

## Multiple Sport Athletes

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Mandarin High School is a 6A school with more than 3000 students. Making a varsity sport at a school this size is not only very difficult but also done with the utmost prestige. Most sports offered at Mandarin, excluding football and track, carry approximately 22 students. Making another varsity sport is achieved with skill and excellence because they are not like the rest. In fact, they stand out completely different than others, not only are leaders on the field or court but also in the classroom. Students who play sports are expected from their teachers to maintain good grades and positive attitudes.

Playing multiple sports does not only keep your body physically healthy but also gives kids an extra way to get into college. Tony Carter, who graduated from Mandarin in 2004, played multiple sports. After high school he went on to attend the Florida State University playing football under Coach Bobby Bowden. After college, he was drafted as a Free Agent by the Denver Broncos of the National Football League. Not only Tony Carter excelled in multiple sports, Michael Jordan did as well playing professional basketball and baseball. It is very rare to excel in one sport at that level but he did the unthinkable and went for two.

Not only did Michael Jordan and Tony Carter have the desire and drive to achieve his dreams but the students at Mandarin High School do too. These students who play multiple sports stay countless hours after school, hitting the books, training, and preparing for games. Students who play multiple sports rarely ever get into trouble. When these students come back for their reunions they will be remembered for the great things they have done to make themselves, their peers, and the school look better.

These multiple sport athletes should be very proud of their accomplishments. They have beaten out 3,000 other students for their position on the team. Many of our multiple sport athletes have a starting position and have played for years. A hard working attitude and willingness to win did not come overnight because many of these kids because many of these kids have grown up playing sports.

These student athletes will go far in life, and will go onto college and play and hopefully professional sports or maybe even the Olympics. Even though these athletes won't be playing sports forever these traits and qualities they have learned through sports will help them excel in their life and careers.