

# Linden Community Schools

Athletic Policy Handbook

LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Students and Parents  
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# **Linden Community Schools Student Athletic Code Handbook**

## **Message to Students and Parents**

This handbook is presented to you because of your interest in participating in our interscholastic athletic program.

The primary purpose of the athletic program in the Linden Community School District is to promote the physical, mental, social, emotional, and moral wellbeing of the participants. It is the hope of the Linden Community Schools that athletics in our schools will be a positive force in preparing our young people for an enriching and vital role in our society.

The athletic program is considered an important and integral part of the total school program and is open to participation by all students in the Linden Community Schools. Through voluntary participation, the athlete gives time, energy and loyalty to the athletic program. The student also accepts the training rules, regulations, and responsibilities that are unique to an athletic program. In order to contribute to the good of the program, the athlete must assume these obligations as the role demands sacrifices not required of other students.

In addition to the *Student Athletic Code Handbook*, student athletes are also governed by the discipline code of their school and team.

**Linden Community Schools is a tobacco free district, which includes all premises, vehicles and parking lots.**

Please visit our website at:

[lindenathletics.com](http://lindenathletics.com)

# Linden Community Schools Directory

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The mission of the Linden Community Schools is to work cooperatively with students, parents, and the community to nurture all learners to be self-directed and to strive for excellence with confidence and integrity.

## **Athletic Department Philosophy**

Athletic participation is an integral part of the Linden Community Schools. Athletic participation is a privilege, not a right. Student-athletes represent Linden's schools and, therefore, are obligated to follow District, department, and team rules and regulations.

Varsity level sports shall reflect the belief that athletics is a competitive experience, and, therefore, not all athletes receive the same participation opportunities in games. Sub-varsity sports are intended to teach fundamental skills and to give students an opportunity to participate. All students on freshman and junior varsity teams will play in game situations provided they have fulfilled academic and team requirements.

Finally, athletics is only a part of the entire school program. Academic achievement of the student-athlete shall be the foremost priority. All athletes are expected to adhere to the academic guidelines as established in the student code of conduct and by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

## **Directory Information and Confidential Records**

The District's academic and athletic staffs keep many student records. There are two basic kinds of records: directory information and confidential records. Unless parents of the student restrict the sharing of directory information in writing to the principal, when requested, this information can be given to any person or organization for non-profit making purposes. Directory information is explained in more detail in District Policy 8330, located on the District website.

## **Linden High School Athletic Offerings**

<b>FALL</b>	<b>WINTER</b>	<b>SPRING</b>
Freshman Girls Volleyball	Freshman Girls Basketball	JV Softball
JV Girls Volleyball	JV Girls Basketball	Varsity Softball
Varsity Girls Volleyball	Varsity Girls Basketball	JV Baseball
Boys Cross Country	JV Competitive Cheer	Varsity Baseball
Girls Cross Country	Varsity Competitive Cheer	Girls Track
Freshman Football	Varsity Ice Hockey	Boys Track
JV Football	Freshman Boys Basketball	JV Girls Soccer
Varsity Football	JV Boys Basketball	Varsity Girls Soccer
Varsity Girls Golf	Varsity Boys Basketball	Boys Varsity Golf
JV Girls Golf	JV Wrestling	JV Boys Golf
JV Boys Soccer	Varsity Wrestling	Girls Varsity Lacrosse
Varsity Boys Soccer	Varsity Co-Ed Ski	Freshman Baseball
	Varsity Boys Bowling	Boys Varsity Lacrosse
	Varsity Girls Bowling	Boys JV Lacrosse
	Varsity Gymnastics	Girls JV Lacrosse
		Freshman Softball

Student athletes should consider time, interests, academic responsibilities, and team requirements before committing to a team. Some varsity sports are very competitive, and team selection and playing time cannot be guaranteed.

## **Section I - Rules and Regulations for Athletes**

It is important to recognize that while participating in interscholastic athletics, athletes are still governed by school rules and policy. Students may receive disciplinary action such as detention, suspension, or expulsion for offenses committed during athletic play.

### **A. Governing Rules**

The rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) must be followed as minimal regulations where more stringent district, league, school, or team rules are not specified.

