

1. COMMITMENT TO THE CLASSROOM

You'll notice that we never use the term "athlete-student." It is always "student-athlete" because your first priority is to fulfill your obligations as a student. However, **it is not acceptable to miss football practice because of homework.**

Players who tell coaches, "I can't be at practice today because I've got three tests and 2 major assignments tomorrow," are in a difficult situation because they have put off doing their homework and studying until the last minute. No teachers assign major tests and major assignments the day before they are due. If you find yourself in this situation we will have no choice but to allow you to miss practice to get caught up, but it will effect your playing time.

Being a student-athlete makes you special. What makes you special is that are organized enough to meet all of your obligations without letting any of them suffer. Studies have shown that on average, student-athletes usually carry higher GPA's than the rest of the student population. This is because of a schedule that usually includes: Going to class, going to practice, going home and having dinner, studying and going to bed early. This type of structure lends itself to success in the classroom and on the field.

However, having success in the classroom and on the field usually means sacrificing in a number of other areas: socializing, watching TV, talking on the phone, the internet, playing video games, etc, all have to fall lower on your priority list.

ACADEMIC APPROACH REPORT

- Every two weeks you must fill out an Academic Approach Report, have it initialed by your teachers and turn it into the head coach before practice (on the dates listed below)
- This report focuses on your attendance, attitude and effort (ie. completion of assignments). We will not ask you about your percentage and/or letter grades.
- You will be ranked with either a "1" (never a problem), "2" (Satisfactory, but could improve), or "3" (unacceptable) in each of the categories for each of your classes.

*** RECEIVING A "3" IN ANY CATEGORY, FOR ANY CLASS, WILL JEOPARDIZE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM UNTIL THERE IS IMPROVEMENT**

- First offense: Warning, meet with player and teacher(s) – 1 week to improve
- Second offense: 1-game suspension
- Third offense: Indefinite suspension and possible dismissal from team

Academic Reports are due on the following Tuesdays: Sept 18, Oct 2, Oct 16, Oct 30, Nov 14

Hand in your form to each teacher at the beginning of each class on the above days.

Failure to turn in reports on time will result in additional running.

IF YOU CHOSE NOT TO ATTEND CLASSES, YOU WILL NOT PLAY!!!

HYACKS FOOTBALL ACADEMIC APPROACH REPORT

Name: _____

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>BLOCK A</u>	<u>BLOCK B</u>	<u>BLOCK C</u>	<u>BLOCK D</u>
Has the student been regularly attending class?	Course: Initial:	Course: Initial:	Course: Initial:	Course: Initial:
COMMENTS:				
Is the student missing or failing to complete assignments? (Y/N #)	Initial:	Initial:	Initial:	Initial:
COMMENTS:				
Attitude and effort? Scale of 1, 2, 3 (1 is best)	Initial:	Initial:	Initial:	Initial:
COMMENTS:				