



2400 ATHLETICS PROGRAM PURPOSE, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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LIGHTNING ATHLETICS is a **CORE PILLAR** of the school-wide K-12 program that exists solely to serve the *mission, vision and values of Langley Christian School* as outlined in Board Policy 1001 and the purposes of the Society outlined in the Constitution.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Lightning Athletics develops student-athletes who are champions in all areas of their life, character and community service.

STRATEGIC ROLE: As a core program, Lightning Athletics strives to maintain a positive public presence, profile and influence in the wider community, and therefore functions in an important role in: promoting the Christian identity and reputation of the school; Christian discipleship and character building; marketing and recruitment of mission-aligned staff and families; community-building; fundraising and alumni relationship building.

LIGHTNING ATHLETICS SERVES THREE CORE GOALS:

1. **COMMUNITY BUILDING (CONNECTING)**
 - (a) Key Objective: Create experiences that will educate, inspire and equip student-athletes to selflessly serve others and make a positive impact as leaders and ambassadors of Christ in their community.
 - (b) Key Objective: Develop relationships, events and teams that facilitate positive school spirit, connection and belonging in the LCS community through athletics and recreation, all students, families and stakeholders.
2. **SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN CHARACTER (THRIVING)**
 - (a) Key Objective: Provide coaching and discipleship that encourages students to develop as **IMPACT ATHLETES**.
 - (b) Key Objective: Equip, coach and inspire volunteers, coaches and students to develop an identity in Christ and to pursue excellence in developing their gifts for God's Kingdom.
3. **HEALTH AND WELLNESS (EQUIPPING)**

- (a) Key Objective: Develop a K-12 strategy and scope and sequence for athletics and recreation that promotes skill development and participation in physical activity as vital contributors to the long-term health and well being of all students.
- (b) Key Objective: Provide extra-curricular opportunities for students to authentically develop spiritual, technical, tactical, cognitive, and physical disciplines that support the goals of the LCS LEARNER PROFILE.

IMPACT ATHLETE PROFILE:

- (a) The IMPACT ATHLETE PROFILE will be used to inform the selection process for junior and senior athletic teams and the appointments of coaches.
- (b) The IMPACT ATHLETE PROFILE outlines the desired characteristics of Langley Christian School student-athletes and provides guidance for coaches to direct their mentoring and discipling activities.
- (c) The IMPACT ATHLETE PROFILE will also be used to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of LCS student-athletes.
 - Integrity of character (Titus 2:7-8)
 - Model excellence on and off the field of competition (2 Corinthians 8:7)
 - Perseverance and hard work (Hebrews 12:1)
 - Ambassadors for Christ in our community (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)
 - Community impact through acts of service (Gal 5:13)
 - Team-first orientation (Romans 12:4-5)

PARENT/STUDENT-ATHLETE ORIENTATION

- (a) At the start of each season of play, Athletic Directors will provide an in-person or online, asynchronous parent/student-athlete orientation outlining the following:
 - (i) Purpose, Key Objectives and Goals of the Lightning Athletics Program
 - (ii) Overview of scope and sequence of athletics progress from elementary through high school
 - (iii) Expectations of spectators, parents and student-athletes; codes of conduct
 - (b) Parents and student-athletes will sign a code of conduct or contract indicating their understanding of expectations and responsibilities.
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RELEVANT POLICIES:

2100 Curriculum Policy

2401 Athletics Program Handbook of Procedures Guidelines

2430 Student-Athlete Eligibility Policy

2431 Student-Athlete Awards & Recognition Policy

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