



## **Syracuse Arts Academy Extracurricular Activities Code**

Syracuse Arts Academy encourages student participation in extracurricular activities. Participation can provide enjoyment and at the same time teach discipline, leadership, teamwork, respect for rules and healthful living habits. Each student who participates in an extracurricular activity represents not only himself/herself but Syracuse Arts Academy as well. Furthermore, student participants in extracurricular activities always bear the responsibility of representing themselves as good citizens and positive role models.

### **Eligibility to Try Out for a Team**

Participants must have a 2.0 GPA and no more than 1 F in the prior grading period to be eligible to try out for a team.

### **Eligibility During the Sports Season**

- At weekly grade checks, participants with 1 F or 1 U are eligible to remain on the team but a coach may institute a game suspension or partial suspension to help a student be motivated to raise their grade or improve their behavior.
- Students with 2 or more F's or U's can remain on the team and practice but are not allowed to play in games or travel with the team until they have met the eligibility requirements. Coaches may require students to miss practice and work with teachers to become eligible again.
- No student should be restricted from being a part of the team because of grades, only restricted from playing time, until the student chooses to fix their grades.
- These are minimum standards and coaches or administrators reserve the right to raise the standard from the minimum.
- Students who are suspended from school will not practice or participate with the team during the time of suspension. Coaches may restrict playing time for a longer duration than the suspension period.
- No student will be eligible to participate in any athletic contest unless the student has a physical exam by a licensed physician stating that he/she is physically able to compete in extra-curricular athletic contests and practices. The student's parents or legal guardian must complete and return to the school the physical exam form provided by the school.
- A medical release form stating insurance coverage and emergency information must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the head coach before the first contest.
- Students involved in Chess, Debate or Academic Bowl are not required to obtain a physical exam.

### **Attendance Requirements**

Students are expected to be in all classes. They will be ineligible to compete in a contest if they were absent the day of a game. An athlete may be ineligible to compete in the next meet/event if they have excessive absences or tardies. Building administrators and coaches will determine whether absences or tardies are excessive. We realize that this is very subjective, but we want to stress attendance while giving the school some flexibility.

### **Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Regulations**

Participants must not possess, use, deliver, transfer, or sell alcohol, tobacco, or any controlled substance (as defined by state law). Offenders will be removed from the team. Participation in future extra-curricular activities will be determined by the administration for those who violate this provision of the policy.

### **Appeals**

A student who does not meet these eligibility requirements due to unusual or mitigating circumstances may appeal his/her case to the school administrator in writing. The building administrator will meet with the appeals committee (appeals committee consists of an administrator, coach and teacher) and make a decision as to the player's eligibility. Decisions of the appeals committee will be final.

### **Participation Fee**

A \$45 per sport fee is required of all students who are not eligible for fee waivers. This fee must be paid before the student is allowed to participate in a meet/game.

### **Transportation**

Parents are responsible to transport their student to and from all extracurricular activities.

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I have read and I understand the above expectations and consequences of the Extra Curricular Activity Code.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date