

**Granite Falls Middle School Football Syllabus  
2022**

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**Team Information:** All team communication will be through the TalkingPoints App, email, and the GFMS Football page on the school website.

**Skills To Be Assessed During Try - Outs (August 15th & 16th)**

- 40 yard run
- Agility Drills
- Football Throwing Accuracy and Distance (only for those wishing to try out for quarterback)
- Punting and Kick Off distance and accuracy (If time allows)

**Try - out Forms Required:** A current sports physical must be on file for students to participate.

**Concussion Guidelines:** A concussion form will be sent home with each player on August 15th, the first day of try - outs.

**Practice Procedures:** Regular practice begins on Monday, August 15th. Practices will be held Monday - Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 until school begins. Once school begins, practices will be Monday - Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 and 3:30 - 5:00 on Friday. Any changes to the schedule listed above will be communicated through the TalkingPoints app, email, and on the GFMS Football page on the school website. In the event of bad weather, practice will be held in the gym. Sneakers or tennis shoes will be required for practices held in the gym. Players without proper footwear will not be allowed to practice and it will be counted as an unexcused absence. Parents are welcome at all outdoor practices but are asked to remain in the stands and off of the field. In the cases where we will practice in the gym, those practices are **closed** to the public. If the need to cancel practice occurs, that information will be sent out through the TalkingPoints app, email, and posted on the GFMS Football page on the school website. Students **MUST** be in attendance the entire day to be eligible to practice.

**Consequences for Missing Practice:** \*\*Excused absences do not apply to consequences.

1st missed practice - The player will run sprints after practice.

2nd missed practice - The player will not play during the first quarter of the next game.

Additional missed practices - The player will play for one quarter for each unexcused practice. If a player has 5 or more unexcused missed practices, the coaches will determine the proper action that could result in dismissal from the team.

**Consequences for Missing Games:** \*\*Excused absences do not apply to consequences.

1st missed game - The player will not be allowed for the first quarter of the next game.

2nd missed game - The player will not be allowed to play in the next game.

Additional missed games - Dismissal from the team

**Academics: Academics come first!** Students are expected to participate in and pass all of their classes. Students who are not passing throughout the season will be taken out of practice/games in order to bring their grades back up. Please remember that they are at GFMS to get an education. Playing on a sports team is a privilege. We view our athletes as student learners first. Our athletes are role models and should serve as such.

**Coaching Concerns: Appropriate Steps to Follow:** If a parent wishes to meet with one or all coaches, please send Coach Brown a message through the TalkingPoints app or in an email. Please indicate in your message what you would like to discuss. Parent concerns **will not** be addressed in front of the team. Playing time is determined by attendance, effort, and attitude, and is not open for discussion. We are a TEAM. No individual player is above the team. Our goal as coaches is to promote positive interactions and effective ways of communicating (even in times of disagreements) for our students.

**Student Code of Conduct and Athletics:** GFMS Football players are role models for the school and representatives of Granite Falls Middle School, Caldwell County Schools, and the Town of Granite Falls. Players are expected to behave according to Granite Falls Middle School guidelines.

**Fundraisers:** TBD

**Team Attire:** Most equipment will be provided by GFMS. Below is a list of equipment that players need to purchase

- 5 pad football girdle (can be purchased at most sporting goods stores and online)
- Mouth Piece

Thank you for your support of Granite Falls Middle School Football. Together we can foster a love of education, sportsmanship and work ethic in our students. We look forward to working with each of you.