

# **CLARKSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**2009 – 2010 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK  
FOR STUDENT/ATHLETES AND PARENTS**

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## **Dear Parents and Student/Athletes:**

Welcome to the Clarkstown Central School District's Interscholastic Athletic Program. This handbook is presented to you because you have been selected to participate in interscholastic athletics.

Parents and student/athletes are encouraged to carefully read the entire handbook. This booklet contains information that is important throughout a sports season.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our interscholastic program please call Mr. Vincent Louthier, the Athletic Coordinator at South High School at 845-624-3448, Ms. Tess Brogan, the Athletic Coordinator at North High School at 845-639-6580, or Dr. Robert M. Smalt, the Athletic Coordinator at the Middle School at 845-624-3970 x 5315.

## **Title IX**

The Clarkstown Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to sex, color, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap discrimination on any of the bases mentioned above are available. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to:

Dr. Carol Gannon, Title IX and Chapter 504 Coordinator for Students, Dr. Deborah O'Connell, Title IX and Chapter 504 Coordinator for Employees, Clarkstown Central School District, 62 Old Middletown Road, New City, New York 10956 (845)-639-6300. Copies of the grievance procedure to follow if you feel you have been discriminated against because of sex or handicap are available in all school and guidance offices and the Office of Human Resources.

## **A Philosophy of Interscholastic Athletics**

The Clarkstown Board of Education encourages participation in athletic activity by interested and qualified students. The goal of the interscholastic athletics program is to encourage such participation and to allow students to benefit from competing at a level appropriate to their interest and ability.

## **A Code of Ethics**

The Clarkstown Central School District embraces the code of ethics of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.).

It is the duty of all concerned with student athletics to:

1. Emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
2. Eliminate all possibilities which tend to destroy the best values of the game.
3. Stress the values derived from playing the game fairly.
4. Show cordial courtesy to visiting teams and officials.
5. Establish a happy relationship between visitors and hosts.
6. Respect the integrity and judgment of the sports officials.
7. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.
8. Encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by players on the team.
9. Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of individual players.
10. Remember that an athletic contest is only a game—not a matter of life or death for player, coach, school, fan or community.

## **Athletic Participation Numbers**

It is the policy of the Clarkstown Central School District that, to the extent student interest permits; every interscholastic team sponsored by the Clarkstown Central School District shall be a complete team. A complete team is defined as one in which all of the available slots are filled. The number of available slots on a team will be determined by Clarkstown Central School District Board of Education Policy

**Athletic Eligibility for Students –**  
**N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Inc.**

The following list of standards are the rules of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. and apply to students in grades 7-12. All Athletes must meet all standards of eligibility for practice and competition. “All schools agree to abide by the minimum eligibility rules adopted by the Central Committee in all interscholastic competitions.” NYSPHSAA Inc. Constitution, Article II. (2). For further details the NYSPHSAA handbook can be found at [www.NYSPHSAA.org](http://www.NYSPHSAA.org)

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## **Physical Education Requirement**

Athletics are an outgrowth of the Physical Education Program. Students who demonstrate outstanding skill, attitude and effort are those encouraged to participate in athletics. However, the wide range of activities in Physical Education gives the students an excellent background in physical fitness, lifetime sports and team sports. Because of the importance of Physical Education, all athletes will be required to participate in Physical Education throughout the year.

Athletes who are currently failing Physical Education will be ineligible to compete in interscholastic athletics until their grade is satisfactory.

### **What are the daily eligibility rules for athletes?**

To be eligible to compete in a daily athletic event (game, practice, meet, etc.) you must:

- Attend every class on your schedule on the day of that event;
- Must participate in physical education;
- Not spend 20 cumulative minutes in nurse's office.

If you fail to do so you will be ineligible to participate in that day's event.

Students who are not in class but are properly accounted for, and in the school environs, by means of a legal pass will be exempt from this policy. Students who need exemptions for other reasons not associated with school events (doctor's appointments, legal appointments, etc.) must provide a note from a parent that serves to make the absence from school a legal absence. If you fail to do so, you will be ineligible.

If you participate in an athletic event and have not attended every class that day you will be in violation of this policy. You will be suspended from the next two regularly scheduled games.

### **Responsibilities of a Clarkstown Athlete**

It is an honor and privilege to represent your school. It is not a right. As an athlete on a Clarkstown team, you represent yourself and your family, your school and your community. Your conduct before, during and after games will reflect on you and everyone else associated with your school and the school district.

