



# Academic Success

## **Academic Game plan**

*A year round plan to keep your athletes eligible*

### **Introduction**

Academic game plan in this context can be described as a designed coaching program that tutors the fundamentals, rules, regulations and techniques to the school's game. It must be understood that the paramount aspect of high school is your player's education, while football is the best aspect of the school. The head's coach's responsibility shouldn't be limited to the collection of grade checks at the end of fourth and first quarters, but he must also be concerned about his players' grade. It is understood that some players are struggling; a supporting system is needed to improve such players as their academic progress cannot be tracked by the only yearly championship football program. The following will help your players to fulfill their football career successfully;

### **First Staff Meeting**

All staff members are given detailed Academic Success program outline which is an essential step to take earlier before school startup so that the teacher can incorporate the program into their action plans especially when seating chart is being arranged. You must understand that the importance of weekly grade checks and weekly study hall must be well understood when you are building your players.

### **Classroom Behavior**

Another important aspect you must consider is your players' classroom behavior where all players are expected to take the front seat in the class. In preparation for weekly Wednesday study hall, coaches are expected to check binders and assignment calendars.

### **Student Tree Program**

This is explained in detail in another blog article, but basically, you should know that a captain is put in charge of a smaller group of 5-6 players. This ensures that players get more personal attention and has somebody to go to, especially younger players. The captains are in charge of collecting weekly grade checks and turning them into the coaching staff.

### **Weekly Grade & Binder Checks**

All binders are tested either before Monday film or Wednesday study hall. You must ensure constant checking of the organization and ensure that their assignment calendar is correctly filled in. Grade checks are turned into captains every Tuesday. Grade checks are collected YEAR ROUND, not just during football season. You must receive them monthly in the off-season.

## **Wednesday Study Hall**

The academy does practice at 6 pm on Wednesday nights for the following reasons:

- so that we can have a 1-hour tutorial for players struggling in classes,
- we make sure that the players can get help by asking AVID students to come in, or local college students.

I have even gotten our principal to pay an English and Math teacher to attend. It is coaching staff's responsibility to take attendance and moderate the program. The copies of every textbook are gotten for all the core subjects since most players leave their books at home. Note that study hall is mandatory for all players who have a "D" or an "F" in any class.

This late practice also allows players, who are passing the time to take makeup tests, attend study groups, go to the doctor, or run errands for mom. This eliminates absenteeism. It also allows the coaches who do not have to supervise study hall to attend to personal matters.

Our study halls have been so successful that every AD I had worked for, has continued the concept in the spring, which provides a great opportunity for our players who continue to struggle in the off-season.

## **Players' Low Grade**

You must be aware that there are usually only two reasons why a player is receiving low grades: it is either they are having difficulty learning the material, or the player is not putting forth the efforts required. In rare cases, the player who is embarrassed to admit that he is struggling will hide their inability to learn with the "I don't care" attitude. But if a student is simply lazy in a class that he can pass, then the coach needs to use CHAMPIONSHIP REMINDERS or reduced playing time to get the needed effort in the classroom. Our academic success program also has a component that brings faculty closer to our team and creates a better understanding on their part on how hard a football player works during the week.

## **Adopt-A-Teacher Program**

Every football player will "adopt" a staff member, which means: The adopted staff member wears the player's game jersey to school on Friday or hangs it up in their room to show support (the jerseys don't always fit). For example, if we have a home game, the player wears his dark colored jersey while the teacher wears the white. The adopted staff member will stand with their players during senior night, along with his parents. While we don't ask the adopted teacher to do any more than those two things is that, this program has taken off and formed a life of its own. Most adopted staff members bring "spirit" bags to give the players on game days (Gatorade, candy, snacks). And they also attend more games, wearing the jersey in the stands. This program not only builds camaraderie between students and staff, but it also assures that every player has somebody rooting for him on Friday nights.

## **Coach of the Week**

It is of interesting to know that the football team will pick 2-3 staff members every week to be "honorary coaches." The selected teachers are invited to our Monday practice and our Thursday night team meal. They also join the team before the game and at halftime in the locker room. They also watch the game from the sideline.

## **Conclusion**

Game plan has proven to be the essential tool of player's performance which had been our focus in making sure that it is well drawn to enhance our player's grade and overall success in the academy. This you must also incorporate in your mission statement when building your players to achieve the goals and objective of the academy.



