MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC REQUIREMENTS AND ATTENDANCE POLICY

REQUIREMENTS:
At Detroit Country Day Middle School, every student must participate in 7th and 8th grade athletics. Athletics are optional for 6th graders. The requirements are as follows:

Grade 7 – One season of on-campus participation is required.

Grade 8 – Two seasons of on-campus participation is required.

- One of the two requirements may be fulfilled by taking the 8th grade year round physical education course or participation in the all school musical or middle school play.

Credit for off-campus sports will not be given to any 7th or 8th grader with the following exception list below.

- **National Caliber Athlete:**
  - Evidence of national or international ranking or participation on a national level team
  - Evidence of national or international level competition
  - Evidence of daily practice, training and competition schedules that would otherwise preclude participation in the school's athletic program

The student must request an exemption by submitting a letter from a coach that supports the above criteria. This must be given to the middle school athletic director in the fall to be exempt from one of the two required sports.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Daily attendance is required for all sports.
- Absences will be considered excused if they are accompanied by a note explaining such reasons as medical, religious, or academic obligations.
- Absences will be considered unexcused for the following reasons: detention, suspension, or missing a practice without a note.
- Failure to meet the yearly athletic requirement mandates for the student to take an additional sport option during the next school year.
- Excessive unexcused absences will result in decreased playing time and/or no sport credit given.
- After three unexcused absences have been accumulated, a meeting with the student, the coach, and the athletic director will be required.