

Athletic Attendance Policy

You must be in school to Participate

According to district policy, a student must attend school and all scheduled classes in order to participate in an extracurricular event, be it a game, performance, practice, rehearsal, etc. Limited exceptions to this rule may be made by the administration on a case-by-case basis for compelling extenuating circumstances.

Being a member of a Carmel interscholastic team is a privilege, therefore, attendance is mandatory. Commitment to a team takes priority over all other activities. If there is a conflict, the athlete must inform their coach. The following are guidelines related to an athlete's absence from team activities:

- All absences need to be communicated to the coach as soon as the athlete is aware he/she is going to be absent.
- First **unexcused** absence: Warning and notification to parents by the coach or athletic director.
- Additional **unexcused** absences: Discretion of the coach in collaboration with the athletic director. Consequences may include suspension of play or removal from the team.

Excused absences include but are not limited to:

- Death in family, illness, emergency situations, recruiting trip
- Extra help/support with Carmel's staff, or small mandated educational programming
- Religious observation
- Legal absences from the school day as outlined by the districts attendance policy.

Unexcused absences include but are not limited to:

- Intentional enrollment in an activity or program that conflicts with team schedule and operation. Examples include but are not limited to Driver's Ed, private tutor, music/dance lessons, employment, family vacation, non-Carmel sporting events (club, travel, AAU, etc.)