# **COUGARS FOOTBALL**

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THIS IS A SAMPLE LETTER TO TEACHERS. WE WILL SEND OUT A LETTER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Dear Teachers,

Welcome back and hopefully you had a refreshing and energizing summer. I would like to welcome all the new teachers at Beaumont High School. Our players have been working hard during the summer & are excited about the upcoming season. The Cougars football theme for the year is "Uncommon". This is the motto for all of our players in the program to give everything they have towards each other & to do things in an extraordinary way.

The players have set high expectations for the team in the classroom, on the field and in the community. The football coaches will help to assist them and guide them in reaching their goals. All of our young men understand that they will be held accountable for their conduct and progress in the classroom. I really believe that we have a great group of kids in the program. There are approximately 140 JV and Varsity players. The Freshman had over 100 players working out this summer. We expect more players to join the freshman squad during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of classes.

Please feel free to contact me during the season regarding the progress of our student athletes. I would like to know about those that are performing real well, those that may need assistance and those that are not displaying appropriate classroom behavior. I have also included a list of our coaching staff.

#### **Beaumont Cougars Football Staff**

Jeff Steinberg	John Brandom
Josh Cronkite	Rene Cronkite
Bob Charron	Pemell Sullivan
Wendell Peoples	Ryan Maine
Kent Lindsay	Kevin Sanchez
Jeff Cameron	Scott Foster
Jaz Myerly	Tony Nixon
Greg Johnston	Aron Crone
Mike Davis	Chip Dellisanti
Rob Plock	

Our 1<sup>st</sup> game of the year is on August 28<sup>th</sup> when we play Citrus Hill. The following week we will take on Murrieta Mesa. We look forward to seeing you at the game.

Have a great school year.

Jeff Steinberg

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM

## STUDENT TREE PROGRAM

- Each captain will be put in charge of a smaller group of players (5-6 per group; 10 groups)
- Every on-campus coach will be assigned 2-3 of these groups (15-20 per coach)
- Every player gets more **personal attention** and has somebody to go to.
- Great way to get freshman acclimated to high school and our football family
- Develops **leadership** among captains.
- They send messages, motivate, collect grade checks, coordinate fundraising, etc.

## WEEKLY GRADE & BINDER CHECKS

All binders are checked afterschool every Monday before film begins.

Grade checks will be turned into captains every Tuesday, who brings to coaching staff.

Captains and/or coaching staff counsel struggling players at Wednesday Study Hall. Also talk to teachers. Setup plan through **mandatory tutoring** and **peer mentoring** to improve.

## LATE PRACTICE

We will have an evening practices (6p – 8p) every Wednesday.

- Players with deficient grades will be excused from Mon film & go to a 45min study hall.
- Study Hall with tutors will be ran afterschool on Wed from 3:30 - 5:30pm.
- A Math and English teacher will be present to help students.
- Players with deficient grade checks HAVE to go to tutoring.

Players with good grades run errands, go to the doctor, makeup tests, talk to teachers, etc.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

An on-campus coach will be assigned “ACADEMIC ADVISOR” and input every grade into the computer on a weekly basis. These spread sheets are pictured below and are blown up for every coach to view.

Juniors IN First Per		0	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th		
3	Last	First							0.00	
11	Ayon	Raymond	A	A	B	B	A	C	B	3.25
6	Avila	Oscar	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	4.00
14	Bautista	Ricardo	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	3.86
33	Camacho	Bernardo	A	A	B	D	A	C	B	3.00
36	Contreras	Steven	B	B	C	D	F	F	D	1.57
34	Cruz	Adan	A	A	B	C	A	C	B	3.34
9	Duran	Ambrocio	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	3.86
37	Ecobedo	Victor	A	A	A	A	C	C	A	3.43
	Garcia	Robert	A							
39	Garnica	Armando	A							0.00
	Martinez	Vincent	A							0.00
29	Nava	Alex	A							0.00
30	Olmos	Anthony	A							0.00
12	Ortiz	Ruben	A							0.00
23	Ott	Jefferey	A							0.00
26	Perez	Andres	A							0.00
	Recinos	Jairo	A							0.00
5	Rivera	Robert	B							0.00
18	Saucedo	Abraham	A							0.00
35	Salcido	Rodolfo	A							0.00

