September 2026 **Players, Parents & Guardians:**

Time for some Basketball ! **A-Season will consist of eligible 5th – 8th grade girls and boys. Information enclosed: team rules & student handbook reminders, permission to play form, the games schedule, plus a concussion information form.**

Please review, sign and return the permission to play form and the concussion information form before your player's first practice, NEXT TUESDAY- Sept. 22, 2026 after school from 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm. All the basketball paperwork can also be found on the school web page at www.hardemanschool.com. Look under the Ball and Cheer Information tab.

As previously distributed, Dr. Oxford will be here again on Tuesday-Sept. 22, 2026 during the school day for free sports physicals. Permission for Dr. Oxford to give your player a physical was enclosed and must be signed and returned with all 4 pages of the physical form by end of school Tuesday-Sept. 22, 2026 to be eligible for basketball practice.

Basketball and Cheer photos will be taken by Inter-State Studios during the school day (following school photos that begin at 8 am) on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Uniforms will be distributed before photos. *Remember, all players need to be present in uniform for photos, even if not purchasing photos.*

Please be aware of the game dates and times, as well as practice times, when distributed. Make all the necessary arrangements to get your child to and from. No siblings will be allowed to stay during team practices. Players may stay after school to wait for their practice time, as long as they are working or sitting on the bleachers quietly.

Please sign up for the basketball text alerts, if you are not already. This is our best way to forward necessary changes to parents and guardians. Text Alert Information is on the last page of any of the student handbooks, which can be found on the school webpage at www.hardemanschool.com, then look under the "other information" tab and then open one of the student handbooks then scroll to the last page.

No school staff members will be available to transport students to and from practices and games. Your child is your responsibility!

If you have any questions, please call Coach Weekley's cell at (660) 888-1066.

Thank you,
Coach Steve Weekley and Coach Alex Wilson

HARDEMAN BASKETBALL TEAM RULES 2026/2027

1. Treat EVERYONE with respect (coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, fans, yourself, etc.). Failure to show respect will result in dismissal from the team. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP ARE GOLDEN!!!

2. Be on time to practices and games. Excused tardies must be approved by the coach or the principal. Unexcused tardiness and/or absences will result in loss of playing time in a game. Extra running before or after practice may also result from absences and tardies, as conditioning is a major component of the sport of basketball.

3. Grade eligibility must be maintained. Failure to maintain grades will result in dismissal from the team. Students may not have more than 1 D or any F's in core subject areas.

4. Appropriate attire for practice is T-shirt, shorts, and tennis shoes. Failure to wear appropriate clothes or shoes will result in a missed practice. School dress codes as addressed in student handbook apply to the basketball setting. It is highly recommended, but not required, to have a pair of tennis shoes that are only worn for practices and games.

5. All players must exhibit high-quality character, integrity and dignity when on and off the basketball court. The following disciplinary topics do not reflect high-quality character, integrity, and dignity:

Arson, assault, cafeteria disruptions, cheating, failure to be prepared for class, fighting, indecent exposure, leaving school ground without permission, loitering, neglect of homework and poor classroom performance, defiance of authority, disparaging or demeaning language and harassment (this includes hazing), disruptive speech or conduct/classroom disruption or threatening language, drugs/alcohol, extortion, false alarms, public display of affection, sexual harassment, theft, tobacco, truancy, vandalism, and weapons. For further information on these topics, please refer to the junior high student handbook which you all received a copy of the first week of school. Violation of these things will result in loss of playing time and/or dismissal from the team.

6. Follow the coach's instructions; extra running before or after practice may be involved. Repeated failure to follow instructions will result in loss of playing time and/or dismissal from the team.

7. Show good sportsmanship. Be positive. Encourage yourself and others. Poor sportsmanship will result in loss of playing time or dismissal from the team. SPORTSMANSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP ARE GOLDEN!!!

8. 24 hour rule ~after practice or a game, if you have a concern, please wait 24 hours to address it with the coach. Please adhere to the following proper protocol/chain of command: 1st- student to coach, 2nd- parent-student to coach, 3rd- parent-student, to coach and administration.

Things appropriate for discussion:

1. Treatment of your child-mentally or physically
2. Ways to improve your child, or your child's behavior

Things not appropriate for discussion:

1. Playing time
2. Team strategy
3. Play calling
4. Other players.

9. MOST IMPORTANT RULES~ **give your best!**

Any type of appearance that distracts others, poses a safety hazard, or disrupts the learning environment should be avoided. Examples include clothing with obscene, satanic or profane messages, apparel or style known/associated with "gangs", clothing advertising tobacco, alcohol, or drug related items, clothing that inappropriately exposes private areas of the body including the midriff and stomach, and sagging pants. Tank top straps must be at least one inch in width. All shorts and skirts must be a minimum of finger tip length. T-shirts with cut out sleeves or ones that are premade as such cannot expose more than three inches below the armpit area. Head gear is not allowed unless special circumstances arise in which the administration deem necessary. Hats may be worn on field trips or other special occasions.

