

THE SHERMAN SCHOOL



Interscholastic and Intramural Handbook

2019-2020

INTRODUCTION: The extracurricular program at the Sherman School aims to provide students with the opportunity to develop values and attitudes that will benefit them both now and in the future. The school offers a wide variety of activities such as Interscholastic Athletics, Intramurals, School House Company, Talent Show, and an array of programs sponsored through the Fine Arts Committee.

PROGRAM GOALS:

1. To promote self-esteem that reinforces a positive attitude.
2. To provide an environment that fosters: self-discipline, self-motivation, work ethic, teamwork, and excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities
3. To provide programs for students, faculty, and community that will generate a feeling of unity and school pride.
4. To provide a rewarding experience for the student.
5. To develop skills to enable students to reach their potential.

List of Extracurricular Programs offered at the Sherman School:

Interscholastic Athletics:

Fall Season: Boys Soccer
 Girls Soccer

Winter Season: Boys Basketball
 Girls Basketball
 Cheerleading

Spring Season: Boys Baseball
 Girls Softball

GUIDELINES

All students must fill out an Emergency Medical Form before the first practice/rehearsal (form attached and also [available through PowerSchool Parent Portal/eCollect](#)).

Students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities if they have maintained at least a "C-" average for all core subjects in the past marking period, unless:

- a. they have received an "F" in any subject, or
- b. they have received two "4s" representing poor effort/attitude, or
- c. they have received an "F" on their mid-term progress report and are presently in danger of failing.

Students receiving "4s" and/or an "F" may be reinstated after a satisfactory progress report from the classroom teacher. For the first marking period of the school year, the last marking period of the previous school year will be used to determine eligibility.

Students who have received a discipline referral form and are in detention shall not participate in extracurricular activities that day.

In order to participate in extracurricular activities, students must be in attendance that day no later than 11:15 a.m. If a student is absent or leaves early due to illness, they may not participate in a practice or game.

ATHLETIC PHILOSOPHY

As stated in its philosophy, the Sherman School is committed "to the whole of each child" in "all areas of growth and development," including the area of athletics.

Participation in sports, whether at the interscholastic level or at the intramural level, offers our students the opportunity to learn the game, to practice the game, and to play the game. In interscholastic competition, our students are uniquely privileged; they represent the Sherman School on the fields, the courts and the diamonds.

At either level, interscholastic or intramural, students are expected to play their best; winning being nothing more than playing to win.

In order for the Sherman School teams to compete with other school teams, it is important that they are composed of the best players. It is for this reason that tryouts exist. Simply, in interscholastic competition, players compete to make the team.

To encourage the fullest athletic participation and to enable all Sherman School middle school students to play sports as members of teams, efforts will be made to offer intramural programs throughout the school year.

POLICIES GOVERNING ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:

Travel

Student athletes must travel to and from games on the team bus, unless their parent/guardian has given written permission to the coach for other travel arrangements.

Discipline

Any student athlete who initiates a fight in the course of an athletic contest in which his/her team is participating may be immediately dismissed from the team for the balance of the season.

Verbal and/or physical abuse of officials or coaches by a student athlete will result in immediate dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.

Athletic Team Captains

Selection as a captain of an athletic team is an honor. Each sport/coach will determine how the captain(s) will be selected.

Physical Education

Students not participating in Physical Education class the day of a contest will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities.

Dismissal from Team

Students failing to attend full practices and/or games, with or without an injury, shall be removed from the team upon their third unexcused offense. Excused absences would include: an absence from school, a written doctor's note or prior permission from the coach/advisor.

The Sherman School's Equal Opportunity Plan/Nondiscrimination Policy is Policy 0521 in the Sherman Board of Education Policy, Regulations and By-Laws Binder. The Sherman School Title IX coordinator is Principal Jeff Melendez at the Sherman School, 2 Route 37 East, Sherman, CT 06784.

Directions to area schools: Can be found on the website:

http://www.shermanschool.com/athletics/opponents_directions

GENERAL POLICIES/PROCEDURES:

Due Process

Extracurricular participation is a privilege, not a right. In the event a student or parent/guardian has a concern, the concern should be in writing and addressed to the Head Coach/Advisor. Unresolved concerns should progress through the following steps:

1. Athletic Coordinator
2. Superintendent-Principal
3. Board of Education

Substance Abuse

Use and/or possession of an illicit drug (including anabolic steroids, alcohol, and tobacco) will result in the immediate dismissal from all extracurricular activities for 90 days.

Medications

Any use of medication prescribed by a physician shall be immediately reported to the Coach/Advisor by the parent of the student.

Eligibility/Tryouts

Cutting is the most unpleasant task a Coach/Advisor has to do. In order for a group to be reduced to a workable size, candidates must be prepared to accept the possibility of not being selected. The Coaches/Advisors are solely responsible for the selection of participants. Eighth graders who participated the previous year will be given preference over other students with equal talent.

All students involved in extracurricular activities are required to turn in permission slips signed by their parents/guardians.

While students are covered by an EXCESS INSURANCE policy provided by the Board of Education, the family's personal insurance will apply first. (Bills not covered by the family's medical insurance are to be submitted to the school insurance company with the proper forms.)

Intramural Athletics:

The Sherman School holds Intramural Sports after school. A variety of activities are offered depending on the coordinator/coach and the interest of the students. Activities may include basketball, soccer, Fun Friday, tennis, and golf.

SHERMAN SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC
SPORTS PERMISSION SLIP

This form is also [available through PowerSchool Parent Portal/eCollect](#).

I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the Sherman School's Interscholastic and Intramural _____ Program. I understand that my insurance company is responsible for all injury costs, and the school's interscholastic insurance policy coverage goes into effect only after my coverage has been exhausted for that particular incident.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date: _____

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

The following signatures acknowledge that we have read and understand all that is incorporated in the Sherman School Interscholastic and Intramural Handbook and will abide by these policies. This form is also [available through PowerSchool Parent Portal/eCollect](#).

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian _____

Date _____ Signature of student _____

SHERMAN SCHOOL EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

This form is also [available through PowerSchool Parent Portal/eCollect](#).

Student Name _____ D.O.B. _____

Address _____ Phone _____

PURPOSE: to enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for athletes who become ill or injured while under school authority when parents or guardians cannot be reached.

Part I: TO GRANT CONSENT: In the event reasonable attempts to contact me at one of these phone numbers, _____ or _____ or another guardian at _____ have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of treatment deemed necessary by preferred physician Dr. _____ or preferred dentist Dr. _____, or in the event the designated preferred practitioner is not available, another licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of the child to New Milford Hospital or any other hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinion of two other licensed physicians or dentists concurring in the necessity for such surgery are obtained prior to the performance of such surgery. Facts concerning the child's medical history, including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments to which a physician should be alerted:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Part II: REFUSAL TO CONSENT: I do *not* give any consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the school authorities to take no action or to: _____.

Date: _____ Signature: _____