  

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3	Last	First							0.00	
11	Ayon	Raymond		Wls	Math-Gango	Eng-Rodriguez	Finance-Gomez	Science-Ordinez	Hist-Mendez	0.00
6	Avila	Oscar		Wls-Estrada	Math-Mjers	Hst-Mendez	Chem-Acheri	Eng-Rodriguez	Math-Pejas	0.00
14	Bautista	Ricardo		Wls	Franch-Karan	Alg-Rodriguez	Chem-Acheri	Hst-McMann	Eng-Sterling	0.00
33	Camacho	Bernardo		Wls	Chem-Ordinez	Span-Gonzalez	Geom-Galo	Hst-Mendez	Eng-Sterling	0.00
36	Contreras	Steven		Wls	Eng-Lee	Chem-Ordinez	Geom-Galo	Health-Kenely	APHst-Watson	0.00
34	Cruz	Adan		Wls	Hst-Mendez	Rodriguez				0.00
9	Duran	Ambrocio		Wls						0.00
37	Ecobedo	Victor		Wls	Eng-Lee	Chem-Ordinez	Geom-Galo	Span-Ortega	Hst-Watson	0.00
	Garcia	Robert		Wls-Eskade	Inter-Duran	Hst-Mendez	Inter-Duran	Art-Witten	Inter-Neblas	0.00
39	Garnica	Armando		Wls	Hst	Alg	Health	Eng	Chem	0.00
	Martinez	Vincent		Wls	Chem-Ordinez	Hst-McMahon	Span-Ortega	Eng-Rodriguez	Geom-Pejas	0.00
29	Nava	Alex		Wls	Mjers	Sonzales	Galo	Lee	Mendez	0.00
30	Olmos	Anthony		Wls	Eng-Mello	Span-Gonzalez	Pre-Cal-McDowell	Watson	Trigo	0.00
12	Ortiz	Ruben		Wls	Eng-Lee	Music-Gutierrez	Geo-Ocampo	Hst-McMahon	French-Lepitan	0.00
23	Ott	Jefferey		Wls	Mod-Toul-Parague	Potery-Witten	Eng-Mello	Geom-Ocampo	Hst-Watson	0.00
26	Perez	Andres		Wls	Eng-Lee	Sonzales	Witten	McMahon	Ocampo	0.00
	Recinos	Jairo		Wls	Geom-Ordinez	Hst-McMahon	CAHSEE-Fagan	Geom-Ocampo	Eng-Sterling	0.00
5	Rivera	Robert		Wls	Chem-Ordinez	Span-Gonzalez	Geom-Galo	Eng-Rodriguez	Hst-Watson	0.00
18	Saucedo	Abraham		Wls	Eng-Lee	Chem-Ordinez	Geom-Ocampo	Hst-Mendez	Comp-Gomez	0.00
35	Salcido	Rodolfo		Wls	Art-Campbell	Span-Ortega	Eng-Lee	Hst-Watson	Geom-Pejas	0.00
22	Juniors NOT in First Period									
17	Dimas	Cameron		Science	History	Support	CAHSEE	Art-Witten	CAHSEE	0.00
10	Garcia	Victor		Garden	Witten	Ordinez	Fagan	Borgs	McMahon	0.00

# FACULTY RELATIONSHIPS

## ADOPT-A-TEACHER

Every player will adopt a staff member.

- The staff member will wear the player's game jersey on Friday.
- The staff member will make a spirit bag and attend the game to root on adoptee.
- The staff member will stand with their player during senior night.

*This builds camaraderie between students & staff, & assures that every player has somebody rooting for him.*

## COACH OF THE WEEK

The football players will pick 4-5 staff members each week.

- Attend our Monday practice. Attend the Thursday team meal.
- Come in with the team before the game and during halftime.

## CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

All players will be expected to...

- Sit in the front of the classroom.
- Bring a binder to class & keep an assignment calendar. Attend class on time.

**BECKMAN FOOTBALL**  
*Better Today, Not as Good as Tomorrow...*

## You're Adopted!

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be honored if you would come to \_\_\_\_\_ some of the football games and support our team. Could you please indicate which TWO games you could join our team as an "Honorary Coach"?

