SPORTSMANSHIP

Students learn immeasurable unique lessons through interscholastic athletic participation.

Educators universally agree, of all the goals established as outcomes for students involved in school sports, **sportsmanship is primary**.

Students who learn to value and practice sportsmanlike behavior are developing the characteristics of good citizenship, honesty, generosity, self-discipline, a sincere concern for others, ethical behavior, and a commitment to fair play.

Make Sportsmanship a premier concern in every sport.

Sportsmanship (noun): Sportsmanship is a demonstration of generosity and genuine concern for others. It is a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity.

<u>A Good Sport</u>: Is a person known for the manner of his/her acceptance of the rules of the game or of a difficult situation.

Sportsmanship: By Jo Weems, counselor, Webaunsee High School, Kansas

- Sportsmanship is many things, it is not always easy to be a good sport, but it is vital to life.
- Sportsmanship is smiling sincerely at the referee who called a foul on you when you did not make it.
- Sportsmanship is not booing the referee when he/she makes a bad call.
- Sportsmanship is cheering for your team, especially when they are losing.
- Sportsmanship is wanting to work as a team more than being high point.
- Sportsmanship is caring about your teammates more than yourself.
- Sportsmanship is going to practice every day and work as hard as you can every minute.
- Sportsmanship is sending a letter to the team that beat you in the playoffs and wishing them the best of luck in the state division and meaning it.
- Sportsmanship is a coach leading by example and displaying sportsmanship.