



Athletic Training

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Dear Parent and Prospective Student Athletic Trainer:

This letter is to introduce you to the Athletic Training Program at Jarrell Independent School District. Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in becoming a Student Athletic Trainer. In this letter we will try our best to give you an idea of what you and your son/daughter might expect if they become involved in this program.

Your son/daughter will be asked to complete the application which will require the signature of both the student and the parent. This will allow us a brief review on grades, class conduct, and overall attitude. From this information we will be able to begin the evaluation process. We are looking for students who enjoy helping people, working hard, and have the ability to show initiative. Being a student athletic trainer requires hard work as well as long hours.

It is required that the student maintain a "C" average during all UIL grade checks to be involved in the Athletic Training Program. It is important to us that each student athletic trainer is motivated to do well in the classroom. It is our belief that those students who are motivated in the classroom will also be motivated to be good student athletic trainers.

If selected, your son/daughter will be placed on a short probationary period to see if they meet our standards and make sure that being a student athletic trainer meets their expectations. This job will help them to mature and learn responsibility as well as time management skills. They will be exposed to many new people, places, and experiences. It is our hope that this will be a very enjoyable and rewarding time for your son/daughter.

As a student athletic trainer, your son/daughter will be assigned to work with designated teams. The students will then be assigned practices and home and away games to cover. It is a very rewarding and educational program to anyone who is interested in sports medicine, but I always like to make parents aware of the time commitment that is involved because the majority of the time the parents will be the ones dropping their child off early and picking them up late. Every student will get a schedule ahead of time, so that they know when/where they are working. Next year students will be expected to work their assigned morning, treatments, practices, home games, and away games. Your son/daughter will also be required to work on some school holidays and weekends depending on which sport they are assigned. During the season, they will be working between 15-25 hours a week outside of school. Participation at the assigned events is mandatory and will comprise a major component of your grade in the Sports Medicine I class.

The hands on fieldwork in conjunction with the sports medicine class will teach your son/daughter emergency care, evaluation techniques, taping and bandaging techniques, rehabilitation techniques, and many other healthcare related topics and techniques.

If you have any questions regarding our program please feel free to call or email me and set up a meeting to discuss the program in further detail. Each student who wishes to become a part of the Student Athletic Training Program must apply for the program prior to the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

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