

**CHENEY ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**  
**COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL**

IT IS THE INTENT OF CHENEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS TO PROVIDE AN EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES THAT AIDS IN THEIR **TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD**. EACH ATHLETE **WILL** EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CAREER. OUR AIM IS TO ALLOW OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY RESILIENCE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE THAT IS NECESSARY TO THRIVE AS AN ADULT.

WITH THIS IN MIND WE ASK THAT STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES AND PARENTS FOLLOW THIS PROTOCOL WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH ONE ANOTHER AROUND DIFFICULT TOPICS.

**ACCEPTABLE TOPICS OF CONVERSATION WITH COACHES AS A PARENT:**

TEAM MORALE	CALENDAR
CONCERN FOR TEAMMATES	PRACTICE TIME
TREATMENT OF SELF AND TEAMMATES BY COACHES	HOW TO SUPPORT THE TEAM

**TOPICS COACHES WILL NOT DISCUSS WITH PARENTS:**

PLAYING TIME	GAME PLAN
ANOTHER STUDENT-ATHLETE.	PRACTICE PLAN
STRATEGY	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
PLAY SELECTION	TEAM SELECTION

**ACCEPTABLE TIMES TO SPEAK WITH A COACH:**

\*IT'S ALWAYS BEST TO CONTACT A COACH IN ADVANCE TO SET A TIME TO MEET

MORNING PRIOR TO START OF SCHOOL

LUNCH

PLANNING TIME

1 HOUR PRE-PRACTICE

30 MINUTES POST-PRACTICE

\*\*NEVER APPROACH A COACH JUST PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION

\*\* NEVER APPROACH A COACH IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPETITION

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**COMMUNICATION PROCESS**

THE GOAL OF THIS COMMUNICATION PROCESS IS TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDENT-ATHLETE, CREATE A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STUDENT-ATHLETE, COACH AND PARENTS AND TO DEVELOP A DYNAMIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

\*COACHES WILL GENERALLY CONTACT THE STUDENT-ATHLETE WITH INFORMATION SHARED BY PARENT(S)

- STUDENT-ATHLETE SPEAKS WITH COACH
  - IF STUDENT-ATHLETE IS NOT COMFORTABLE APPROACHING A COACH ALONE IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TEAMMATE.
  
- STUDENT-ATHLETE & PARENT SPEAK WITH COACH
  - THE VAST MAJORITY OF ISSUES ARE RESOLVED AT INITIAL MEETING WITH COACH
  - WHEN AN ISSUE CANNOT BE RESOLVED AT INITIAL MEETING BETWEEN STUDENT-ATHLETE AND COACH
  
- STUDENT-ATHLETE AND PARENT SPEAK WITH THE COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
  - THIS IS A RARE EVENT. SOMETIMES IT IS NECESSARY TO INVOLVE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING AN ISSUE.
  
- STUDENT-ATHLETE AND PARENT SPEAK WITH COACH, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
  - TYPICALLY, IF THE PRINCIPAL IS INVOLVED IT IS DUE TO A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE THAT WARRANTS AN INVESTIGATION OF MISCONDUCT