

Farmersville Farmers Basketball
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Culture

When someone is around the Boys Basketball Program, they should recognize a culture that pervades throughout the program. As a basketball coaching staff, we want everyone on our team and around our team to know what our culture is. This culture defines us, and it is our foundation. We refer to it as “DO WHAT WE DO”.

“DO WHAT WE DO,” is a phrase that describes everything our program emphasizes. Some of the things we emphasize are attending all classes on time, listening being respectful, looking someone in the eye when they are talking, communicating on defense, blocking out, taking charges, getting on the floor, all out effort, etc. Are we doing all the little things necessary to make the Basketball Program better each and every day? We focus on being in the present and playing sound fundamental basketball. Do what we do, and we will be successful.

Vision

A program that provides a culture for young men to prepare for the “game of life” through, doing what we do. A culture that student athletes are proud of because they know it has a positive image and that it fosters academic and athletic success.

Program Philosophy

We are very passionate about player development in the “game of life” through the game of basketball. We will teach our student-athletes the importance of fundamentals and having good character. Little things and effort will be emphasized each and every day. This will allow us to experience consistent results of competing and winning on and off the court.

Core Values

Our culture of “DO WHAT WE DO” comes from our core values. These core values are the foundation on which we build our program. They are instrumental for life long success and helping our athletes become successful in the “game of life” on and off the court. Our message is much larger than the game of basketball. The following core values are emphasized each day.

***FAMILY *COMMITMENT *TEAMWORK *TOUGHNESS
*WORK ETHIC *RESPECT *COMPETE IN EVERYTHING *SERVANT
LEADERSHIP *INTEGRITY**

Farmers Basketball Players Expectations

As coaches, we will strive to do all in our power to help you have a successful basketball season. All we ask is that you do all that is in your power to be the best student and basketball player you can be and abide by a few guidelines. If you truly commit yourself to success to any task you will never be disappointed with the outcome of your work. There is nothing more noble than striving to succeed and nothing more feeble than failing to try.

Along with the gratification that comes from playing for the Farmers Basketball program there comes some expectations that the coaching staff expects of you in order to stay on the Farmers Basketball team.

Identity of Farmer Basketball Players

- 1) Give 100% effort and try your best in all that you do.
- 2) Tell the truth and make no excuses regardless of the circumstances.
- 3) Be a sponge and become a lifelong learner.
- 4) Maintain a positive mental attitude and body language.
- 5) Represent yourself, your family, and your high school in a first class manner at all times.
- 6) Understand your role on the team, take pride in it, and focus on team goals more than individual goals.
- 7) Care about your teammates, take responsibility for their well-being, and treat them as family.
- 8) Attack in everything you do, and finish everything you start.
- 9) Take care of your body along with staying dedicated to the team, the game, and weight room.
- 10) Believe that team defense wins championships and fully committed to the development in this area.

Practice

A calendar of all our practices and games are on the website:

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The coaching staff expects all players at every practice. The only acceptable excuses for missing a practice is for a family emergency, illness, or approved tutoring. There will be consequences for missing practices such as shortened to little playing time, towels, running, or whatever the coach deems necessary for making up for the lost practice time. Being late to practice or other scheduled events will have a consequence as well as it indicates a lack of discipline. Therefore being on time to all classes,

practices, games, and other scheduled events will be an expectation for all players.

Tutoring

Tutoring is an acceptable reason for missing a portion of practice time although we prefer that all tutoring times be scheduled outside of practice time. The only way an athlete can be dismissed for tutoring is if he has a pass. The same pass must be initialed by the teacher and given to the coach upon return to practice. If the athlete does not bring a pass for tutoring he will not be released from practice.

Grade Sheets

Grade sheets will be passed out through out the season. We use grade sheets as a way of keeping up with our athlete's academic progress and their behavior as well. We occasionally may have to remind our basketball players of our expectations with towels, and/or running. If an athlete becomes irresponsible and does not turn in the weekly grade sheet we will issue a reminder to him everyday until his grade sheet is complete.

Practice Attire

Each player will be issued a practice jersey and practice shorts. They are required to be worn at every practice. Athletes are also required to have basketball shoes with appropriate support. The colors of the shoe have to be school colors. If a basketball player chooses not to wear the proper attire a reminder of our expectations will be given to him.

All jerseys should be tucked in the player's shorts. We are going to look sharp and display discipline.

During games and practice players will be allowed to wear one wristband on each arm only. (Must be solid purple, yellow, or white). Headbands are allowed as well as long as they are being worn for the way they are intended or designed to be worn. No other accessories are allowed to be worn.

Game Uniforms

Each player will be issued a game uniform (jersey & shorts). Every basketball player will turn in his uniform after every contest. Game uniforms

do not go home. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a reminder of our expectations. If the uniform gets damaged or lost while it is in the athlete's possession the athlete will have to reimburse the school for damages. (High School jerseys-\$55 & shorts-\$35, practice jersey-\$20, shorts-\$15. Jr. high jersey \$30, shorts-\$20, practice jersey-\$15)

Game Day Attire

Athletes will be required to dress up on specific designated game days. They must wear dress shoes and a tie with an appropriate solid shirt with khakis and/or slacks. Some game days will be designated as a team shirt as well. Any Farmer basketball player who does not conform to this standard will suffer not only playing time but a reminder as well.

TEAMWORK-TRUST

Teamwork is not a preference, but a requirement. We will constantly be talking to the athletes about the importance of teamwork. As a coaching staff we will teach the players the concepts of the team themes, *TRUST* and *DO WHAT WE DO*. We will discuss being responsible, self-sacrifice, accountability, commitment, and discipline, ect...

