

**KIU Academy
Student-Athlete
Handbook**

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Mission

The mission of KIU Academy, an international bilingual Christian school, is to provide, from a Biblical perspective,

1. a safe, nurturing environment where students can develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, and
2. an academically challenging environment where students can potentially become people of academic excellence.

Vision

To be the leader in quality bilingual education based on Christian principles.

Educational Philosophy

At KIU Academy, we believe that the Creator God, the God Who spoke all matter, energy, and time into existence, is the source of absolute truth. He reveals this truth in His special revelation, the Bible, and through His incarnation in the person of Jesus Christ. As creatures bearing His image, we are responsible act on His truths in every facet of our lives, including in our relationship with Him through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and with others.

At KIU Academy, we believe that our students are created in the image of God. In this we believe that they reflect His qualities in that they are active, purposeful, rational, creative, moral, and with free will. Because of this, we believe that it is important to craft lessons that allow students to recognize these qualities and use them in a way would please our Creator.

At KIU Academy, we believe that all students have a worldview in conjunction with being rational and moral and having free will. We want to help our students recognize their worldview and compare it with a Biblical worldview. Since students are exposed to media and information that mostly promote a non-biblical worldview, we plan to expose them to biblical principles by integrating them in our lessons and helping them to identify the differences.

At KIU Academy, we believe that teachers should approach all that they do from an eternal frame of reference. Their interactions with children through the curriculum, discipline, classroom management, instructional practices, etc. should be considered to have eternal significance. As teachers we should strive to love our students as God loves us.

At KIU Academy, we believe that we are assisting the parents in the education and development of their child. We believe that the ultimate responsibility for the education, behavior, and development of the child belongs to the parent. However, as far as our abilities and resources allow, we will help parents in fulfilling their responsibilities regarding the raising of children.

School-wide Learner Expectations

Quality 特性	Effective Communicator	Self-directed Learner	Critical Thinker	Redemptive Problem-solver	Responsible Steward
Physical 身体面	Communicate through such vehicles as drama, dance, music, art, or athletic activities 演劇、ダンス、音楽、芸術、スポーツ活動といった手段を通し、コミュニケーションを図る	Set and apply appropriate goals for hygiene, nutrition, and physical health. 衛生、栄養、身体的健康に対し、適切な目標を定め、適用する	Evaluate situations regarding their potential benefit or detriment to their own health and well-being 自分自身の健康と幸福のために益となるか、または害となるか状況を評価する	Assess an emergency situation and acting responsibly and effectively 緊急事態を把握し、効果的かつ責任ある行動をとる	Lead a healthy lifestyle and demonstrate respect for God's creation 健康的な生活を送り、神の被造物に対し、敬意を表している
Academic 学習面	Articulate ideas and opinions in a clear, concise, and convincing manner, using content-relevant information gained through research or classroom instruction 研究、または授業において得られる内容に関連した情報を用い、簡潔明瞭、かつ説得力のある形式で概念、意見を伝える	Purposefully acquire skills and knowledge to improve competency in reading, writing, math, natural and social sciences, the arts, and computer 読解力、文章力、数学、自然科学、社会科学、美術、コンピューターの能力向上のために、技術と知識を習得する	Gather, evaluate, and synthesize information from diverse sources, processing this information to understand complex concepts 多種のソースからの情報を収集、評価してまとめ、その情報を処理し、複雑な概念を理解する	Apply thinking skills critically and creatively to recognize and approach complex problems, and make reasoned, ethical decisions and viable solutions 思考能力を分析的、かつ創造力をもって適用し、複雑な問題を理解、認識し、理論的、かつ倫理的な決定、発展性のある解決方法を見いだす。	Assess one's own abilities and pursue intellectual growth 自分自身の能力を把握し、知的に成長することを求める
Social 社会面	Practice effective listening and sensitively sharing views and opinions, respectfully taking into consideration ideological differences. 効果的な傾聴法を取り入れ、意見や見解を慎重に分かち合い、敬意を持って、イデオロギーの相違を考慮する	Participate in leadership and service activities inside and outside the school community 学校内外においてリーダーシップを発揮し、奉仕活動を行う	Demonstrate an awareness of and a sensitivity towards peoples of different cultures and needs, inside and outside the school community and act in an ethical and responsible manner 学校内、学校外において、異なる文化、必要を抱えている人々に対し配慮し、倫理的かつ責任ある言動をとる	demonstrate cooperation, leadership, and teamwork through participation in curricular and co-curricular activities カリキュラムとその他の学校活動への参加を通し、協力、リーダーシップ、チームワークを示す	Relate to others in loving, respectful ways, understanding that each person has value as God's creation 他者に対し、それぞれが神の被造物として価値あるものであることを理解し、愛と敬意を持って接する
Spiritual 霊的	Express the main points of a Biblical worldview and compare and contrast it with other worldviews. 聖書的な世界観の主要点を説明し、それを他の世界観と比較、対照させる	Actively seek to understand truth, particularly Biblical truth 真理、特に聖書の真理を理解するよう積極的に努力する	Discern truth from fallacy and consider this in light of a Biblical worldview 真理と異端を見極め、それを聖書的な世界観に照らして考慮する	Formulate ways to resolve interpersonal and global problems in a way consistent with the teachings of the Bible 聖書の教えに沿った形で、人間関係、また世界的な問題を解決できる方法を考案する	Learn spiritual truths and principles from a Biblical perspective that can be followed and applied, by free and conscious choice, in any life situation. どのような生活状況にあっても、自由意志によつて、従い、適用することのできる霊的な真理と原則を聖書的な見地から学ぶ

