.

**DOVE SCIENCE ACADEMY – TULSA
PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT HANDBOOK
&
RAPTOR CODE OF CONDUCT
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

ATHLETE:

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms of the:

- 1. Dove Science Academy – Tulsa Parent/Student Handbook**
- 2. Raptor Parent Code of Conduct**

I affirm that I will meet all the eligibility requirements stated therein.

Student's Signature

Date

PARENT(S)/GUARDIANS(S):

We acknowledge that we have read and agree to the terms of the:

- 1. Dove Science Academy – Tulsa Parent/Athlete Handbook**
- 2. Raptor Parent Code of Conduct**

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

**DOVE SCIENCE ACADEMY
ATHLETIC EMERGENCY INFORMATION
(This section is to be filled out by Parent/Guardian)**

PLEASE PRINT

School Year 2017-2018 Date _____

Name of Student _____

Address _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Telephone: Home _____ Business _____
Cell _____

Family Doctor _____

Telephone _____

Relative _____

Telephone _____

Relative _____

Telephone _____

In the event parent/guardian, family doctor, or relative cannot be reached, indicate your hospital preference: _____

IF CONTACT CANNOT BE MADE WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE, THE COACH/STAFF MEMBER WILL USE HIS/HER BEST JUDGEMENT TO PROTECT AND ASSIST THE INJURED STUDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOVE SCIENCE ACADEMY POLICY.

CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY CARE

BE IT KNOWN that I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, do hereby give and grant unto

(Name of Student)

any medical doctor or hospital my consent and authorization to render such aid, treatment or care to said student as, in the judgment of said doctor or hospital, may be required, on an emergency basis, in the event said student should be injured or stricken ill while participating in a school-related activity.

DATED this _____ day of _____, _____, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Parent or Guardian

Witness

STUDENT PLEDGE

I understand that participating in Dove Science Academy activities is a privilege not a right. As such, I understand and agree that I represent not only my school, but Dove Science Academy as well. I understand that the expectations of my behavior and performance are set at the highest limits. Furthermore, I agree that during all interschool contests, I will abide by the code of student conduct as set forth by the school district. I understand that a violation of the code of student conduct during an athletic event may result in my suspension from school, as well as athletics. I understand and agree that the superintendent of schools or his designee, in his sole judgment and discretion, may revoke or suspend my privilege to participate in athletics if he deems such action to be appropriate and in the best interests of the school.

Student

Date

HAZING/BULLYING POLICY

Dove Science Academy will have a standard of "Zero Tolerance" regarding hazing or bullying. Any athlete found to have engaged himself or herself in hazing or bullying of another athlete or student, on or off campus, shall forfeit their privilege to participate in activities for the duration of their enrollment in Dove Science Academy.

By signing this document, I indicate I understand and agree to accept my responsibility as described, to my school.

Student

Date

Approved:

Abidin Erez, Principal Dove Science Academy - Tulsa

**DOVE SCIENCE ACADEMY
INFORMED CONSENT
TO PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF WARNING BY PARENT/STUDENT**

I, _____, hereby
(Name of Student)

acknowledge that I have been properly advised, cautioned and warned by the proper coaching personnel of Dove Science Academy that by participating in any sports I am exposing myself to the risk of injury, including but not limited to, the risk of sprains, fractures and ligament and/or cartilage damage which could result in a temporary or permanent, partial or complete, impairment in the use of my limbs, brain damage, paralysis, or even death. Having been so cautioned and warned, it is still my desire to participate in the above sport, and should I choose to participate in the above sport, I hereby further acknowledge that I do so with full knowledge and understanding of the risk of serious injury to which I am exposing myself by participating in the above sport.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____, at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Name of Student

Witness

Parent or Guardian