

RIDGEFIELD PARK ATHLETICS

At Ridgefield Park J/S High School, Interscholastic Athletics are an important part of the overall educational experience of our students. Nationwide studies have shown that students involved in extracurricular activities, including sports, achieve better grades, have better attendance, manage their time more efficiently, and have fewer discipline issues. Our philosophy at Ridgefield Park is to provide our student athletes with safe and positive programs that afford each athlete the opportunity to reach their greatest potential, both athletically and personally.

Being a part of an Interscholastic Athletic program requires a great deal of responsibility and commitment from our students and their families. Outlined below is some basic information that will assist you in understanding how a competitive interscholastic program is conducted.

1. Sports registration on Genesis: Genesis registration must be completed by parents of athletes in order to participate in athletics; see the Genesis registration cheat sheet below. All forms can be found on the [Ridgefield Park J/S High School website](#). Parents must sign off on all forms online.
2. Additional Forms: Physical Examination, Health History, and Covid forms are required each year; these are the only forms accepted on paper. They must be downloaded and printed off the [Ridgefield Park J/S High School website](#). Physical examinations, as of the 2021 fall season, must be performed by a doctor trained and certified in the Student-Athlete Cardiac Screening PD Module. Doctors must sign off on all physical exam paperwork.
3. Transportation: As a member of an interscholastic program, students must travel to and from away contests on the school provided transportation in order to participate in the scheduled event.
4. In each program, coaches are hired to be responsible for that program. Team selection and student placement on teams can be a subjective process. It is the right and responsibility of the coaching staff to select the team with whom they will work with throughout the entire season. It is our hope that a student who is not selected for a team will pursue participation in other programs sponsored by the athletic department.

Regardless of the time spent in actual competition, being a member of an athletic program allows student athletes to learn many valuable lessons including: citizenship, sportsmanship, teamwork, commitment, loyalty, respect for others, winning and losing with dignity, self control, and responsibility.

Communication among coaches, parents, athletes, and the Athletic Director is an important component to the success of our athletes and teams. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding your child's participation in our programs.

Sincerely,

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Coaches Contact Information

Fall Season:

Football: Christopher Rapp: crapp@rpschools.net
Boys Soccer: Brian Haines: hainesbr@kean.edu
Girls Soccer: Ryan Fells: rfells@rpschools.net
Cross Country Co-Ed: Dennis Murri: dmurri@rpschools.net
Girls Tennis: James Mazzarisi; jmazzarisi@rpschools.net
Volleyball: Rachel Healy: rhealy@rpschools.net
Sideline Cheer: Sara Graves: sgraves@rpschools.net
Middle School Cross Country: Jessica Luciano: jluciano@rpschools.net
Middle School Volleyball: Amanda Lax: alax@rpschools.net

Winter Season:

Boys Basketball: Christopher Gaskin: cgaskin@rpschools.net
Girls Basketball: Amanda Lax: alax@rpschools.net
Wrestling Co-Ed: James Suess: jsuess@rpschools.net
Winter Track Co-Ed: Nicholas Faulkner: nfaulkner@rpschools.net
Bowling Co-Ed: Melissa Iannacone: miannacone@rpschools.net
Competition Cheer Co-Ed: Sara Graves: sgraves@rpschools.net
Middle School Boys Basketball: Ryan Fells: rfells@rpschools.net
Middle School Girls Basketball: Bernadette Calocino: bcalocino@rpschools.net

Spring Season:

Baseball: Scott Papetti: spapetti@rpschools.net
Softball: Gregory Hansen: ghansen@rpschools.net
Track and Field Co-Ed: Dennis Murri: dmurri@rpschools.net
Boys Tennis: Ryan Fells: rfells@rpschools.net
Middle School Baseball: Christopher Gaskin: cgaskin@rpschools.net
Middle School Softball: Jacquelyn Farrington: jfarrington@rpschools.net
Middle School Track and Field: Jessica Luciano: jluciano@rpschools.net

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HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD

1. Log into your [Genesis](#) portal
2. Click on forms.
3. Next, click the Athletic Participation (Fall, Winter, Spring) link.
4. Read the first two Boxes and confirm. Select the sport your child wants to play.
5. Continue to read the information and confirm that you did so.
6. Print out a copy of the Pre participation Athletic Physical form. You complete page one (1) and your Doctor fills out the rest.
7. Print out and complete the New Health History Form. These two forms must be handed in to the Nurse by the deadline.
8. Dr. Meese our school Doctor will sign off on the physical then your child will be cleared for participation.
9. All deadlines for submission of physicals and Genesis registration must be met, or your child will be delayed, or not able to participate at all.

Finally, all forms and information can also be found on our [website](#), including a helpful [video](#).

GO SCARLETS!!!

For livestream click below

[RP athletics YouTube channel](#)