Dress code will be followed at all times. Failure to comply with this policy shall result in dismissal until such time that the student adheres to said policy. OSS will result if the student continues to break the rules. Any dress or grooming not mentioned in the above policy, which is not appropriate for school attendance, will be dealt with individually by administration.

Illness

CHILDREN *SHOULD NOT* COME TO SCHOOL ILL! If they are running a fever, have diarrhea or are vomiting, please keep them at home, until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. The student will not be allowed to participate or attend any school related functions during this period. This includes, but is not limited, to games, practices, programs, PTO functions, etc. If your child returns to school prior to the 24 hour time frame, they will need to be accompanied with a doctor's statement.

If your child has a temperature of **100.4 degrees or higher (per CDC), they will be sent home** by appropriate school personnel. If they have vomited or have diarrhea and are sent home, they will not be allowed to return until they have been symptom and temperature free for 24 hours, unless they return with a doctor's statement.

If you kept your child home on a given day due to illness, they will not be permitted to ANY after school functions as a participant or as a spectator. We realize that some students have stomach issues that differ from illness and these occurrences will be taken into consideration by administration. Please communicate with the administration if you feed your child's vomiting is coming from a source other than illness.

Contagious Diseases

A student shall not attend school while afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease, or while able to transmit such a disease after having been exposed. Any teacher who knows of a student with a contagious disease, or knows the student has been exposed to a contagious disease, shall inform the principal of the child involved and provide details of the situation. A principal will require a written statement of health from a physician prior to allowing a student to reenter school. Any student not complying may be excluded from school and the school administration will exercise its power of student suspension as defined in Board policies, rules, regulations, and state health guidelines.

PRF 2920 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Students- Activities and Athletics

The District provides opportunities for students to participate in interscholastic activities and athletics. The interscholastic programs should encourage participation by as many students as possible and should be carried on with the best interests of the students as the primary consideration. The programs are expected to be well organized and well conducted and to have a positive influence on the students and the community.

Participation in interscholastic and extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right. Interscholastic competition may be withheld from any student as a condition of discipline. Furthermore, all policies that apply to the regular school day apply also to interscholastic competition. Coaches and sponsors may establish policies for their groups in addition to those set out by the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Hazing

Student hazing is inconsistent with the educational goals of the District and poses a significant risk to the physical and mental welfare of District students. Hazing of students, on or off District property, is prohibited and may result in suspension or expulsion from school and from activity/athletic participation.

~STUDENT HANDBOOK REMINDERS~

EXTRACURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY (ATHLETIC OR ACADEMIC)

Any student who receives ISS or OSS will be ineligible to attend any after school home or away activity (including practice) as outlined by each referral. **Activity suspension is the same day as the ISS or OSS is served. In the event the suspension covers a weekend the student will not be allowed to participate in any activities or practices over that given weekend. Activity suspension will stay in effect until the suspension has been served.**

- The following activities are available in the Hardeman R-10 School District:
  - Basketball
  - Cheerleading
  - Student Council
  - Spelling Bee
  - Math Bee
  - Geography Bee

Athletic Participation

Students wanting to participate in the inter-school basketball program must first have a physical examination on file in the office. Students who are absent from school for more than ½ day (3.5 hours) will not be able to practice or play in a scheduled game that day. Absences due to a funeral or other excused and prearranged absences, such as doctor and dental appointments, may be exempt.

Sportsmanship/School Spirit

The school administration is responsible for the conduct of our students and fans at all school activities. The Hardeman R-10 School District appreciates all of the fans and students. **Good conduct and sportsmanship should be shown at all times.**

Bullying and Hazing

In order to promote a safe learning environment for all students, the Hardeman School District prohibits all forms of hazing, bullying and student intimidation. Students participating in or encouraging inappropriate conduct will be disciplined in accordance with Policy 2655. The student handbook addresses these topics.

Emergency/Accident

In case of an emergency or accident, an attempt will be made to contact the parent/guardian immediately. It is imperative that your child's information sheet and health sheet be kept up to date in the office and the nurse's office. If any information changes during the year, please contact the school or send a note with your child clearly stating any changes.

Liability Accidents

The school assumes no liability for injured students unless caused by total neglect. *Please note: the school assumes no liability in the event an injury arises from a self-administered medication.* We do provide information relative to state sponsored inexpensive insurance that parents can purchase that will cover the student in case of an accident. Insurance should be in place the first week of school. We strongly urge that students participating in any extracurricular activity be covered by accident insurance.

Electronic Devices

During special events/circumstances and classroom use for academic purposes, student use of personal electronics will be allowed at the discretion of the administration. **This district will not be responsible for lost/stolen or damaged items.** In the event that electronic devices are discovered being used without proper permission they will be confiscated by administration. Repeated offenses will result in disciplinary action by the school administration.

Dress Code

Students should come to school in clothing that is clean, comfortable, and appropriate for school activities. Since proper appearance contributes to positive self-concept and enhances the child's motivation to learn, parents should assist their children in learning to make appropriate choices. Clothing that displays words or slogans that are in poor taste may be distracting to the learning of other students. Parents will be asked to bring a change of clothing if their child comes to school inappropriately dressed.