



Boys Baseball Mission Statement, Goals and Philosophy

WVHS Philosophy and Goals

Philosophy- As the West Valley Baseball program, our main objective is for each player to have a positive baseball experience.

We will accomplish this by being a positive encouragers and motivators. We believe the smallest accomplishments need to be acknowledged.

We will communicate with each and every player as to what their roll is on the team, what areas they need to improve, their responsibilities and the team rules. All 3 levels, (Varsity, JV and Freshman) will be taught the same fundamentals and plays, along with the same rules and responsibilities. We believe in being “fair” to each player. Equal playing time isn’t possible, but equal fairness is.

Goals- Our goals include: each and every year, is to be in the post season playoffs, striving to be the number one seed from our league. Championships are fun. This is only accomplished by developing the lower levels of the program. We will also be in touch with the middle schools within our boundaries, the Little Leagues, Pony Leagues and travel teams to run camps and programs to get them interested in WVHS Baseball. The sooner and the more often players are involved with WVHS baseball, the easier the transition and knowledge of our philosophy, rules and what is expected of them.

Academically we will monitor the players through periodic grade checks. The grade checks will be taken home, signed by the parents and then brought back to the coaches. If a player is struggling with any of their classes we will refer them to the schools support systems, ie, tutoring or study hall. Playing sports is a privilege to be earned through working hard in the class room.

We believe that we can teach some of “life’s lessons” through the game of baseball. Respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and a good work ethic are all part of running a disciplined sports program. Each player will represent West Valley, their family and themselves with dignity and class. We want to provide a safe environment in which they have fun, build character, learn to practice sportsmanship, and develop skills and traits that help them become responsible citizens. Striving to win is an important aspect of competition and teaching kids how to compete effectively and honorably is important, but youth sports is not primarily about winning; it’s about trying to win and learning through effort and improvement.

We will promote and expect all of our baseball players to share their school pride by attending and supporting the other sports and activities on campus. Whether playing a sport or being a fan at another school event, this will create a bond with other students and the school. School spirit and pride will be carried over many years past graduation.