### **B. Duration of the Athletic Code**

The rules and regulations in this code shall apply to any violations from the time that a student-athlete becomes eligible for participation in athletic contests sponsored by the school district until the student-athlete graduates from high school. The code of conduct for athletes is in effect 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, year round.

**C. Supplemental Rules and Regulations**

Supplemental rules and regulations unique to a given sport may be implemented upon the approval of the principal and athletic director provided that they are not in conflict with the athletic or student codes. These rules will be presented to participants in writing prior to the start of the season, except under special circumstances as approved by the athletic director.

Violation of these rules may be cause for disciplinary action by the coach or building administration.

**D. Conduct of the Athlete**

Any civil law infraction, arrest, and/or vandalism associated with athletic equipment and facilities or conduct by a student-athlete that is determined by school administration to be detrimental to the athletic program, school, or school district can result in disciplinary action as severe as dismissal from the team and/or athletic department.

**E. Hazing**

The Linden Community Schools and the Linden Athletic Department do not condone or tolerate the hazing of students involved in any extracurricular activity on or off school property.

Any reported incident of hazing will be investigated on an individual basis. Any student who is found to have participated in the hazing of another student will be disciplined. The disciplinary action will include a meeting with the student and his/her parent/guardian and may be as severe as expulsion from school and a permanent loss of privileges in the Linden Community School District.

Hazing is defined as any type of initiation procedure for any school-related activity which involves conduct such as but not limited to

- A. illegal activity;
- B. physical punishment or infliction of pain;
- C. intentional humiliation or embarrassment;
- D. dangerous activity;
- E. activity likely to cause mental or psychological stress;
- F. forced detention or kidnapping; or
- G. undressing or otherwise exposing initiates.



**NOTE:**

If the school club or organization does not have an official and approved initiation procedure, and if no school staff is involved in the activity, there is a significant likelihood that the activity may result in violation of this policy.

**F. Sportsmanship/Language/Conduct**

- Student-athletes must exhibit good sportsmanship both in and out of competition. They are to show respect for all opponents, officials, coaches, and other people with whom they may come into contact.
- The use of vulgar or profane language is unacceptable anywhere and at anytime.
- Fighting, taunting, or otherwise provoking conflict with opponents or spectators will not be tolerated.
- Any actions or behavior by studentathletes that are judged to be inappropriate by coaches or school administration may also result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the team.
- Any student who is ejected from a contest will be ineligible for participation in the next contest in accordance with MHSAA rules. In addition, the athlete may be ineligible for at least one additional contest enforced by the Linden Community Schools. Athletes may be subject to additional discipline deemed appropriate by the athletic director. Suspensions from play cannot be served concurrently.

**G Dress Policy**

1. All student athletes will be expected to meet the minimum standard for the school dress code while at practices, games and other school-associated activities, except for those instances where the expected uniform or training equipment is less than the dress code allows (i.e. a swimsuit).

Interpretations of this requirement include, but are not limited to:

- a. Male athletes in sports such as football, basketball, soccer, etc. must always wear a shirt and shorts while participating in team activities. Such apparel must meet the same standard that would be expected during the school day.
  - b. Female athletes may not practice or participate while only wearing a sports bra or the equivalent.
2. When teams travel to away sites, they will have two options for where they may change into uniforms:
    - a. At LHS/LMS in a locker room or bathroom prior to leaving for their contest.
    - b. At the host facility in a locker room or bathroom. Should the athletes not be aware of the availability of proper changing facilities at the away school, then they are to change at LHS/LMS prior to leaving.

Students (male and female) are not to change (remove clothing down to only underwear, bare chest, etc.) while on a school bus or in the public domain (i.e. in a gym behind a bench.)

#### **H. Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Use**

The possession or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, drug paraphernalia, or tobacco products shall fall under the following regulations which pertain to all students involved on an athletic team. (Note: Student-athletes are expected to avoid association at activities where the illegal use of alcohol or drugs is present. **The student-athlete must make a conscious effort to leave the area or situation when he/she realizes that a controlled substance is being used or is in his/her presence. A student's presence at such area or situation will result in the same disciplinary action as a student who is in possession of or using alcohol, drugs or tobacco.**

Athletes will be disciplined whenever a referral is made to the coach and/or school administration based on the following: (1) being caught in the act by school personnel, or authorities; (2) police report or court action brought to the attention of school personnel; (3) self-admittance resulting from investigation of an incident.