Philosophy Statement

KIU Academy provides opportunities for its student-athletes to participate in interscholastic sports as a way of exhibiting traits as image-bearers of God the Creator. As His image bearers, we believe that our student-athletes are active, rational, creative, moral, and able to exercise free will. Through athletics, our student-athletes have opportunities to exercise these qualities in an environment that will help them grow and develop skills which can help them make a positive impact on their world. Involvement in athletics can help our student-athletes build character, learn discipline, and to learn to face adversity and challenges, eventually recognizing that all this is possible because of the love, grace, and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sports Offered At KIU Academy

- Spring – MS Boys` Volleyball, HS Boys` Baseball
- Fall – HS Boys` & Girls` Volleyball, MS Girls` Volleyball, MS Boys` Baseball
- Winter – HS Boys` & Girls` Basketball, MS Boys` Basketball, HS Boys` & MS Girls` Soccer, MS & HS Boys` & Girls` Badminton

Code of Conduct for Athletes

It is the expectation of KIU Academy that students participating in athletic activities, including practices, conduct themselves in a manner that shows

- Respect for authority, obeying and cooperating with their coach(es) and honoring the official(s)
- Perseverance in the face of pressure, hard work, and discouragement.
- Intensity, giving everything you've got at all times, focusing your total attention on the job at hand, and put forth every effort to execute it to the best of their abilities.
- Enthusiasm, carrying out each task promptly and eagerly.
- Respect for the opposition, being courteous, commending an opponent's performance.
- Responsibility, being where they need to be when they need to be there, doing what is expected of even without direct supervision, and choosing to work and to make wise decisions on their own initiative,
- Integrity, being honest, playing by the rules of the game, and having a sense of fair play that comes from a real commitment to the truth.
- Teamwork, not being selfish, conform personal goals to team goals, encouraging others to do their best, even when teammates are struggling, stick with them,
- Service, looking for ways to serve their teammates, coaches, and school.
- Self-control, knowing how to act under stress, recognizing areas of weakness, and training to respond in a positive way.

Conduct

KIU Academy student-athletes are representatives of their school wherever they go. Whether it is to the gym or fields for practices, other schools for games, or a restaurant or convenience store after a game, student-athletes need to keep in mind that they are representing KIU Academy. Because of this student-athletes should maintain high standards in dress, speech, and conduct in and outside of schools. Any problems which need to be addressed will be dealt with according to the coach's discretion unless it is a violation of a rule in the student handbook, in that case the procedures set out in the student handbook will be followed.

Discipline

The discipline policy outlined in the parent-student handbook needs to be enforced. Student-athletes who violate the coach's rules or policies will abide by the discipline handed out by the coach.

Eligibility for Ongoing Participation in Athletic Activities

Students must submit a sports permission form completed by their parents to participate in sports. The permission form allows the student-athlete to attend practices, games, and tournaments. We ask that parents be sure that their children are healthy enough to participate in sports before completing the permission form.

In addition to the permission form, a sports fee must be paid. It is used to cover some of the expenses incurred throughout the season. Additional fees may be necessary when participating in tournaments outside of the Kinki area. Permission forms and fees must be paid by the second practice. After the third practice, there will be no refund if a student decides to quit the team. Student-athletes who have not paid the required fees by the second practice may not be able to participate in games and tournaments until the fees are paid. If fees remain unpaid, student-athletes may not be able to participate in subsequent seasons until delinquent fees are paid.

Students who habitually demonstrate poor conduct in school may be not allowed to participate in athletics. Their participation will be at the discretion of the administration.

Students must be in school by 12:00 PM to participate in sports practice that day. Students must also be present a full day before a game or tournament in order to participate. If the game or tournament is on a school day, they must be present that day as well. Students with excessive absences may be barred from participating in the athletics program.

Guidelines for Selection of Team Members

All students who have turned in permission forms, paid the fees, and attended practices are automatically part of the team. Selection for varsity (or A) team is at the discretion of the coach after careful observation and prayer.

Practices

High School:

Practices will usually be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Occasionally there will be exceptions. Coaches may choose to hold practices during school holidays (i.e., summer and winter holidays).

Middle School:

Practices will usually be held two days per week. Coaches may choose to hold practices during school holidays (i.e., summer and winter holidays).

Games/Tournaments

High School:

Most games will be held on Saturdays but occasionally there will be games on Fridays. Teams will enter one or more tournaments which will be held on a Friday and a Saturday. These tournaments may require student-athletes to stay overnight at the hosting school. In any case when student-athletes miss classes because of these games or tournaments, they need to complete an excused absence form before they leave and complete work in a timely manner.

Middle School:

Teams will enter one or more tournaments which will be held on a Friday and a Saturday. These tournaments may require athletes to stay overnight at the hosting school. In any case when student-athletes miss classes because of these games or tournaments, they need to complete an excused absence form before they leave and complete work in a timely manner.

Use of School Property

School equipment and uniforms will be made available with the understanding that athletes are expected to take good care of what they are using. Uniforms should only be worn during game times. At the end of the season, all borrowed uniforms and equipment need to be returned to the head coach.

Physical Examinations

Although physical examinations are not required to participate in KIU Academy's sports program parents are strongly encouraged to have their child undergo a physical before the beginning of athletic participation.

Transportation

KIU Academy will try to provide transportation to and from sporting events for members of the team (players, managers and coaches). Student-athletes who ride the bus to the game will be expected to ride the bus back unless a written notice by the parents is given to the coach prior to departure.

Student-athletes wishing to go directly to games by train should notify their coaches at the practice before the game. Also they are expected to be on time and to be in contact with their parents. Students who do choose to go directly to a game may not be able to ride the bus back to school if all the seats are taken.

Student-athletes are to refrain from bring portable electronic games on trips to away games. They can use portable audio players.