## **Athletic Mission Statement & Philosophy**

The Jersey Shore Area School District Athletic Department supports the philosophy that a quality interscholastic athletic program is vital to the positive social, physical, and educational development of students. The interscholastic athletic program enhances and supports the academic mission of learning, growing, and succeeding. The District is committed to promoting the proper ideals of *sportsmanship*, *ethical conduct*, *and fair play at all athletic contests*. The District also supports high standards of good citizenship, along with the regard for the rights of others.

Being a member of the interscholastic athletic programs is a privilege to be earned and maintained throughout the season. Each time participants put on the uniform or steps into a school or onto the practice field and anytime in a game they are *expected* to represent themselves in a responsible, sportsmanlike manner.

It is the District's responsibility to provide challenging opportunities for district student-athletes to compete successfully at the league, district, and state levels.

## At Jersey Shore:

In addition to embracing the JSASD Athletic Department philosophy; at Jersey Shore, we will also encourage and promote:

- The concept of the broad-based participation is possible by offering all the teams that
  we can, therefore extending the opportunity to participate to as many students as
  possible
- The premise that all teams are considered vital for our student-athletes, and each is a valued part of our athletic program. No one sport is considered more important than any other.
- The approach that all teams are treated fairly.

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