**2016-2017 Girls Basketball Expectations**

Congratulations on being chosen a member of the Auburn Mountainview Lions Girls Basketball program.  As a member of this program, you are held to a higher standard than most students at this school.  Let’s be clear on this: Basketball is an extra-curricular activity and is a privilege, not a right.  This program owes you nothing and *we will turn you loose at any time during the season if we feel it is in the best interest of this program (in other words, we have a cut policy that is always in effect)*.  As coaches, we feel very strongly about how our players represent themselves and our program on the court, off the court and especially in the classroom.  It is understood that you may have different views as to your abilities, but abilities alone do not win championships.  *Kids willing to sacrifice their abilities for the good of a team win championships!!!!!*  We are not about you, we are about US together!!  We will do our best to use your abilities to improve the team and pursue a common purpose, which is achieving as much as possible on and off the court.

***Practice/Team Events*:**  All players are expected to be present at all team practices/events ON TIME unless otherwise cleared with the coaching staff.  Realize that situations are always different and will be dealt with on an individual basis and there is a difference between excused and unexcused (the coaching staff will decide what constitutes excused and unexcused).  Telling another person to tell the coaches is NEVER an option.  Make sure you schedule appointments and other engagements on your time, not ours (there are plenty of late practice dates where you can schedule appointments right after school). If you miss a practice (*missing school and not calling a coach to let them know you are sick is regarded as a missed practice*), you will face the following consequences (in addition to losing your role):

First violation (unexcused)               Lots and lots of running

Second violation (unexcused)           One-game suspension (that you are eligible for)

Third violation (unexcused)              Two-game suspension

Fourth violation (unexcused)            Dismissal from team

***Conduct/Behavior*:**  Players are expected to behave in a manner that is a positive representation of the Auburn Mountainview Girls Basketball program.  This includes your behavior on the court, off the court and in the classroom.  Discipline referrals (or emails from teachers) are not acceptable for any reason and will be dealt with appropriately.  You will NOT be tardy to class and you will NOT miss a class unless previously cleared through the attendance office.  You are a student-athlete, so notice that the student comes before the athlete.  YOU ARE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD THAN OTHER STUDENTS.  If for some reason you don’t agree with this, turn your gear in.  This is not up for discussion.  You not only represent the basketball program, but you also represent the coaching staff, Auburn Mountainview High School, your families and most importantly, yourself.  Failure to abide by the conduct/behavior expectations will result in the following (consequences can be changed depending on severity of issue):

First violation                 Lots and lots of running

Second violation             One-game suspension (that you are eligible for)

Third violation                Two-game suspension

Fourth violation              Dismissal from team

***Athletic Code*:**  You have read and signed the Athletic Code.  You understand that you are guilty by association if you are at a party where alcohol is present (even if you are not drinking).  Remove yourself from situations that can (in any way) construe your involvement.  You are putting your teammates and coaches in a bad situation when you make poor decisions.

***Grade Checks*:** YOU MUST BE PASSING YOUR CLASSES TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES.   TEACHERS WORD IS FINAL! There will be no warning after that.  You are responsible for remembering when they are due.  If you are found to be failing any class at any time you will be put on a plan of improvement and if your situation is deemed very serious (by the coaches) you will not be allowed to play until the situation is rectified.

***Travel*:**  You are expected to ride to and from games with the team, on the bus.  If for some reason you can’t, you need to get *PRIOR APPROVAL* from Coach DePiano and/or Mr. Carr (our athletic director).  Part of team camaraderie is having enjoyable bus rides after wins.

***Playing time*:**

C-team: Everyone will play, playing time will not be equal
JV: Everyone will play, playing time will not be equal
Varsity: There is no guarantee of playing time

***Parental Protocol*:**  Parents, if you have questions about your daughter, there is protocol to handle this.  Please contact Coach DePiano (ddepiano@auburn.wednet.edu) and set up a meeting (no matter what level your daughter plays).  Please follow this protocol.  Some guidelines to meetings are:

* Impromptu meetings will not be granted.  Please do not request a meeting before or after a practice/game.
* Meeting (if needed) will consist of parent(s), coach(es), your daughter, and Athletic Director.
* There will never be discussion on the following:

·         Playing time

·         Style of play

·         Other athletes