Playing Time

Every Farmer basketball player wants to play. Playing time is earned during practice. There is not a certain amount of playing time guaranteed. If a sub-varsity or Jr. High player has met all the teams expectations he will get to play. Every player has a role on the team. Roles will often change throughout a season and sometimes during a game. Playing time is dictated by skill level, practice, attitude, classroom, and meeting team expectations on and off the court. As coaches we will do everything we can to help you improve your skills during practice. It is important for you to spend time on your own working on your areas of improvement.

Coach-Player-Parent Communications

Our goal as a staff is to promote a family atmosphere where all parents and students are comfortable. The coaching staff will strive to make sure all of the parents and students are on the same page.

Communication throughout the entire year is vital for successful parent and student relations with the coaching staff. Communication is important for successful player development on and off the court. Coach Wester has an “open door policy” for students. We encourage any student that has an issue with their coach to reach out to the coach to find a resolution using the 4-step program. There will be a communication process that all students, parents, and coaches need to follow.

4-Step Communication Process

Step 1- Student meets with coach

Step 2- Student and parents meet with the coach

Step 3- Student, parent, and coach meet with the athletic director

Step 4- Student, parent, coach, and athletic director meet with principal

Students are expected to meet with their coach first, if they have an issue or problem. If a coach receives a point of contact (e.g., in-person, email, phone call, text) from a parent/family member before hearing from the student, the coach will politely ask that the student comes to the coach first as directed in the 4-Step Communication Process. This process streamlines the communication process and promotes accountability to all students within the program.

There will be times during the season when a parent or player may be confused about why something happens the way it does. Please remember that knowledge is the best way to find a solution. There are many things that are part of the game plan that are not seen or heard during a game. These instructions take place at practice, in the locker room, on the bus, film session, in the huddle, or on the court. The only way to be clear about what is happening on the floor during a game is to get all of the information so that a clear judgment can be made. This is why we stress that players come see their coach if they are confused about their role, playing time, ect.

24-Hour Rule

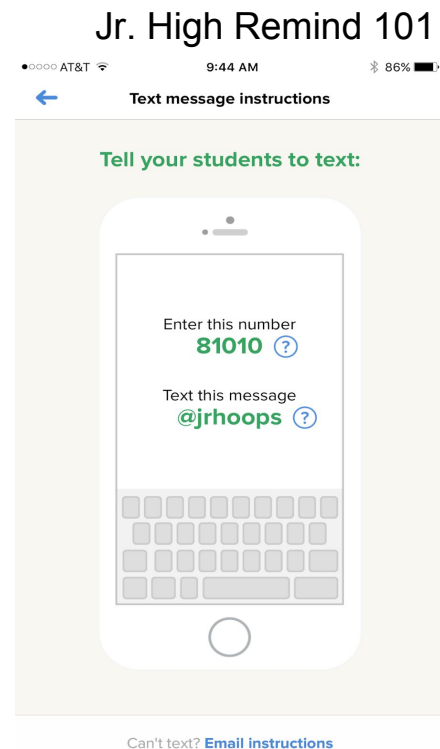
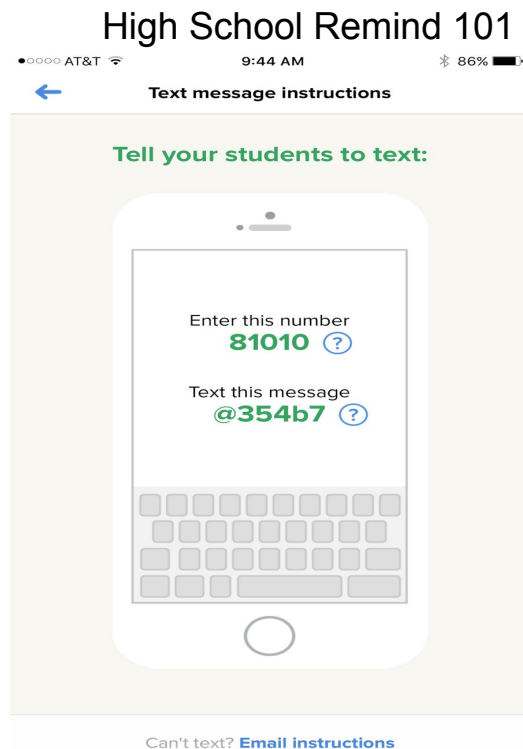
Remember immediately following a game, win or lose, is a tough time to talk to the coach. Usually the coach, player, and parent are very emotional. Please adhere to the 24-Hour Rule. Wait until the next day to contact the

coach with an issue. Usually by then, both sides are more rational and emotions have calmed down, which will allow for a solution to the problem.

Communication

Hopefully this packet has addressed and answered any questions or concerns you may have. If you have other questions that were not addressed feel free to contact me, or your son's coach. We can be reached by accessing the school's website, by e-mail, or by phone.

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We will also use Remind 101 to send out messages to the team and parents. Please sign up for your teams remind 101.

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7th B-team	Coach McDonald	emcdonald@farmersvilleisd.org

Farmers Basketball Contract

I have read this contract and by signing this contract I am agreeing to the terms of this contract. I understand that if I do not meet the expectations of the Farmers Basketball program I will be subject to the consequences. These consequences could be reduced to little playing time, extra running, towels, or removal from the team, and any other consequences the coach deems necessary. I understand that by signing this contract I am making a commitment to my team. Therefore my actions not only impact me, but everyone involved with the team and school as well.

Player Signature *grade* *cell#* *date*

Parent Signature *cell number* *date*