Violation of the rule involving the possession, association with, or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or tobacco products will result in the following:

##### **A. First Offense:**

Student athlete is suspended from competition for 21 calendar days, not to exceed 1/3 of scheduled competition. This suspension will carry over for the athlete if in between seasons. The athlete will be placed on athletic probation for one year.

- The student-athlete must meet the following criteria during the 21 day suspension:
  - Register no discipline related referrals.
  - Maintain academic eligibility.
  - Avoid any negative situations or behavior off school grounds.
- A final reinstatement review will be conducted prior to the student athlete becoming eligible for contests.
- The athletic suspension will commence upon receipt of a substance abuse assessment and/or notification of the student-athlete's enrollment in a substance abuse treatment program, as well as a letter of reinstatement to the athletic department.

- The student-athlete and parent(s)/guardian must provide proof of assessment and/or enrollment. Linden Community Schools will not be financially responsible for the chosen assessment or program.
- The suspension can be appealed to the building principal in writing. There will be no guarantee of playing time upon a student-athlete's reinstatement. All decisions of the building principal are final in matters pertaining to athletics.

B. Second Offense: An athlete involved in a second offense will be suspended from athletic participation for one calendar year.

C. Third Offense: An athlete involved in a third offense will be suspended from athletic participation for the remainder of their high school career.

### **I. Performance Enhancing Drugs**

Many nutritional/dietary supplements contain banned substances. In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not strictly regulate the supplement industry; therefore, purity and safety of nutritional dietary supplements cannot be guaranteed.

Impure supplements may lead to a positive drug test. The use of supplements is at the student-athlete's own risk. Student-athletes should contact their physician for further information. Possession or use of any National Collegiate Athletic Association banned drug is not permitted and shall subject the student to the same penalties that have been established for possession/use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs.

The Department of Community Health shall develop, periodically update and make available to school districts, public school academies and nonpublic schools a list of performance-enhancing substances. The Department of Community Health shall base the list on the list of banned drugs contained in the Bylaws of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

### **J. Suspension From School**

Athletes suspended from school are not permitted to attend practices or games at any facility, home or away, during the period of their suspension.

### **K. Transportation**

Athletes will ride to and from athletic contests on school supplied transportation when available. Athletes may ride home from a contest with their parents or authorized adult provided their parents have signed the transportation waiver form. When the district does not provide transportation, athletes may use personal vehicles provided that said athlete is a licensed driver, has permission of the coach and athletic director, and parents have signed the transportation waiver form.

Written arrangement between the parents, coach, and athletic director must be made 24 hours prior to the contest or scrimmage.

Matters of convenience are not considered acceptable for granting of the wavier. Repeated disregard to this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Parents/Guardians must understand that their signature on a release form for alternate transportation waives their child's coverage through the MHSAA insurance plan.

**L. School Attendance on Day of Contest**

Students must be in school a minimum of three (3) class periods the day of a contest in order to participate in that contest. Prior arrangement must be made with the athletic director if a student must be absent any part of the day of a contest before the player is permitted to participate.

**M. Attendance at Mandatory Practices**

Unexcused absence or tardiness to practice will be handled by the coach of each sport and could result in suspension or in persistent cases, dismissal from the team. A student is expected to be in attendance at school for a minimum of three (3) class periods to participate in a practice. If it is reported that a student fails to meet this obligation, the student's coach will be notified of his/her prohibition from that day's practice.

**N. Sunday/Holiday Practices**

Sundays should remain a day free of student activities. Athletic teams should not practice on Sunday unless they have a Monday contest. If a practice must be held on Sunday, practice cannot be considered mandatory.

When practices are scheduled during holiday/vacation periods, students must prearrange in writing with the coach if they will not be in attendance. Games scheduled over these time periods are considered part of the regular season, and arrangements must be made with coaches if a student must miss participation during this time.

**O. Practices / Games on Inclement Weather Days**

At no time will the Linden Community Schools demand that an athlete place his/her safety or the safety of anyone else in jeopardy. Practice sessions will not be held on days that school has been cancelled because of inclement weather unless the athletic director has given clearance. If practice is allowed, it will be considered non-mandatory.

