

Mission Statement

THE MISSION OF MYSTIC VALLEY ATHLETICS:

Unparalleled Excellence

Mystic Athletics is inextricably linked to The Mystic Valley Regional Charter Schools Mission as we both share a single unifying goal: **Unparalleled Excellence.**

In the classroom, in our athletic competition and within our community of Interscholastic High School sports, Mystic Athletics will be a leader - never a follower - in setting the highest standards for competitive excellence, ethical behavior and fiscal integrity.

We will create a stimulating, multi-cultural environment that nurtures the human potential, the mental well-being and spirit of every student-athlete and athletics staff member, while enhancing the Mystic Valley's commitment to disciplined inquiry, intellectual diversity and uncompromising integrity.

Through our success in these endeavors, Mystic Valley's Athletics will be recognized within the decade as the national model for Charter School Athletics, unparalleled in excellence and the standard against which all other interscholastic athletic programs are compared.

CORE VALUES

Mystic Valley considers interscholastic athletics to be an integral part of the school, as its existence provides students, faculty, alumni and friends an opportunity to share in the life of the athletic community.

As part of our mission, we will advance the school's role, ensuring athletics will be conducted in harmony and conformity with the school's educational mission, while continuing the proud heritage of athletic success that stimulates pride among our constituents and supporters.

These are the core values of Mystic Valley's Athletics. They are an intrinsic part of our history. They guide our conduct today and ingrain in us the values of Mystic Valley Eagle's for tomorrow.

Accountability.

Mystic Valley Athletics will hold itself to the **highest standards of accountability** in executing against its strategic plan. We expect all of our constituencies to do the same. We will move aggressively to take positive and forward-looking action, with a strategic focus on achieving our goals in both the short and long term.

Compliance.

We play by the rules. We will follow both the spirit and the letter of the law regarding our athletic endeavors and our dealings with school officials, the C.A.C Conference, the MIAA and governmental bodies. We expect everyone who engages in Mystic Valley Athletics experience in any way to do the same.

Culture of Equality.

We will **embrace diversity** throughout our organization. We will hire and recruit without regard to age, ancestry, disability, gender, marital or parental status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.

Culture of Quality.

We will provide for our student-athletes **outstanding** coaches, mentors, facilities, equipment and opportunities.

Integrity.

We are honest in our relationships with student-athletes and their families, coaches, staff, opponents and fans. We will engage only in behavior that reflects the highest levels of integrity and sportsmanship.

Leadership.

Mystic Valley's Athletics will **lead and nurture leadership** in its student-athletes, staff, coaches and administrators.

Respect for our history and traditions.

The legacy of Mystic Valley's Athletics is proud and strong, filled with historical victories and compelling examples of excellence. We will **respect and honor our outstanding tradition.**

Unparalleled excellence.

We are committed to winning.

- **Academically**, we will excel in the classroom.
- **Athletically**, we will compete and win with a watchful eye on the well-being of both our student-athletes and our institution.
- **Ethically**, we will play by the rules. Period.
- **Fiscally**, we will acquire the resources necessary to enable our student-athletes and coaches to compete at the highest level and to achieve unparalleled excellence.

- **Socially**, we will provide our fans with an unsurpassed customer-service ethic and the best game-day experience in collegiate athletics.

Sincerely,

Peter V. Connolly
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Director of Athletics