

# Philosophy of Interscholastic Athletic Participation



The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda community recognizes the importance of the interscholastic athletic experience in the total development of the student. We view the interscholastic program as co-curricular in nature and we feel that through these activities our students develop commendable traits. We support our interscholastic program, which provides a unique experience where students can develop and refine attributes such as, but not limited to:

## **Resiliency**

**Being a member of a team**

**Responsibility**

**Goal Setting**

## **Ethical Character**

**Commitment**

**Self-Confidence**

**Respect for self and others**

**Sportsmanlike Qualities**

## **Personal Fitness**

**Dedication**

**Self-Discipline**

**Appropriate leadership traits**

The Ken-Ton community also supports the idea that student participation is a privilege and an honor, which carries with it inherent responsibilities. Students have every right to express an interest and try-out for our teams, however it is a privilege to be selected as a team member; a privilege that can be taken away at any time. When an athlete accepts the privilege, he/she must live up to our Standards of Behavior beyond that of the general student body, on and off school property and between sport seasons and academic years. As a pre-requisite for participation, athletes and parents/guardians must sign a statement that commits the athlete to meet the established standards and requires parents/guardians to do everything in their power to make sure their athlete reaches the established Standards of Behavior and any additional rules set forth by a coach.