

**Warrensburg - Lake George - Bolton**

**Wolverines Football**



**Program Handbook**

Dear Student-Athletes, Parents, Coaches, and Community Members,

Welcome to the Warrensburg-Lake George-Bolton (WLB) Wolverines Varsity Football Program. Our merged program represents the unity and strength of our three communities, bringing together the proud athletic traditions of each school district to create a special opportunity for our student-athletes to play football. We are proud to present this unified handbook for our merged varsity football program. This merger represents more than just a sharing of athletic resources – it embodies the spirit of collaboration that demonstrates what is possible when communities come together with a common purpose that benefits all of our students.

This handbook serves as a guide to our shared values and expectations. It reflects our unified commitment to fostering not just skilled athletes, but well-rounded individuals who will contribute positively to their communities. The expectation is that through this program, our student-athletes learn valuable lessons about character development, teamwork, perseverance, and leadership – skills that will serve them well beyond their high school years.

We believe that the success of this merged program demonstrates what is possible when communities come together with a common purpose. We encourage every student-athlete, parent, and community member to read this handbook thoroughly in addition to each school district's Athletic Codes of Conduct and District Codes of Conduct. By reading all of these documents you will find essential information about our program's expectations, policies, and procedures that directly impact the student-athlete experience. Understanding these guidelines is crucial for everyone involved in our program – from game day operations to academic requirements, from communication protocols to safety procedures. This handbook serves as a general overview to ensure a successful and rewarding experience in the Wolverines football program.

Sincerely,

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## **Program Philosophy**

Our program is built on the understanding that interscholastic athletics are an integral part of the high school educational process. We believe that the combination of academics and athletics enhances the quality of the student learning experience and provides opportunities for personal growth beyond the classroom.

### **Mission Statement:**

The Warrensburg - Lake George - Bolton Wolverines football program cultivates a culture of excellence, sportsmanship, and community pride. We empower student-athletes to reach their full potential through rigorous training, character development, and a commitment to teamwork, instilling lifelong values, promoting academic success, and unifying our three communities.

### **Vision Statement:**

To be a recognized leader in high school football, developing student-athletes of exceptional character and skill, while uniting the Warrensburg, Lake George, and Bolton communities in unwavering support. We strive to provide a program that maximizes student opportunities through high-quality coaching and instruction, consistently reflecting our core values.

### **Values:**

- **Respect:** We treat all individuals with dignity and respect, fostering a positive and inclusive environment for players, coaches, fans, and opponents.
- **Integrity:** We uphold the highest ethical standards in all our actions, promoting honesty, fairness, and accountability.
- **Teamwork:** We recognize the power of collaboration and work together to achieve common goals, valuing the contributions of every member of the team.
- **Commitment:** We are dedicated to hard work, discipline, and perseverance, striving for excellence in all aspects of the program.
- **Sportsmanship:** We compete with passion and intensity while maintaining graciousness in victory and dignity in defeat.
- **Community:** We are proud to represent our three communities and strive to strengthen the bonds between them through our shared passion for football.
- **Academic Excellence:** We prioritize academic achievement and provide support and resources to ensure our student-athletes succeed in the classroom.
- **Character Development:** We instill core values such as leadership, responsibility, and resilience, preparing our student-athletes for success in life beyond football.

## **Program Standards**

All student-athletes in our program are subject to the rules, regulations, and requirements outlined in this handbook and your home school district's specific athletic code of conduct. Whether on or off school property, in or out of season, these standards apply throughout the school year. Any matters pertaining to student or parent concerns will be addressed in a collaborative manner involving the head coach, assistant coaches, and all three athletic directors. Questions or concerns should first be brought to the head coach.

The detailed policies regarding eligibility, academic responsibilities, attendance, sportsmanship, training rules, and other specific guidelines can be found on each district's website within the Athletic Codes of Conduct and District Codes of Conduct.