

# **“RAMS AEP”**

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM**

### **Mission**

To provide all members of the team with an outstanding support structure that will enable them to reach their highest possible level of academic achievement

### **Vision**

The Central Dauphin football program will have a reputation for academic excellence because every player will graduate on time, develop the tools and skills necessary for academic success, and gain acceptance into the post-secondary school of their choice.

### **Guiding Principles**

- As members of our football program, players are expected to strive to reach their potential not only as football players but also as students and as people.
- As members of our football program, players are expected to represent the program in a way that reflects excellence in all that they do including their conduct and performance in school. Therefore, they are to fulfill their obligations and meet the expectations of their teachers and administrators inside and outside the classroom.
- Each player who participates in our program should have an experience that helps to prepare him for his life beyond Central Dauphin High School regardless of his post-secondary ambitions. And part of this should be experiencing high academic achievement. The skills and tools necessary for academic achievement are also helpful in attaining success in other endeavors of life.

### **Goals for the School Year**

- Create a system of accountability in which all players know they are being monitored and that they will receive the help and/or motivation they need to attain their highest possible level of achievement.
- Work to eliminate failing grades (end of year grades)
- Work to reduce the number of D's (end of year grades)
- Minimize the number of missing or incomplete assignments

### **Methods for achieving these goals**

1. Establish and create an academic coach and staff that will do the following:
  - Track the progress of the players through:  
Home Access Center, teacher contact, guidance office, submission of gradebooks by players
  - Establish personal goals (done by each player and checked by the Academic Coach)
  - Meet with players to discuss their progress
  - Provide player with the appropriate assistance (ie. tutor, math help, study guides, study strategies)
  - Provide the necessary motivation for players who are not giving an appropriate effort

- Identify “at-risk” players and develop an improvement plan for each of them
- Communicate with parents through e-mail and website
- Communicate with teachers through e-mail, department meetings, faculty meetings

2. Coach McNamee and the coaching staff will be in constant communication with the academic coaches and work together with them in achieving the goals of the program.

3. Academic achievement will be recognized in the following ways:

- Football Honor Roll (varsity players who received a 90% or higher for the marking period or who improved 10% from the previous marking period) will be recognized in the following ways:
  - posted on the Football Honor Roll Board outside football office
  - Announced at football banquet
- An “honor roll” board will hang outside the football office with the names of the players who met the criteria for the marking period
- Academic captains will be chosen for each game
- Players who achieve academically will be eligible for the Glen McNamee scholarship presented by the Rams Club at the annual Football Banquet.
- Speed Ebersole Academic Award at banquet