We want our athletic teams to succeed. Many of our athletes have been successful college athletes and still others hold league, section and state



records. But, most of all, Clarkstown teams are recognized for competing hard and fairly. Your challenge is to set high standards and to achieve them.

Being on an athletic team requires sacrifices. You must make choices between all of the activities that are appealing to you. **Please understand that by participating in interscholastic athletics, you are making a commitment to your coach and to your teammates.** Attending practices and games is an essential part of that commitment. Keeping yourself in shape and choosing not to smoke cigarettes and consume any drugs including alcohol are a part of that commitment. Maintaining your academic standing is crucial.

In the pages that follow, your responsibilities are described in more detail. If you have any questions about anything that you read, please ask. Your coach and your school's athletic coordinator will be glad to answer your questions and to help you in any way they can.

### **Responsibilities to Yourself**

The most important of these responsibilities is to broaden you and develop strength of character. You owe it to yourself to get the greatest possible good from your secondary school experience. Your studies, your participation in other school activities as well as athletics, prepare you for your life as an adult. Therefore you are expected to remain in good academic standing. You are expected to refrain from smoking cigarettes, drinking alcoholic beverages and/or using illegal drugs of any kind.

## **Responsibilities to Your School and Community**

By participating in athletics to the maximum of your ability, you are contributing to the reputation of the school and community. Therefore you are expected display proper citizenship and to conduct yourself properly on and off the playing field at all times. In short, you will conduct yourself in a way that reflects well on your school and community.

### **How do I get from games and practices?**

It is the preference of the Clarkstown Athletic Departments that all athletes are transported to and from contests by school authorized vehicles. When the need for an exception arises a written request from the parent or guardian to transport their child must be provided in advance and approved by the athletic coordinator and coach. It is understood that you must be traveling with your parent or guardian only—not other family members, friends, etc.

### **Can I change sports?**

If a student athlete has been cut from one team, it is legitimate to tryout for another team where final cuts have not been completed. Permission from the Athletic Coordinator and coaches involved is necessary. The athlete must understand that practices are sport specific and cannot count from one sport to another.

### **Accessing daily schedules and Directions to schools**

A parent/guardian or student may access the daily schedule of your team and locate directions to Section One Schools by going on line to: **[www.section1athletics.org](http://www.section1athletics.org)**

### **Daily Sports Information**

Daily sports schedules, changes and cancellations are available by calling the North High School, South High School and the Middle School telephone numbers below:

North High School	-	845-639-6580
South High School	-	845-624-3448
F. F. Middle School	-	845-620-2008 (Hotline)

### Clarkstown's Athletic Teams

<u>Fall</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>7 &amp; 8</u>
Boys Cross Country	X	X		X
Girls Cross Country	X	X		X
Dance Team	X			
Girls Field Hockey	X	X		X
Football	X	X	X	X
Girls Soccer	X	X		X
Boys Soccer	X	X		X
Girls Swimming	X			
Girls Tennis	X	X		X
Boys Volleyball	X			
Girls Volleyball	X	X		X
Cheerleading	X	X		
 <u>Winter</u>				
Boys Basketball	X	X	X	X
Girls Basketball	X	X	X	X
Dance Team	X			
Boys Swimming	X			
Ice Hockey	X			x – 7,8,9
Boys Winter Track	X			
Girls Winter Track	X			
Boys Wrestling	X	X		X
Girls Gymnastics	X	X		
Boys Skiing	X	X		
Girls Skiing	X	X		
Cheerleading	X	X		
Boys Bowling	X			
Girls Bowling	X			
Fencing	X			
 <u>Spring</u>				
Boys Baseball	X	X	X	X
Boys Golf	X			
Girls Golf	X			
Boys Lacrosse	X	X		X
Girls Lacrosse	X	X		X
Girls Softball	X	X	X	X
Boys Tennis	X	X		X
Boys Track & Field	X			X
Girls Track & Field	X			X
Crew (Girls/Boys)	X			

## **Issuing of School Uniforms & Equipment**

Uniforms and equipment are essential parts of athletics. They protect you and identify you as a team member. At the beginning of a season, you will be issued uniforms and equipment. Any equipment required for your sport and not provided by the school must be provided by you. You must take care of your equipment. Any equipment needing repair must be brought to the coach's attention immediately. You are responsible for all of the equipment issued to you.

It is your responsibility to return to the coach all clothing and equipment issued during the season. If you do not do this in a timely fashion, you will be required to pay to replace the missing article(s). If you do not pay for the missing articles you will not be allowed to participate until the obligations are met.

