

Basketball Season 2019

Important Information and Guidelines

The purpose of this informational packet is to help facilitate a safe, successful, and enjoyable basketball season for our students. Please take time to review this packet with your child. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Behavioral/Academic - Student athletes are held to a high standard. Whether they are in or out of uniform, they are representatives of the Alexander Elementary School as well as the town of Alexander. There are athletic policies outlined in the student handbook that communicate both academic and behavioral expectations. Students who do not adhere to these expectations will be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including removal from the team. It is important that all students and parents/guardians review these expectations. If you would like another copy of the student handbook, please contact the school or visit our website for the digital version.

Uniforms / Dress - Players will be issued uniforms prior to the season with instructions on how to care for the uniforms: cold wash on gentle cycle, hang dry only. To avoid stains **players are not allowed to eat while wearing only their uniforms**, we ask that if a student eats while in uniform that it be covered by a t-shirt and sweatpants/shorts. Students are expected to adhere to all normal school dress codes during the season.

Home Games - The building is open at 5pm, students are not allowed to enter the building prior to 5pm unless arrangements have been made with the coach and/or principal or unless their parent(s) are volunteering for the game. We ask that students not be in the building prior to 5pm without permission because staff members and volunteers will be occupied with setting up concessions and preparing the gym for the upcoming game. During the game we ask that, for safety reasons, non-player students and children be supervised and avoid loitering in the hallway and bathrooms. We also ask that for safety reasons (i.e. dirt/snow on the court) no boots or street shoes are allowed on the interior of the basketball court before, during half-time, or after the game.

During games, players are required to be seated with the team on the bench to show support for their team and be available for the coach.

Away Games - Throughout the season the bus will leave at various times after school, depending on the distance required to travel (departure times to be added to the schedule soon). Students are expected to arrive on time for boarding the bus and to be picked up in a timely manner upon returning from an away game. Departure times are usually strict to allow the team adequate time to travel to the opponent school, get changed, and warm-up before the game.

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Transportation - **Any changes to a student's riding situation must be included in a written note from that student's parent/guardian and given to the coach** (i.e. riding on the bus to the game but going with a family member after the game). It is critically important to communicate these changes to the coach before and after the game. While traveling the coach is the primary responsible party for our athletes.

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No student can be released to another adult without the explicit permission of that student's parent/guardian. Signed notes to allow for the release of a student to another adult besides that student's parent(s) can be dated for the entire season and can be provided to the school prior to the start of the season. The notes must be signed by a parent/guardian, dated, and identify to whom the student may be released.

Cancellations - During the season it may be necessary to cancel games and/or practices due to weather and other circumstances. Should the need arise, notices of cancellations shall be delivered to parents/guardians in as timely a manner as possible. It is common practice to monitor the weather closely and come to a decision before the close of the school day (2:30pm), as weather patterns constantly evolve throughout the day. It is the ultimate decision of the traveling team to motion for a cancellation of a scheduled game due to weather.

Volunteers - The AES athletics program relies heavily on parent/guardian volunteerism for success. Volunteers working in conjunction with staff members are critical to providing our students with an enriching and fulfilling athletic experience. There are several ways a parent/guardian can help:

- Admissions Table (Girls and/or Boys Game)
- Concession Stand (Girls and/or Boys Game)
- Time/Score Keeper (Girls and/or Boys Game)
- Scorebook Keeper (Girls and/or Boys Game)

We are now using the online tool **signup.com** to easily facilitate volunteers. You will **not** be required to register, keep a password, or create an account. If you are able to help for one or more shifts during the home games, please use the link below or visit our website and check the 'sports' tab. On the school website you will find a calendar of all regular season games and the link for signup.

To sign up visit: **<http://signup.com/go/eKnsOxB>**

After accessing the link you will find options to sign up for shifts during our girls and boys home games. You will **not** be required to register, keep a password, or create an account. Should a cancellation occur, it will also be reflected in signup and you'll receive a notification that the game has changed.

We will reach out to all volunteers prior to the first home game so that you can become familiarize with your role.

Thank you for your time and support!