Aug 28	Damage	Oct 2	@ Northwood
Sept 4	@ Santa Ana Valley	Oct 9	University
Sept 11	@ Football	Oct 16	Irvine
Sept 18	Tustin	Oct 23	@ Corona Del Mar
Sept 25	San Juan Hills	Oct 30	@ Woodbridge

Also, would you honor our players by wearing the following on Fridays to show school spirit?

- Wear the adopted players jersey;
- Display the jersey in your room;

If you have any questions, please call me at 725-1211. I am in N-81.

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With a new school year brings a new football season. Our team worked very hard this summer:

- Gave up 16 days in summer for weight training;
- Gave up 8 summer evenings for practice;
- Saturday tournaments in Visalia and Mirro Bay
- 6-day a week practices starting July 30.

We will ask the faculty to be a very integral part of our program in the following ways:

**ADOPT A TEACHER PROGRAM**  
Every player will "adopt" a teacher  
Wear jersey on Fridays and attend at least one game.

**HONORARY COACH**  
2-3 teachers will be invited to team meal, locker room, and sideline during games.

**TEAM MEALS**  
We would like to invite our staff to feed the team on a Thursday night.

**STUDY HALL**  
Varsity & JV players are provided 4 hours a week of Tutoring.  
Freshman players are provided 7 hours a week of Tutoring.

**LATE WEDNESDAY PRACTICE**  
This gives our student-athletes a chance to make up tests, go to library, meet with groups.

Our coaching staff would like to be your ally. If one of our football players is not performing or behaving up to expectations, please let us know and he will perform "Warrior Reminders" after practice.

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# COUGARS FOOTBALL GRADE CHECK

**IMPORTANT**  
 This grade check sheet is to be handed in to Coach Steinberg by \_\_\_\_\_

To: Faculty  
 From: Coach Steinberg  
 Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Will teachers please indicate this student's attendance and performance in class. **PLEASE BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE FOR THE STUDENT'S CURRENT LETTER GRADE. Let me know if homework assignments are completed.**  
 Thank You!

PERIOD	CLASS	TEACHER'S SIGNATURE	ATTITUDE	EFFORT	CURRENT LETTER GRADE
1					
Comments					
2					
Comments					
3					
Comments					
4					
Comments					
5					
Comments					
6					
Comments					

CALCULATED GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_

## FOOTBALL LETTERING POLICY

Coaches will use the following criterion. In the event a player does not get the minimum amount of playing time coaches will use 2-6 to determine.

1. Playing time in 4 separate quarters during the season.
2. Varsity Level Strength (700 LB's combined Bench, Squat, Clean)
3. Varsity Participation during practice over the course of a season
4. Varsity Participation during summer practices & competition
5. Coaches recommendation
6. Maintain academic eligibility

## DON'T TALK ABOUT IT, BE ABOUT IT

**I WILL PERSIST** under any circumstances that I will encounter, under the toughest of conditions, even when it seems to most that I am beaten. My opponents will grow tired because I will not go away. I will continue to answer the "bell". **I WILL PERSIST!**

**I WILL GIVE MY ALL.** You can count on. I will do whatever I can to contribute. I will be a team player. Nothing will distract me, my focus or my energy. My effort will always be there. **I WILL GIVE MY ALL!**

**I WILL NOT FLINCH WHEN IT GETS TOUGH** or when it gets difficult to see hope or when others seek to separate us in tough times. I will remain strong in mind and spirit. I will be the best teammate I can be. We are ONE. **I WILL NOT FLINCH.**

**I AM ABOUT IT.** I will never quit working hard on or off the field. I will believe in myself, my team & never stop believing in the Beaumont Cougars. I am here to the end. My teammates will be able to count on me both on & off the field. **I AM ABOUT IT!**

## STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I agree to abide by the guidelines set forth in the Cougars Football OUTLINE FOR SUCCESS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Player's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Player's Signature)

The "OUTLINE FOR SUCCESS" document are expectations that I support & will help reinforce.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent's Signature)

## CONSEQUENCES

Violations of this player's agreement will lead to disciplinary action (OTI – Opportunity to Improve).

I also understand that repeated violations or severe infractions could result in dismissal from the football program.

**THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS ON PLAYING A ROLE IN OUR SUCCESS.WE ARE...**

**THE HARDEST WORKING**

**BEST CONDITIONED**

**MOST DISCIPLINED**

**TEAM**

**TEAM IN THE I.E.**