

WHITEWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Athletic Department

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Policies and Procedures for Athletic Scholarship Signings

A high school athletic signing is a very exciting time for the student-athlete, the athlete's family and for the school. This ceremony culminates many years of hard work and countless hours of preparation. It also provides the student-athlete and the family with potentially tens of thousands of dollars in scholarship money over the course of an athlete's collegiate career. An athletic signing is defined as a contractual agreement between a Whitewater High School student-athlete and a college or university where the institution provides the athlete with an athletic scholarship.

Letters of intent, preferred walk-on status or walking on without the receipt of a grant-in-aid from the college or university athletic department does not constitute an official signing and a ceremony will not be held at the school. In addition, the individual must be currently enrolled at Whitewater High School and be actively participating on a Whitewater High School team in order for a school ceremony to take place.

Athletic signings also benefit the school as it affords Whitewater High School with the opportunity to recognize and celebrate student achievement. Not only does it recognize the accomplishments of the athletes, it affirms the dedication and hard work of the coaches who have guided the athlete along his or her path. By having public signings, covered by the media, the Whitewater High School athletic program has developed the reputation of being one of the most outstanding athletic programs in the state. This notoriety also adds to the overall positive perception held by the public concerning our school.

While we are excited about athletes signing college scholarships, we must work to ensure that instructional time is impacted as little as possible. The guidelines listed below will help ensure that disruptions are held to a minimum and that we may continue the positive practice of having scholarship signings.

1. All college signings will be arranged by the Whitewater head coach, athletic director, and athletic department secretary.
2. The head coach will work with the athletic department secretary, and the physical education department to schedule the event so that there is as little disruption to the routine activities in the gym as possible.
3. The head coach will provide the athletic director and the athletic secretary with the details concerning the signing as early as possible. (preferably one week notice)
4. The athletic department secretary and/or the head coach will notify the appropriate teachers that the student athlete signing the scholarship will be excused from class for the event.
5. Students are **not** to be excused from class to observe the event if it is held during school hours unless the student is a sibling of the athlete being recognized or a teacher attends the event with an entire class. **Class attendance must be approved by administrator.**