

## **6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders wanting to get into athletics:**

Liberty Hill has a long history of having an outstanding athletics program. We take pride in opening the program to all upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders wanting to be the best of the best. Here is how you can become a LION...

1. Maintain good grades. Students cannot fail two or more Nine Week Periods on their report cards for any subject.
2. Be a leader among your peers. Students cannot be assigned more than six days of In School Suspension (ISS) and no Out of School Suspension (OSS).
3. Never give up. Any student returning from an alternative school setting will be welcomed to join our athletics program after a Nine-week probationary period with no failing grades or disciplinary issues.

### **Criteria for removal from athletics**

Athletes are supposed to have grades and behavior above and beyond everyone else and are therefore held to higher standard. We have a 4-step process for removal from athletics due to any behavior or academic concerns. If an athletic receives four demerits (write ups) while in the athletics program, they can be removed from athletics on the fifth write up. Demerits can be earned for the following:

1. Any time assigned to ISS or OSS.
2. Failure to maintain a 70% or above in all classes for a Nine- Week period.
3. Unsportsmanlike like conduct like insubordination, verbal/physical altercation with teammates, and any other behavior deemed inappropriate by the coaching staff.

When an athletic reach the 4<sup>th</sup> demerit, they will be issued their final warning and they will be removed on the 5<sup>th</sup> write up. We will call home for the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> discipline situations.

Athletics will be automatically removed from the athletics program if they commit the following offenses: Stealing in athletics, altercation during a game, or failure to pass the UIL drug test.