



# **Loveland High School Athletic Department Mission Statement**



The Loveland City School District Athletic Program will provide a wide variety of athletic opportunities that will aid in the overall development of our students. Participation in athletics will provide students with a significant opportunity to become involved with other students and their coaches in an educational experience that takes place outside of the classroom.

## **Athletic Department Philosophy**

The Loveland City School District believes that a dynamic program of student activities is significant to the educational development of the student. The Loveland City School District Athletic Program provides a variety of experiences to aid in the development of favorable habits and attitudes in students that prepare them for adult life in a democratic society.

Athletics play an important part in the life of the Loveland City School District student athletes. Young people learn a great deal from their participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of team goals in our athletic department.

Athletics also play an important part in helping the individual student develop a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body. Athletic competition adds to school spirit and helps students, spectators, and participants develop pride in their school.

The Loveland Board of Education further encourages the development and promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in all phases of the educational process in all segments of the community, including administrators, participants, adult supervisors, parents, fans, spirit groups and support/booster groups.

## **Athletic Department Goals**

- Promote the development of favorable habits and positive attitudes in students that will prepare them for adult life.
- Promote academic excellence in the classroom.
- Recognize and promote the lessons learned regarding good sportsmanship, ethics, teamwork and the value of competing - win or lose.
- Ensure a safe and secure environment for practice and competitions.
- Recognize and promote the accomplishments of athletic teams and individuals.
- Encourage coaches to be leaders, role models and persons of character.
- Emphasize and encourage positive lifestyles that will assist in striving to be the best.
- Promote cooperation throughout the athletic department, while supporting all athletic and extracurricular programs.
- Ensure that everyone involved with the athletic department adheres to the rules and policies of the Loveland City Schools, the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the Fort Ancient Valley Conference and the Loveland Athletic Department.