



Scholar-Athlete Participation Information

Dear Parent and Scholar-Athlete,

Thank you for your interest in participation. We are excited to offer a vibrant athletic program that exemplifies a spirit of excellence that supersedes winning and losing. We welcome you to join our athletic director, coaches, scholar-athletes, and parents in continuing to build Classical Prep's tradition of athletic success through effort, teamwork, commitment, and sportsmanship.

The information outlined in this packet will serve as a guide for successful participation. All parents and scholar-athletes are expected to understand and abide by these rules and all team-specific rules. It is your responsibility to follow them to their fullest.

Mission Statement

Classical Preparatory School's logic and rhetoric athletic program facilitates sports programs of excellence as defined by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). By participating in the FHSAA, Classical Preparatory will promote interscholastic athletics that will provide lifelong learning experiences to scholar-athletes while enhancing their achievement of educational goals. Our goals are to provide the value of teamwork, respect, pride, commitment, hard work ethic, good sportsmanship, and the development of a winning culture while competing at a very high level. Through our athletic program, we strive to carry our mission into all aspects of scholar-athletes' lives.

Classical Preparatory School's athletic director, athletes, coaches, and parents believe:

1. Being a Classical Preparatory scholar-athlete is not a right but a privilege; with that privilege comes responsibility.
2. Our scholar-athletes will develop leadership characteristics through athletic competition that carries into the classroom and life.
3. Our scholar-athletes are expected to act as role models within and outside the school community.
4. Self-discipline and good sportsmanship are the foundation of our athletic program.
5. Personal and team pride builds respect and character, which creates strong friendships through athletic competition.
6. We will compete at a high level while providing a fun experience.

The following pages contain information specific to scholar-athletes and parents. Please read thoroughly and acknowledge your understanding and agreement. Thank you again for your interest in CPS Athletics!

Eligibility Requirements

Classical Preparatory School scholar-athletes are held to a high standard of excellence. Each high school scholar-athlete is also held to the FHSAA code of conduct. School-specific guidelines, requirements, and consequences are implemented to participate in sports at all grade levels. All issues of eligibility will be brought to the attention of the athletic director and upper school administration team. The athletic director will make the final recommendation(s) to the administration.

All scholar-athletes, regardless of age or grade, must follow the Classical Preparatory School code of conduct to participate in our sports program. In addition, all high school scholar-athletes must follow FHSAA guidelines.

1. Grades

- Rhetoric Scholars - Scholar-athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA average or higher (FHSAA Regulation). Any scholar in default of the minimum 2.0 GPA on the most recent semester report card is immediately ineligible for participation.
- Logic Scholars - Must maintain passing grades and may not have any Fs, or they may become ineligible to participate.
 - Grade Grace Period: If a scholar-athlete has an F in a course during the season, they will be ineligible to participate for two weeks. If the grade is not raised at the end of the two-week period or the end of the quarter, the athlete will be ineligible to continue the season.
 - If the failing grade is due to a special circumstance, this must be communicated to the coach and the athletic director.

2. Scholar-athletes who have received two after-school detentions or an in-school suspension during a grading period will be referred to the athletic director who will make recommendations on consequences which may include game suspension. Those who exceed this may become ineligible for the sports program until the next grading period begins.
3. Any out-of-school suspension from school warrants the scholar-athlete to be ineligible for sports. When a new grading period begins, the scholar-athlete may be permitted to participate again. However, after two suspensions in one school year, the scholar-athlete loses all sports team privileges for the remainder of the school year.
4. All scholar-athletes must attend every class on a game day. The athletic director and principal may revisit excused exceptions.
5. Scholar-athletes must attend all fully scheduled practices to play on game day. The athletic director and coach may revisit excused exceptions.
6. A scholar-athlete desiring to drop from a team after making the final roster will result in a consequence from the athletic director with regard to participating in future school sports. Exceptions might include grades, home issues, or transportation challenges.
7. Scholar-athletes are allowed to wear their team spirit shirts on game days, but the rest of the school uniform is required.

