# In this course, you will…

* Be a well-behaved student-athlete
* Maintain passing standards in all classes in accordance with UIL rules
* Be responsible for your own development and performance
* Be physically active
* Learn teamwork and fair play
* Develop movement skills
* Develop on-the-ball soccer techniques
* Learn and apply soccer tactics

# Rules

Respect and responsibility:

1. Listen to and promptly follow directions.
2. Be on time and report to the head coach before going elsewhere (e.g., trainers).
3. Respect student-athletes, coaches, and staff.
4. Always participate fully in all activities.
5. Do not ask to leave for other classes or do work from other classes during athletics.

Safety and attire:

1. Do not wear any form of jewelry, adornments, or personal items that can possibly cause harm to oneself or others.
   1. This includes, but is not limited to, rings, bracelets, earrings, uncovered nose rings, necklaces, watches, and hairpins.
2. For those with long hair, securely tie it back and away from your face when performing physical activity.

Facilities and equipment:

1. Put equipment away after use. Technology usage:
2. Use school-issued technology only when instructed by staff for school-related work.

# Assignments and Grading

* Each class day, a student-athlete can earn 20 points. However, they can also lose a maximum of 20 points on that day for any violations listed below:
* Dressing out
  + -20 for not dressing out
  + –2.5 for each partial dress code violation (e.g. ear rings, uncovered nose rings, shoes, hair)
    - If I have to remind you after entry, the deduction still applies.

NOTE: Always dress out, even if you are injured.   
NOTE: A student-athlete may cover a nose ring with a bandage during class without penalty. However, nose rings are not allowed during games.

* Participating
  + -20 for not participating at all
  + -10 for partially participating
  + -7 for participating, but giving little effort
  + -10 to 20 depending on severity of horseplay (e.g., pushing/punching, tripping, shoving, hanging on goals, tossing weights, running/wrestling in weight room, distracting weightlifters, etc.)

NOTE: Always dress out, even if you are injured.

* Technology
  + -5 unauthorized tech. use (e.g., ear buds, phones, etc. *Refer to communications policy/rules at end of syllabus*)
* Tardy
  + -1 (Up to 2 minutes late)
  + -2 (Between 2 and 5 minutes late)
  + -4 (5+ minutes late)

If a student routinely breaks these rules, here is what happens. (for all violations, daily grade points are deducted)

1. Subtle warning
   1. (e.g., politely ask athlete to stop/correct a rule-breaking behavior or make lingering eye contact with athlete)
2. Brief athlete conversation at appropriate time (e.g., end of period)
3. Second conversation and parent phone call and school-wide discipline consequence (e.g., lunch, after school detention, behavior contract)
4. Removal from class (student conversation/parent contact)
   1. For frequently occurring (same rules consistently broken over time), or severe behaviors (e.g., fighting, yelling & cursing insults at students, staff, etc.)

# Academic Performance and Classroom Conduct Beyond Soccer Class

* Student-athletes must behave properly and pass all classes. Failure in either could lead to removal from the soccer period.
* If a coach learns of a behavioral issue between a student-athlete and a teacher, the player may write a letter to the teacher and discuss the matter with him/her to mend the relationship.
  + The coach will discuss the issue with the student-athlete, who then has two days to fulfill the requirement (e.g., if informed on Tuesday, tasks must be done by Thursday's school day end).
* Student-athletes who fail weekly grade checks must attend tutorials until they earn at least a 70. Failure to do so—or failing again at report card time—may lead to removal from Athletics. At each progress report, we also assign a summative test grade in Athletics based on the student’s performance in other academic classes (#passsed classes/7).
* For any classes involving grades, failure to pass at a reporting period, in many cases, means removal from the class. Students who are failing are not allowed to participate in games as per UIL rules.
* We follow a three-strike policy for academic course concerns. Three instances lead to student- athlete removal.

# What you will need

* Completed physical
* Completed RANKONE online information
* Shin guards covered by socks
* Soccer shirt/shorts/tennis shoes/cleats
* sportsYou app for players (used outside of school hours)
* We will lend you a shirt and shorts to wear on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. These must be returned at the end of the year or when you leave the class.

*Failure to have required items can result in class removal.*

# Parent Conferences

* Before reaching out to anyone else, please first communicate with the head coach. This way, we

can ensure a smooth chain of command and address any concerns effectively.

* Please email or call the head coach for a date and time to discuss the matter.
  + Please keep conference discussions focused on your student-athlete’s growth. We do not address playing time or compare athletes. The goal is to support their development and overall progress.

# General Information

1. Enrollment in the soccer period means the student-athlete intends to try out for a team. If she doesn’t plan to play on a soccer team, she should not be in that period.
2. Soccer is a selective sport. Being in the period doesn't mean a student-athlete automatically makes a team. The tryouts will happen after the Thanksgiving holidays.
3. A student-athlete in the period might not make or stay on a team. In such cases, she may be removed from the period at any time during the year.
4. Every day, a student-athlete is trying out to make and maintain her status on a team.
5. Possible reasons for removal from the period include, but are not limited to the following:
   1. Incomplete physical and/or RANKONE (2-week limit)
   2. Not regularly dressing out
   3. Not regularly participating
   4. Failing class grades
   5. Frequent class tardiness and/or absences
   6. Class/school misbehavior
   7. Sent to alternative campus for misbehavior
6. Student-athletes fundraise.
7. No leaving the period for academics unless during scheduled study hall during athletics.
8. Student-athletes are responsible for their locked lockers and locker room cleanliness.

**Cell Phone & Communication Devices Policy:**

* Students shall not use a personal telecommunication device on school property during the school day. While on school property, the student shall store any personal communication devices in their backpacks. Accessing any personal telecommunication device anywhere on campus during the school day is strictly prohibited.

Please read the district's guidelines regarding the new state law:[**https://www.fortbendisd.com/devicepolicy**](https://www.fortbendisd.com/devicepolicy)

Almeta Crawford High School Electronics Policy

First Offense

* 1st Warning issued to student
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for the remainder of the day.
* Device is returned to the student at the end of the school day

Second Offense

* 2nd Warning issued to student
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for the remainder of the day.
* Device is returned to the student at the end of the school day

Third Offense

* Level 1 Offense - School Based Strategies (including No-Access List assignment, Detention, etc.) Additional Action Options
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for the remainder of the day.
* Device is returned to the student at the end of school day

Fourth Offense

* Level 2 Offense - ISS (In-School Suspension), Supplemental Options and School Based Strategies
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for remainder of day.
* Device is returned to parent/guardian (or emergency contact listed in Skyward Q) at end of school day.

Fifth and Beyond Offense

* Level 2 Offense - OSS (Out Of School Suspension)
* Parent/guardian notification
* Device is confiscated and stored in a secure area for remainder of day.
* Device is returned to parent/guardian (or emergency contact listed in Skyward Q) at end of school day.

Important Notes:

* Refusing to give up your device will lead to escalated disciplinary action.
* Unclaimed devices will be disposed after 90 days by FBISD.

*Note: This syllabus may be changed at the coach’s discretion as needed.*