



# PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' PLEDGE

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Cooperation among coaches, student-athletes, parents/guardians, and school personnel is essential if students are to realize the values of athletic competition. Like coaches and student-athletes, parents/guardians must make commitments to the athletic program to ensure such cooperation. We ask that you read the following Pledge and, as needed, discuss your reactions with the Athletic Director. Thank you for your continued support of Griffin Athletics.

## **As a parent/guardian of a Lake Mary Prep student-athlete, I promise:**

- To conduct myself in an appropriate manner as a spectator during athletic contests promoting the ideals of good sportsmanship.
- To accompany my son/daughter to all organizational meetings offered by the Athletic Department as my schedule permits.
- To work closely with all school personnel to ensure an appropriate academic as well as athletic experience for my son/daughter while they are in school.
- To ensure that my son/daughter will attend all scheduled practices and athletic contests and will notify the coach if he/she cannot attend a practice and/or contest.
- To require my son/daughter to abide by the standards set forth in the Student-Athlete Handbook.
- To acknowledge the ultimate authority of the Coach to determine strategy and player selection – **THERE IS NO GUARANTEED PLAYING TIME.**
- To promote mature behavior from students and parents during athletic contests.
- To show proper respect to all officials **AT ALL TIMES!**
- To never approach an official before, during, or after any contest.
- To never approach a student, parent, or coach of an opposing team.
- To work cooperatively with other parents and school personnel to ensure a healthy and successful athletic program for our school.
- To work closely with coaches and other school personnel to identify a reasonable and realistic future for my son/daughter as a student-athlete, both in high school and in college.
- To abide by any decisions deemed necessary by the school administration to ensure proper behavior.

- To use proper language with no profanity, derogatory comments or racist remarks when at any athletic function.
- To use discretion and tact before contacting a Coach if there is an issue that needs to be discussed – NEVER APPROACH A COACH BEFORE, DURING OR DIRECTLY AFTER A GAME IF THERE IS AN ISSUE – Please acknowledge a 12-hour rule and schedule an appointment the following day.
- To maintain a proper distance between the team and myself during a practice and/or contest – i.e. soccer and football – must stay off the grass; baseball – must stay away from the scorer’s table & fence directly behind the batter’s box.
- To work a maximum of three gate/concession shifts if your son/daughter participates in football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, or baseball. A check made out: LMPs for \$50.00 is acceptable in lieu of this requirement. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to find a replacement for the scheduled shift if you are unable to work the shift.
- To work one station at a home LMP meet if your son/daughter participates in track & field.
- To work one “chains” shift/season if your son participates in football.
- To work two “lines” shifts/season if your daughter participates in volleyball.
- To transport my son/daughter to practices off campus for golf, bowling and swimming.

*“Winning is not everything – but making the effort to win is.”*

Vince Lombardi

**Student-Athlete:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