Message to the Scholar-Athlete

Classical Preparatory School has built a tradition of athletic excellence and success, and we take great pride in this tradition. We know this will take all of our scholar-athlete's dedication, commitment, and hard work to continue. As a Classical Preparatory scholar-athlete, you must continue to strive to uphold this high standard of excellence.

Once you have become a member of a Classical Preparatory team, you have made a decision to uphold high standards of athletics in this community:

1. Exhibit appropriate behavior at all times

Your participation in athletics is a privilege and should be treated as such. Any time you wear the navy and gold, you are representing yourself, your family, your school, and the entire Classical Preparatory community. Your behavior should always be above and beyond, regardless of any and all circumstances.

2. Appropriate use of language

The use of profanity, obscene gestures, or abusive language is a serious breach of Classical Prep's Student Code of Conduct. If a scholar-athlete demonstrates this disrespect toward school officials, contestants, spectators, game officials, teammates, or his/her coaches, the scholar-athlete will be suspended for a minimum of two games.

3. Self-respect and responsibility

Take extraordinary pride in whatever you do. Demonstrating great character, positive values, excellent behavior, and excellent sportsmanship is paramount in scholar-athlete excellence. Following through on your commitments, practicing, and playing with pride to the best of your ability, will help foster a great sense of accomplishment for all to be proud of.

4. Responsibility to your school

Being a scholar-athlete for Classical Preparatory, you become more than a team member of our school. Our scholar-athletes take on leadership roles when they are on one of our athletic teams. The student body and families of our community know you. The student body, the community, and opponents judge our school by your conduct and attitudes, both on and off the field/court. This leadership role is dynamic in our community, and you can make a positive contribution to school spirit and community pride. In addition, you are a role model for younger scholar-athletes.

5. Academics

While Classical Prep's primary focus will always be academics, the school embraces extracurricular activities as a secondary way to advance its vision. Scholar-athletes must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA average or higher in high school (FHSA Regulation). See Eligibility Requirements below.

Message to the Parents

Participation in sports provides a wealth of opportunities for our children. Athletic experiences will assist them in personal and academic growth. As a parent/guardian of a scholar-athlete, you're committing yourselves to particular responsibilities and obligations outlined in our Athletic Code. Your signature on the Athletic Code and your child's signature indicates that you understand and accept those responsibilities and obligations and agree to cooperate with school personnel in enforcing the Athletic Code. Athletic Code compliance is essential to the success of the athletic program.

Failure to comply with the Athletic Code may lead to discipline and possible expulsion from the team. In addition, high school scholar-athletes are also subject to discipline under the FHSAA (Florida High School Athletic Association) Code of Conduct.

Good sportsmanship is expected from our fans and spectators at all times during athletic events. **You need to be a positive role model.** Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship will result in removal from the event and/or future events. We believe athletics is an integral part of a school experience, both as a competitor and spectator.

Transportation

At this time, transportation will be provided by a parent or legal guardian of the scholar-athlete.

The following will apply for transportation by private vehicle:

- The coach and/or sponsor is to notify and receive permission from the Principal or designee to transport scholars to athletic contests by private vehicle.
- Each child's parent or guardian is notified in writing regarding the transportation arrangements and gives written consent before a scholar-athlete is transported in a privately owned motor vehicle. This is accomplished by using our "Transportation Release."
- Each driver providing a private vehicle transporting scholars to an athletic event is required to complete our form, "Private Vehicle/Insurance Information." This enables the coach and Principal/Administrator to ensure, to the best of their abilities, that the driver of the vehicle is a responsible, safe driver and that the driver has been notified that all passengers are to be seated in designated seating positions. All scholar-athletes are required to use the occupant crash protection system provided by the vehicle manufacturer (i.e., seat belts in vehicles so equipped). Under no circumstances shall a scholar-athlete drive with or be driven by a coach or administrator alone. All scholar-athletes entering a private vehicle driven by a coach or administrator must be accompanied by another scholar-athlete.
- One form for each driver is sufficient for each athletic season. There is no need to complete a new form for each trip unless the coach or Principal/Administrator desires it.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to be ON TIME to pick up his/her child after practices and games. Failure to do so may impact the athlete's ability to participate. We know that unforeseen circumstances periodically arise. **Please be considerate and contact the coach if you will be late.**