In the case of inclement weather / school cancellation, the district administration shall make the determination to continue to participate in a scheduled athletic event, postpone the event to a later date, or cancel the event completely. In any case, the administrative decision shall be communicated through the athletic director.

**P. Dual Participation**

Once an athlete has started practicing in a sport, he/she may not change to another sport during that season without permission of the athletic director and both coaches. If an athlete is cut from a team in one sport, he/she is able to try out for a team in another sport.

A student may not participate in more than one sport in the same sports season without prior approval of the athletic director. The student must devise a plan of participation and receive the written approval of both coaches involved prior to the start of the season. The student must also declare one sport his/her primary sport and participate in all contests and mandatory practices of that sport unless the coach of that sport has granted prior approval. If a student fails to uphold his/her agreement as laid out in his/her written plan, he/she will be required to drop his/her second sport.

In the event that there are overlapping seasons, a student must complete his/her obligation to the prior sports season before beginning the next season. Under no circumstances will any student be forced to try-out for a team until his/her current season has ended.

**Q. School Equipment**

It is the responsibility of the student athlete to return all school-issued equipment to the appropriate coach at the end of the season. Equipment will not be accepted in the athletic office or the main office. Equipment should be returned clean, and any needed repairs should be noted at the time of return. Any lost, stolen, damaged, or non-returned equipment and uniforms are the financial responsibility of the student. He/she will not be permitted to participate in any other extra-curricular activity until equipment is returned or reimbursement is made.

**R. Student Conduct in School**

Student-athletes are expected to adhere to all school rules and regulations. Failure to comply with school and individual classroom rules may result in disciplinary action by the athletic department, coach, or building administration.

**S. Cell Phones**

Cell phones are to be used for emergencies only. Cell phone use is prohibited in all locker room areas. Failure to comply will result in the confiscation of phone

and possible disciplinary action by the coach, athletic director, and/or principal.

The use of video cell phones on school-sponsored transportation is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will result in the device being confiscated and possible disciplinary action by the coach, athletic director, and/or principal. The use of audio (music) cell phones / electronic devices will be left to the discretion of individual coaches.

## **T. Fundraising**

The Linden Board of Education will allow fundraising by students in school, on school property, or at school sponsored events only when the profit made is to be used for school purposes or for an activity connected with the school.

### In School/On School Property

All fundraising activities by school organizations whose funds are managed by the District must receive prior written approval of the principal and superintendent.

### Off School Property

All fundraising activities off school property must receive the prior written approval of the principal and the superintendent. No door to door sales or solicitations are allowed.

## **Section II - Eligibility for Participants**

### **A. Enrollment**

1. First Part of the School Year: A transfer student who enrolls before the fourth Friday after Labor Day is eligible on Dr. Martin Luther King Day regardless whether or not classes are held that day.
2. Second Part of the School Year: A transfer student who enrolls before the fourth Friday of February is eligible on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Eligible for the start of the next school year.
3. Exceptions to this rule are outlined in the bylaws of the MHSAA and be reviewed by visiting the MHSAA website for further details and explanation for exceptions.

### **B. Transfer Students**

Students must have moved to a new school district accompanied by all persons with whom they were previously living or must have transferred for equally valid reasons. The parent(s) or guardian(s) must check with the athletic director under all conditions.

### **C. Age**

A student who competes in any high school interscholastic athletic contest must be under nineteen (19) years of age. If a student becomes nineteen on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> of a current school year, he/she is eligible for participation for the balance of that school year.

### **D. Semesters of Eligibility**

A student who has been enrolled in grades 9-12 for more than eight semesters, as defined by the MHSAA, shall not compete in any athletic practice or contest.

### **E. Seasons of Competition**

A student shall not compete in athletics who has been enrolled in grades 9—12, inclusive, for more than 8 semesters or 12 trimesters.

### **F. Physical Examinations**

A student-athlete must have a current physical on file signed by a medical doctor and taken after April 15th in the athletic office prior to competing in any athletic practice or contest. Physical examinations for athletics shall be the responsibility of the parents. There are no exceptions to this rule.

### **G. Academic Eligibility**

The Linden Community Schools take great pride in emphasizing the academic accomplishments of the students in our schools. The student-athletes must meet minimum requirements in order to participate in athletics.

