

## **Booster Clubs/Parent Expectations**

The intent of the booster clubs is to promote, provide support, and encourage our athletes during their participation in their respective sports. The purpose of a booster club is also to provide additional resources in order to enhance their experience as student athletes. The club should be committed to providing a quality program that encompasses the total development of our student athletes.

As parents of players involved in athletic programs, you are a part of the booster club. Parent participation can vary from:

- Attending games
- Helping with various events and fundraisers
- Taking pictures
- Attending Booster meetings
- Being an active part of the booster organization and board

It is the expectation of the athletic department that as many parents as possible join and contribute in some way to the booster organizations of their respective sports.

**What boosters don't do:** The booster organizations do not participate in choosing players or deciding on which team-level athletes will play on. Boosters should not expect to be involved in coaching decisions or strategies in any way. All decisions and response to situations on the field are the sole responsibility of the coaching staff. Any issues that a parent and/or booster would like to raise with the coach should be brought up to the head coach at a separate time and place after the conclusion of the athletic contest. Usually a 24 hour wait time is optimal. Parents and/or boosters who would like to address a lower level coach please set a meeting time when the head coach can be in attendance.

The welfare and education provided to the student athletes is the primary function of district employees. Because Boosters are not employees, it is highly important for everyone to remember that it is the district employed coaches and officials that are accountable for the services provided by the athletic programs.

The coach and the school should establish priorities of the needs for the athletic program. These priorities should be expressed to the boosters after they have been approved by the athletic director and the principal. The donation of time or money must be in accordance with state, district, CIF-SS and student body rules and regulations.

Booster club social gatherings and banquets, although generally not considered school-sponsored events, should exemplify/model positive experiences for our student athletes. In keeping with our educational and health goals, alcohol should not be available or used when students are present.