



# PAUL R. SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETE CHARACTER TRAITS

You can be a great student athlete by mastering these principles to develop yourself!

## CALLING ALL EAGLES!

Paul R. Smith Middle School supports the FHSAA Program. Sportsmanship and Citizenship will form the foundation of all Athletic Programs. Student athletes, parents, coaches and spectators are expected to adhere to the principles of good sportsmanship at all times. Interscholastic athletics serves an educational function in public schools. It is not all about winning. It is also about student athletes being taught the competitive cornerstones of a democratic society. Quite simply, the fields, gyms, courts, and courses are classrooms.

**Here are the character traits we seek when selecting our student athletes.**

### TRUSTWORTHINESS

- Be honest – Don't deceive, cheat or steal
- Be reliable – do what you say you will do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal – stand by your family, friends, team and school

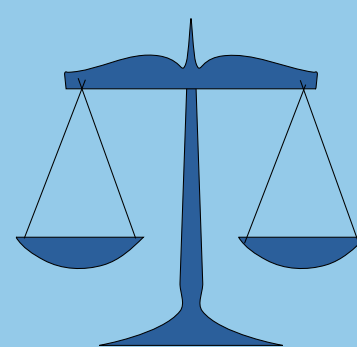


### RESPECT

- Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule
- Be tolerant of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

### CARING

- Be kind, compassionate and show you care
- Express gratitude
- Forgive others
- Help people in need

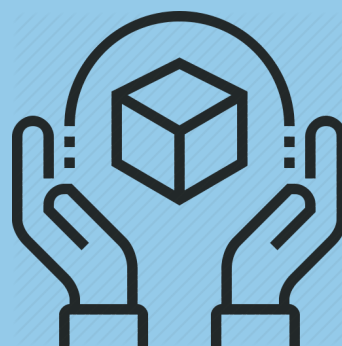


### FAIRNESS

- Play by the rules. Take turns and share
- Be open-minded; listen to others
- Don't take advantage of others
- Don't blame others carelessly

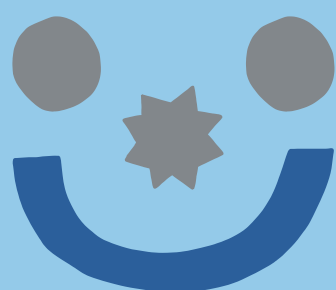
### RESPONSIBILITY

- Do what you are supposed to do
- Persevere: keep on trying! Always do your best
- Use self-control and be self-disciplined
- Think before you act – consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices



### CITIZENSHIP

- Do your part to make your school and community better
- Cooperate and stay informed
- Be a good neighbor and obey laws and rules
- Respect authority
- Protect the environment



### UNITY

Being together in our common goals and shared vision of success. Seeing the world as bigger than just 'me' and recognizing a greater oneness of team, family, and school.

PRSMS is a proud member of FHSAA. All student athletes are expected to follow FHSAA guidelines, rules, bylaws, and expectations during practices and sanctioned athletic events. Student athletes are expected to represent themselves, their family, and their school in the highest form of sportsmanship.