## **Games and Practice Sessions**

Team members must be present and on time for all scheduled practice sessions and games. Any athlete who is present in school but absent or late to the athletic activity without permission from the coach will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. That action ranges from a warning to suspension to dismissal from the squad. Remember that once you have been placed on a team roster, you are making a commitment to that team for the full season. “Games and practices may be rescheduled on short notice and students are expected to attend.” Exceptions for non-attendance at scheduled practice sessions and games are limited to:

1. Sickness
  2. Emergency appointments (e.g., doctor, dentist, college visitation)
  3. Funerals
  4. Religious obligations
  5. Special examinations, tests or overlapping seasons
- It is the student's responsibility to inform the coach in advance (if possible) prior to missing a practice or game.

## **Conflicts with Other School Activities**

An individual student who attempts to participate in too many activities will undoubtedly be in a position of conflicting obligations. The Athletic Department recognizes that each student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in school activities and, to this end, will attempt to schedule events in a manner so as to minimize conflict. The athletes and

parents/guardians must realize that many times schedules cannot be changed because of league or section regulations or facility usage.

Students have a responsibility to do everything they can to avoid continuous conflicts. This would include being cautious about belonging to too many activities where conflicts are bound to happen. It also means notifying the coaches involved immediately when a conflict arises, not the day of the conflict.

### **Athletic Participation**

Students electing to join school teams are required to participate in all practices, scrimmages, and competitions. Such participation is essential to achieving and maintaining physical fitness and to installing positive values such as good citizenship and sportsmanship. Honoring this commitment also avoids disruption to the team's improvement and success in competitions. Therefore, attendance at practices, scrimmages, and contests is required except in the case of an unavoidable excused absence (e.g. illness).

Penalties which will be associated with unexcused missed practices and missed games as well as a failure to complete the full season including postseason games are detailed below.

### **Attendance**

- A. Athletes who voluntarily fail to complete the season will be suspended for 25% of the next season they choose to participate. The athlete will not be eligible for post season recognition, receive a varsity letter, certificate (FFMS), or be eligible to attend the athletic dinner for their respective sport.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE A SEASON includes the last game or match, whether occurring at the end of the regular season, playoffs, or in a post-season tournament (BOE Policy #6334).

- B. Unexcused absence from practice including practice missed during school vacations.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Offense

Before the athlete is eligible to participate in a game, he/she must attend a regularly scheduled practice.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense

The athlete will miss a game.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense

The athlete will miss two games.

(Attendance continued)

C. Unexcused Absence from a game

1<sup>st</sup> Offense

The athlete must sit out the next regularly scheduled game before they are eligible to participate.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense

The athlete must sit out the next two regularly scheduled games before they are eligible to participate.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense

Repeated Offenses same as number 2.

**What about academics?**

You are a student athlete; your responsibilities as a student come first. You must realize that your main purpose for attending school is to receive an education (high school diploma). As an athlete, you must plan your schedule so that you give sufficient time and energy to insure acceptable grades. Athletes are encouraged to take advantage of the extra help and tutoring as needed. You must attend class, schedule the appropriate number of classes and remain in good academic standing in order to participate in interscholastic sports.

## **Substance and Supplement Use and Abuse**

The use or possession of illegal drugs, performance enhancing substances alcoholic beverages or tobacco products **is prohibited**. These products are a detriment to sound health and athletic improvement. The use or possession of these substances or any other illegal substance by any student/athlete shall not be tolerated either in school or out of school throughout the year, and shall result in consequences.

### **Violations in training rules**

In the event an athlete fails to comply with the above mentioned athletic standards, it will be interpreted by the Athletic Department as an indication that the athlete does not have sufficient desire to participate in our program.

Athletes will be suspended for 25% of their season (scheduled games) for a 1<sup>st</sup> offense and will be removed from the team for a 2<sup>nd</sup> offense during the season.

Students (with parents/guardians present) in all cases will be given due process, prior to the school's final decision.

### **Suspension from school**

"A student on in-school suspension shall be ineligible for any athletic event (practice, scrimmage or competition) on that day.

A student on out-of-school suspension shall be ineligible for any athletic events during the period of suspension. Misbehavior as an athlete may also result in suspension from school."

### **Hazing – Hazing is not permitted under any circumstances.**

It is a Clarkstown Central School District Policy of the Board of Education that no person be subjected to harassment while on district property or while involved in a district related activity. All forms of harassment, such as "hazing" as defined in this policy, are particularly troublesome and deserve special attention. The Board of Education finds that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and are prohibited at all times.