- Students are required to pass 4 out of 6 classes per semester to be eligible for participation in Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) sponsored activities and extra curricular activities sponsored by LHS.
- Deficiencies in credits of the previous semester, including incompletes may be made up during a subsequent semester. Eligibility may be reinstated once the credit has been regained.
- Eligibility checks will take place on all extra-curricular activities weekly. **All** students who are failing a class are required to attend “Study Table” on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the following week from 2:30 to 3:30. Students who fail to attend study table will be suspended from athletic participation for the first offense and will be dismissed from the team on the second offense.

- Students who are failing one class per week will be put on probation; they are eligible to practice and compete in contests as long as they attend study table. If they continue to fail the same class in the following week they will be ineligible for a one week period.
- Students who are failing two classes are immediately ineligible for a minimum of a one week period and as stated must attend study table.
- Eligibility week runs from Sunday to Saturday.
- Eligibility list will be compiled by the athletic office and distributed to teaching staff on Thursday morning for review and updates. The teaching staff may update grades until 3:00pm on Friday. The final eligibility will be distributed to coaching staff no later than 5:00pm on Friday afternoon.
- Students with an IEP must be meeting the requirements of their IEP in order to participate.
- Students who are ineligible are expected to attend mandatory practices and team meetings but will not be permitted to dress with the team during contests.
- This process of reviewing grades for athletic eligibility will begin with the second week of the first and second semesters.

Appeals of the academic policy will take place as follows:

#### Level One Hearing

A student who wishes to appeal his/her eligibility must make his/her request to the athletic director before 12:00 p.m. on Monday. The assistant principal or the athletic director will hear the appeal. The basis for granting eligibility is the existence of clearly established extenuating circumstances.

#### Level Two Hearing

A student who is not satisfied with the decision of the level one hearing may appeal the decision to the building principal. The student will be permitted to continue in extra-curricular activities during the appeal process. The appeal will take place no later than the following Tuesday, and decisions of the building principal in matters of athletic eligibility shall be final.

### **H. Amateur Status**

Student-athletes cannot have received money or other valuable considerations from any source for participation in athletics, received money or valuable considerations for officiating interscholastic athletic contests, or signed a professional contract.



## **I. Outside Athletic Competition**

A student-athlete cannot participate in any athletic team competition in the same sport during the same season or cannot participate in a post-season all-star charity or exhibition game in football, basketball, competitive cheer, or ice hockey at any time.

## **Section III - Athletic Awards**

A. Students cannot accept any award for athletic performance other than an emblematic award. The value of an award may not exceed \$25.00.

B. School awards for athletic participation are as follows:

Freshman Award:	Certificate Numerals (one time only)
Junior Varsity Award:	Certificate First Issue of Numerals
Varsity Award:	Certificate Varsity "L" First Issue of Numerals

Pins and certificates for additional varsity level participation.

Please Note - Because of the different dynamics of the sports offered at Linden High School, awarding varsity letters will be left to the determination of varsity coaches.

In addition, teams will have the option of presenting awards to the team's Most Valuable Player, Most Improved Player, and one other award determined by the coach.

All athletes in the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades who earn a varsity letter and maintain a GPA of 3.5 or better are awarded a Scholar Athlete Award in the form of a certificate by the Flint Metro League.

Students who compete in all three sport seasons, (Fresh/JV or Varsity, during the academic year will earn the "Triple Threat Award".

C. Any athlete dropped from team membership for disciplinary reasons will not be eligible to receive a letter, certificate, or other recognition and awards established for members of the team. Athletes dismissed from the team will not be considered to have completed the season in good standing or to have met the awards requirements.

## Section IV - Appeals Procedure for Athletes

In cases of dispute, athletes and parents are asked to consult with the coach involved to resolve the dispute. Decisions by the coach should be appealed to the athletic director if there is not satisfactory relief received in consulting with the coach. Decisions of the athletic director may be appealed to the building principal. All decisions of the building principal are final in matters pertaining to athletics.

## Section V - Participation Fees

All students participating in extra-curricular activities in the Linden Community Schools will be required to pay participation fees. These fees will apply per student, per season of competition.

