

HERBERT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL MODIFIED FOOTBALL

June 2017



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we wind down the 2016-2017 school year, it's time to start thinking about the 2017 version of the Hoover Dragons Football Team. Your child has shown an interest in becoming a member of the team. Below are the team expectations:

Physicals- All potential football players must have a valid sports physical as well as the necessary paperwork signed and turned into the school prior to the first practice in August. The district will provide physicals if you are unable to obtain a sports physical from your healthcare provider.

Academics- In order to be eligible, students must pass their respective grade level. Also, any student who does not participate in physical education class or receives in school suspension will not be allowed to practice or play in a game on that day.

Attendance- Participants must be in school on game and practice days. Attendance at practice is mandatory. Students who miss more than two practices without an excuse may be dismissed from the team. If an athlete chooses not to practice the day before a game, they will not be allowed to participate in the contest. Practice times while school is in session are Monday through Friday from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. (Note: Practice ends at 5:45, a realistic pick-up time would be 5:55 p.m.) If there is a need to practice on Saturday, practice will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Players that participate on other sports teams will be dismissed 4:45 to attend other practices.

Transportation- Transportation will be provided to and from games, however students will be responsible for finding their own ride home from Hoover after games and practices. Please note that it's mandatory that students ride the bus to and from games. Players will not be allowed to ride with parents/guardians.

Participation- The modified program is designed to prepare a player for the Junior Varsity and Varsity level of a given sport. Therefore, **playing time is not guaranteed.** Please be aware that players who are not receiving an ample amount of playing time may be given the opportunity during scrimmages or during 5th quarters. Please note that being a Hoover football player is a privilege. If a player becomes a distraction to the team due to poor behavior, academics, or attitude, they may be suspended or dismissed from the team.

Uniforms/Equipment- Athletes will be issued a helmet, game jersey, practice jersey, mouth piece, pants, shoulder pads, hip pads, tail pad, thigh pads, and knee pads. All equipment is expected to be returned at the end of the season in its original condition. You must provide your child with football cleats as well as an athletic supporter and cup. If your child wears braces, you will also need to obtain a special mouth piece (it can not be clear).

Football practices will begin on Thursday, August 17, 2017. We will however meet on Monday, August 14, 2017 from 11:00-12:30 in the Longfellow locker room to pass out equipment and additional paperwork.

Kenmore West Football Clinic TBA

As always, thank you for your support. I am sure that your child will have a positive experience on the field as well as in the classroom as a member of the Hoover Modified Football Team. If there are any questions at all, feel free to contact the school at 874-8405.

GO HOOVER!

Thank you,
Coach Besancon
Coach Hannon

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Checklist of Important Forms:

- ◇ Medical Release
- ◇ Transportation Waiver
- ◇ Athletic Care
- ◇ Physical Information (check with nurse)
- ◇ I do not have a physical, but I will receive before our first practice.

Student: I, _____ have read the team rules/guidelines and I understand that if I choose not to follow them I will be subject to dismissal from the team.

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian: I, _____ have read the team rules/guidelines and have gone over them with my child. I understand that if my child does not comply with these rules he/she will be subject to dismissal from the team.

Signature _____

I will allow my child to walk home after practices/games