### **What is hazing?**

"Hazing" is defined as any behavior exhibited by students or other persons towards students arising in the context of so-called initiation rites for new

club or team members, or students new to a school or the district, or activities of a similar nature, whose intent or effect is to degrade, demean, humiliate, place at risk of physical or emotional harm, cause physical or emotional harm, or place at risk of punishment by school or civil authorities.

Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Any type of physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking or placing a harmful substance on the body.
- B. Any type of physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, confinement in a restricted area, rigorous calisthenics or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
- C. Any activity involving the consumption of any alcoholic beverage, drug, tobacco product or any other food, liquid, or substance that subjects the students to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student.
- D. Any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects a student to extreme mental stress, embarrassment, shame or humiliation, that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from remaining in school or in the club, team or activity involved.
- E. Any activity that causes or requires the student to perform a task that involves violation of state or federal law or regulation, or of the school district's policies or regulations.

### **Consequences of Hazing (Punishment)**

A student who hazes another student may lose the privilege of playing a sport for Clarkstown. Any student who is found to have participated in a hazing activity will be subject to suspension for all or part of the sports season in which the incident occurred. In addition, that student may be prohibited from participating in other sports in other seasons, as well.

- A. A student engaged in hazing shall be subject to discipline, including possible suspension or expulsion, according to Education Law Section 3214, Policy 5150 and Administrative Regulation 515.
- B. A staff member engaged in hazing shall be subject to discipline, including possible suspension without pay or termination, according to the applicable sections of the Education or Civil Service Law, associated regulations, and the district's policies and regulations.
- C. Any person engaged in hazing on district property or while involved in a district activity shall be subject to removal from the property or the activity.



D. In addition, since hazing which causes physical harm or which tends to cause physical harm is a crime punishable under Penal Law Sections 120.16 and 120.17, activities of such a nature shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials making any person engaged in criminal hazing subject to possible prosecution.

### **Reprisal**

The District shall discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor or other employee of the school district who retaliates against any person who makes a good faith report of alleged hazing or against any person who testifies, assists or participates in an investigation, or against any person who testifies, assist or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such hazing. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal or harassment.

### **Notice**

Written copies of this policy will be distributed to all district students and employees, and volunteers where applicable, following its official adoption by the board. In addition, this policy will be incorporated into building, staff, and student handbooks and will be the subject of discussion at employee staff meetings or in-service programs. Students participating in interscholastic athletics and school sponsored clubs shall agree in writing to abide by this policy.

### **Wellness and Safety**

All Clarkstown coaches are New York State certified with current certification in First Aid, CPR, and A.E.D. Each coach is responsible for guiding their student/athletes through practices, scrimmages and games appropriate to their age and level of play. These activities are conducted so that the physical welfare, health, and safety of the participants are protected and fostered. The coach teaches physical skills, moral values and proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play in accordance with the Clarkstown Athletic Philosophy.

### **Athletic Trainers**

The athletic trainer provides emergency service for student/athletes and develops prevention strategies through appropriate training methods and physical conditioning program. To insure proper follow-up after an injury, the trainer consults with parents, the school nurse and/or the school physician.

Any student/athlete under treatment by a private physician must have written permission from his/her physician in order to return to active status in the sports program. The chief school physician must be consulted in situations that warrant further review.

### **Benefits of Conditioning**

The obvious benefit of superbly conditioned athletes is the potential for the team or individual to compete at the highest possible level. A well-conditioned team is usually a successful team. However, the real benefits of conditioning are long term. Simply, we want our student/athletes to be exercisers for life. The health benefits derived from a regular exercise program are well documented. Developing lifelong habits to improve or maintain cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and endurance and flexibility is an important goal for anyone involved in our athletic program. With this philosophy, one can understand why practice sessions are considered as important if not more important than contests.

### **Getting Ready to Play**

Prior to the start of each season the coach will conduct a sign up meeting. At this time you must indicate your interest in the sport. Important information will be distributed at this meeting prior to first practice or try-out session.

#### **Forms required to participate in interscholastic athletics:**

1. Athletic Emergency Card completed (submit to the School Nurse)
2. Muscular skeletal exam (by our school trainer)
3. Health History Update form completed (submit to the School Nurse)
4. Read interscholastic handbook for student/athletes and parents and return the signed Rules and Regulations form on the last page of the booklet and return it to your coach.

Turn in all medical paper work to your School Nurse in your building/wing.

