Cleveland Athletic Academy Handbook

2026-2027 School Year



Purpose: The purpose of this handbook is to help students and parents understand the goals, missions, and environment that CAA student athletes will encounter during their time at the Academy. Reading and understanding this entire book is essential to your success and happiness here at CAA. Our goal is for staff, students, and parents to work together to ensure success is met in academic and athletic areas of study.

School Hours: The school day starts at 8:30 AM and concludes at 2:30 PM. All students should plan to arrive within the 8:15-8:30 AM timeframe. If a student knows he or she will be late or absent for the day, then a parent or guardian must contact the CAA director prior to 9:00 AM. Repeated tardiness or absences will result in a meeting being set-up with the Directors and the parents to discuss a plan for the student.

If a student needs to arrive earlier than 8:00 AM, then prior arrangements must be made with the staff to ensure an adult is on-site to accompany the student. Students are welcome to stay after school within the classroom/rink areas if they need to wait for a ride or practice.

School Calendar/Closing: CAA will run its school year starting on August 24, 2026 and conclude May 20, 2027.

School will not be in session on Federal holidays, or any days noted on the school calendar. In addition, a school day may be called off if the majority (over 90%) of students are expected to be out of town due to tournaments or showcases. In the event of inclement weather or other emergencies, a text message will be sent to all students and parents no later than 7:30 AM. CAA uses Independance and Parma City Schools are a base for weather closings. Please note, due to the nature of Cleveland weather there may be days where it is clear and sunny in Parma while the east side may have a foot of snow on the ground. If a student or parent does not feel safe to drive due to weather conditions, then please DO NOT COME. We will not hold it against anyone if they do not feel safe to drive; please just notify the director so we are aware of your location.

Behavior Policies: The following rules apply to all athletes at ALL times while at CAA and Barons Bus Arena.

Because of the severity and negative impact on our community, the following rules may result in IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT DISMISSAL from the Academy:

- Possession of a firearm or weapon
- Violent behavior that creates a threat to other students, staff, or visitors
- Use or Distribution of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol (to include vaping)
- Theft of any sort, either from the classroom or in the rink
- Any harassment (including sexual) that is found to be threatening to the good order and discipline of the academy
- Inappropriate usage of cellphones or other technologies (ex: looking up inappropriate websites, using technologies to harass or hurt another student, etc.)

In the case of the dismissal of an athlete, there will be no refunds of tuition, fees, or services.

Additionally, the following offenses may result in a temporary suspension and/or removal of privileges at the Academy:

- Cheating / Plagiarism on schoolwork
- Repeated tardiness and/or skipping school
- Intentional destruction of classroom and rink property (to include vandalism)
- Bullying or hazing of another student or staff member
- Cell-phone usage in the classroom, locker rooms, bathrooms, or gyms (use common sense, don't become a safe sport violation)

Academic Standards:

Students are expected to come to the Academy with the understanding that the academic responsibility is on them. While our CAA teachers and coaches will provide mentorship and guidance, students must be willing to take on the independence to ensure their work is being completed to their best potential, in a timely manner. CAA teachers will have access to a student's online Learning Management System (LMS) to check on grades, ensure students are progressing at a proper rate, and communication with teachers is professional and prompt.

Every student at the Academy should strive to receive top grades. While CAA does not mandate a GPA policy, it is strongly recommended that all students receive above a 3.0 at a minimum. All student-athletes should be striving for a 3.5 and above in order to remain competitive for Junior and College hockey opportunities. If a student shows poor