Athletic Fees

All athletic fees must be paid in full one week before opening day. Failure to pay may result in removal from the team. Athletic fees may be paid online on our school website. If assistance is needed to pay fees, please contact Athletics@classiclapre.org.

Logic School:

There are no try-out fees. Once a scholar is selected for a team, a fee will be due:

- The fee for the first sport in Logic School is \$60.00
- The fee for the second sport in Logic School is \$40.00
- The fee for the third sport is \$20.00
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Rhetoric School:

There are no try-out fees. Once a scholar is selected for a team, a fee will be due:

- The fee for the first sport in Rhetoric School is \$80.00
- The fee for the second sport in Rhetoric School is \$50.00
- The fee for the third sport in Rhetoric School is \$30.00
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Athletic Uniforms and Equipment

Distribution: Uniforms will be distributed to an individual athlete once all training has been completed, all paperwork has been submitted, and all fees have been paid.

In-season Care: scholar-athletes are responsible for the proper care of all equipment issued to them. They must properly care for this equipment and ensure that it is returned in proper condition when the season concludes. Equipment not returned must be paid for at the current replacement price. Please make sure uniforms are dried on low heat (preferably air-dried) and washed without bleach.

Post-season Collection: Equipment not returned must be paid for at the current replacement price.

Insurance and Injuries

A parent's insurance policy is primary; all injuries must be reported to the coach before leaving practices or games. If you have an HMO/PPO policy, please follow the proper procedures spelled out by your carrier. Classical Preparatory School will provide excess scholar-athlete coverage, and you must speak with the Athletic Director for necessary school insurance forms.

GameChanger App

The CPS Athletics Department uses the GameChanger App to communicate information regarding practices, games, and other pertinent information to parents and athletes. Please download the app to receive notifications.

Required Online Training

Scholar-athletes **must** complete the following training online via the National Association of State High School Associations website: NFHSLearn.com. Parents are encouraged to complete the parent courses and **are required to complete the free sportsmanship course.**

- [Concussion for Students](#)
- [Heat Illness Prevention](#)
- [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#)
- [Sportsmanship](#)

Certificates of completion should be uploaded [here](#). Please save the file using the following name formats:

- Scholars - Last NameFirst Initial_Grade (ex. SmithS_7).
- Parents - Last NameFirst Initial_Parent (ex. SmithT_Parent).



Participation Acknowledgement Form

We would like you to use this checklist as a guide to ensure you have completed the paperwork needed for athletic participation.

	Item	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	Athletics Preparticipation Physical Evaluation (Form EL2)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Heat-Related Illness (Form EL3) <input type="checkbox"/> Online Training Course	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent and Release from Liability Certificate for Concussion (Form EL3) <input type="checkbox"/> Online Training Course	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certificate for Sportsmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Online Training Course	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fee payment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Download GameChanger App	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PRIVATE VEHICLE / INSURANCE INFORMATION (only if you plan to help drive)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rhetoric Athletes and Football (not cheer) SSAA CRF-1 Form	
	Non-Traditional Student Athlete Forms	

Athletics forms are located on the CPS website under the Athletics tabs. All fees are paid through the website.

Sport: _____

Coach: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information provided above and that all forms and relevant training courses have been completed/submitted.

_____	_____
Student Signature	Date

_____	_____
Parent Signature	Date

Please return this acknowledgment and all required forms to the coach by the first day of practice.