#### **Becoming Medically Cleared:**

- \* Physical exams are offered free twice a year, once in late spring and prior to the winter season. Physical exams whether given by the school or family physician are considered current for 12 continuous months and must run through entire sports season.
- \* Private physical exams must be submitted and approved by the School Nurse.
- \* Students will not be allowed to try out if the school nurse does not medically clear them.
- \* An Athletic Emergency card must be completed each season.

## What do I need to do to play College Athletics?

### A. Apply to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Clearinghouse

### B. Meet the Requirements for NCAA Initial Academic Eligibility

You need to complete the following:

1. Graduate from high school;
2. Complete core course requirements;
3. Present a minimum grade-point average (GPA) in those core courses;
4. Present a qualifying test score on either the ACT or SAT; and
5. Complete amateurism questionnaire and request final amateurism certification.

#### **DIVISION I**

##### **16 Core-Course Rule**

##### **16 Core Courses:**

4 years of English.  
3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).  
2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).  
1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.  
2 years of social science.  
4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

#### **DIVISION II**

##### **14 Core-Course Rule**

##### **14 Core Courses:**

3 years of English.  
2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).  
2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).  
2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.  
2 years of social science.  
3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

**Division III** – Eligibility is based on academic acceptance by the institution. Athletic scholarships are not provided.

### C. Athletic ability to compete at any collegiate level is determined by the recruiting institution.

If you are interested in participating in collegiate level athletics go to [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) for more information and inform your guidance counselor and coach.

### **What Clarkstown Athletes Cannot Do!**

1. Cannot participate against Any College Level Team during the season!
2. Cannot compete for money or other compensation (travel, meals, or lodging).
3. Cannot participate in athletics under an assumed name.
4. Cannot participate in athletics unless taking 4 subjects and Physical Education.
5. Cannot play in an All-Star game unless the game is sanctioned and their eligibility in that sport is over.
6. Students are discouraged from bringing money, jewelry, or any other valuable items to the athletic or the Physical Education locker room area at any time! Middle school students should lock their valuables in their school locker. High school students should use one of their school assigned lockers.

## **Fair Play Agreement**

Promoting sportsmanship in Clarkstown Athletic Programs is an essential part of the athletic experience. Student-athletes develop physically, socially and emotionally through athletics. It is crucial for parents to encourage their children to uphold the values of good sportsmanship. In addition, parents of student-athletes are expected to be models of good sportsmanship by demonstrating fairness, respect, self-control and ultimately leading by example.

**For the athlete and parent:**

**I agree to be responsible for my words and actions while attending and participating in Clarkstown Athletic Programs and agree to abide by the following Fair Play Agreement:**

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
4. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect.
5. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
6. I will always respect the rules of the district, coach and contest.
7. I will show appreciation for good players and good plays, even if by the opponents.
8. I will demonstrate control of my temper at all times.
9. I will demonstrate great sportsmanship at all times.

**I agree that if I fail to follow the Fair Play Agreement while attending or participating in a Clarkstown Athletic Program home or away event, I will be subject to disciplinary action. Including but not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning issued by a school official, school designee or game official.
- Written warning issued by a school official or designee.
- Immediate ejection from a contest by a school official, school designee or game official.
- Suspension from multiple athletic events by school official or designee.
- Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by a school official or designee.



**RETURN TO YOUR COACH**

We (as indicated below) agree to the terms stated in the Clarkstown Central School District's Athletic Handbook for student/athletes and parents/guardians.

We have read and understand the information in this Handbook and will support the Athletic Department in assuring that all rules, procedures, and Policies will be followed and upheld.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Athlete

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sport

\_\_\_\_\_  
Level

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parents Permission for the Publication of Student  
Work/Pictures/Video Image, & Voice**

I understand that from time to time the school may wish to publish examples of a student's projects, photographs of students, and other work and images on an internet accessible World Wide Web server.

I also understand that the District may take photographs, videos, tape recording of students in connection with producing promotional material for the district, motion pictures, brochures, or the like, and will have perpetual right to use or to put the finished pictures, negatives, videos, and any sound track recordings, and recordings which may be made of students' voices, or likenesses, to any legitimate use that the district may deem proper for the promotion of the school district, all without notice of use, compensation, or expectation of same.

Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check (all that applies)

- My child's work **can be published** on the internet.
- Photographs of my child **can be published** on the internet.
- My child's video image & voice **can be used** for district promotions and presentations
- I do not want** photographs that include my child to be published on the internet.
- I do not want** my child's work to be published on the internet.
- I do not want** my child's video image & voice to be used for district promotions and presentations.

Parent's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_