Fees for the current school year are as follows:

High School

\$125.00 one-time fee for the academic year.

Trainer Fee (High School Only)

\$50.00 one-time fee for academic year.

Individual participation fees and the high school trainer fee must be paid by the first scheduled official contest. Fees will be collected in the athletic office during regular office from 9:00 am to 3:00pm. Students who have not paid will not be able to participate in a contest until their fees have been paid unless they have approval of the athletic director.

Fees are not refundable. Voluntary withdrawal, lack of playing time, academic ineligibility, or disciplinary actions taken by the coach or administration will not be the basis for refunding fees.

Failure to pay participation fees will result in the loss of the opportunity for participation. If a student's family has financial difficulty in paying participation fees, that student will not be denied the opportunity to participate. Any student who wishes to participate but is unable to because of financial hardship should contact the athletic director. Fees can be delayed or partially/fully waived in exchange for services provided to the athletic department. With prior notification of and approval from the athletic director and building administrator, a parent may volunteer in a district building for a credit to be applied toward participation fees.

## **Section VI - Parent/Coach Communication**

### **A. The Parent /Coach Relationship**

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, people are better able to accept the actions of others and provide greater benefit to the student. As parents, when their children become involved in athletic programs, they have a right to understand what expectations are placed on their child. This begins with clear communication from the coach.

### **B. Communication Parents Should Expect from Their Child's Coach:**

1. Expectations the coach has for a child as well as all players on the squad.
2. Locations and times of practices and contests.
3. Team requirements such as fees, special equipment, and off-season conditioning.
4. Procedures should a child be injured during practice or competition.
5. Written team rules and guidelines.
6. A requirement for earning letters on each team.

### **C. Communication Coaches Expect from Athletes:**

1. Notification of any schedule conflicts in advance.
2. Special concerns in regards to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As student athletes become involved in the athletic programs in the Linden Community Schools, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there will also be times when things do not go the way the student would like. At these times, discussion with the coach is encouraged.

### **D. Appropriate Concerns for Parents to Discuss with Coaches**

1. The physical and mental treatment of their child.
2. Ways to help their child improve.
3. Concerns about their child's behavior.

It can be very difficult for parents to accept that their child is not playing as much as they may hope. Certain things can and should be discussed with their child's coach. Other things, such as the following, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

### **E. Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss with Coaches:**

1. Playing Time
2. Team Strategy
3. Play Selection
4. Other Student Athletes

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These meetings are encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

**F. Conferences with Coaching Staff**

1. An appointment must be made with the coach.
2. If the coach cannot be reached, the parent should call the athletic director. He/She will set up a meeting for the parent.
3. Please **DO NOT** attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for parent, athlete and coach. Meetings of this nature seldom promote positive resolutions.
4. Failure to adhere could result in dismissal and/or banning from future athletic contests.

**G. What Can a Parent do if the Meeting with the Coach Did Not Provide a Satisfactory Resolution?**

1. Call and set up an appointment with the athletic director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting the appropriate next step will be determined.

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**Acknowledgement of Receipt**  
**Student-Athlete**

I have read and understand the information provided in this document. I understand that this handbook is meant to provide a framework for policy in the Linden Community Schools and is not all encompassing. Situations that may arise will be dealt with on an individual basis.

By participating in athletic programs in the Linden Community Schools, I agree to adhere to the rules of my school, my team, and the athletic department.

Failure to read and understand this document does not excuse me from violation of district, school, team, or athletic department policy.

Print **Student** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student** Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement of Receipt**  
**Parent**

I have read and understand the information provided in this document. I understand that this handbook is meant to provide a framework for policy in the Linden Community Schools and is not all encompassing. Situations that may arise will be dealt with on an individual basis.

By allowing my child to participate in athletic programs in the Linden Community Schools, I agree that he/she will adhere to the rules of his/her school, his/her team, and the athletic department. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Failure to read and understand this document does not excuse me from violation of District, school, team, or athletic department policy.

Print **Student** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent** Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>If you request that your child NOT be photographed by the Linden Community Schools or any newspapers, magazines, media outlets, etc. for publications or productions related to Linden High School, the Flint Metro League, or MHSAA athletic events, you must notify the athletic director, in writing, prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year.</p>
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