

CO-CURRICULAR REGULATIONS

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
CO-CURRICULAR
ROCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

PREFACE

The following rules and regulations have been designed for co-curricular participation..

GENERAL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

It is expected that the student will display appropriate behavior in school, contribute to school through participation in various clubs and events

ELIGIBILITY

1. Students must abide by the rules of Spaulding High School and may be denied access to co-curricular activities based on disciplinary action
2. Student eligibility is based on quarter grades and not final grades. The current NHIAA requirement for a school with block scheduling is to pass the equivalent of four units per quarter. A one credit course meeting 90 minutes per day, carries an equivalency of two units. A student must meet the minimum requirements for eligibility by NHIAA standards, plus receive no more than one Not Yet Competent (NYC) **or** Insufficient Work Shown (IWS) each mid semester grade or final grade for a nine-week course. A passing grade is based on the current policy of the Rochester School Board. Academic eligibility applies to all students in all activities at all times.
3. Any student suspended from school is also suspended from co-curricular activities for the same duration of time.
4. A student in band, chorus, ROTC, or other credit-based activities that does not meet the eligibility standard must develop a plan with the Instructor and the administration to improve their grades or be ineligible to participate in after school and weekend activities. The grades will be reviewed on a weekly basis to determine participation in continued after school and weekend activities.
5. Co-Curricular Activities include school clubs, organizations and any school sponsored formal or semi-formal organizations. The co-curricular programs include but are not limited to: class council, yearbook, FBLA, Health Occupations, HERO, Key Club, Literary Magazine, Math Team, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, Newspaper, SADD, Student Council, Art Club and similar programs at the High School.

RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING PARTICIPATION

The student, while a member of a sanctioned co-curricular organization, must abide by the following rules and regulations or be expelled from that organization:

1. A student shall not, regardless of the quantity, use or consume, possess, be in the presence of, buy/sell or transfer any substance containing tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, or any controlled substance (the only exceptions are: a student in the company of their parent/guardian that is using tobacco or consuming alcohol, or controlled substance(s) prescribed for that specific student). Penalty:

First Offense:

- Parent(s) will be notified.
- Student will be suspended from the team or activity for 25% of the season. If there is not 25% of the season remaining, the student would serve remaining games but also be subject to fulfilling the remainder of the consequences before participating in any other co-curricular activity.
- Student will be reinstated after suspension, if he/she agrees to, and follows through with:
 1. Writing a reflective narrative, apology to the team and those involved in the incident (once approved, athlete may practice).
 2. Attending and completing Teen Drug Court program.
 3. Performing ten (10) hours of community service pertinent to the offense, and not inclusive of any other school community service requirement.
- Failure to comply will result in removal from sports or activities for the season.

Second Offense:

- Parent will be notified.
- Student will be suspended from participating with all co-curricular activities for 365 days.

Third Offense:

- Parent will be notified.
- Student will be suspended from all sports or activities for the remainder of the student's High School career.

Note: Violations are cumulative over a course of a student's four year career at Spaulding HS

2. No stealing or vandalism of: property, buses, or any other establishment visited as a student.
3. All students will adhere to all obligations and attendance policies developed by the advisors. Other than for medical or personal matters which have been cleared through the advisor or Principal, excused absences are permissible for family vacation trips, school sponsored trips and academically enriching trips. Academically enriching trips are educationally related trips where the school staff has been given permission to advertise on school premises by the School Board. Advisors will be notified in writing in advance of a trip.
4. The Principal may expel a student from an activity if a violation occurred during or prior to the beginning of the activity for the school year.
5. It is a violation of this agreement if a student, by their actions, words, and or behavior inside or outside of the school environment brings dishonor or discredit to the reputation of the school may be suspended or removed from the organization.
6. Gross misconduct, including but not limited to assault; inappropriate behavior and/or obscene language; cheating; directing threats or obscene gestures at an advisor, judge, official, participant, or opponent.

Any violation or infraction of the above rules and regulations will result in the following:

1. All violations or infractions warranting expulsion must be investigated by the advisor. When verification confirms the infractions, the advisor will immediately suspend the student from further participation.
2. The Principal or designee will review the violations or infractions, the investigation of the advisor and if in agreement, will dismiss the student from participation in any organization that school year.
3. The Principal or designee and/or advisor will notify the student and the parents/guardians regarding his/her decision.
4. Any appeal of dismissal shall take no more than ten days from the date of temporary suspension.
5. Any dismissal may be appealed through the normal chain of command, which is: Advisor, Principal, Superintendent and School Board.
 - a. Any student who is suspended from a sanctioned school team has a right to appeal the decision.
 - i. Suspensions of the first level can be appealed to the Principal
 - ii. The basis of the appeal would typically include:
 - A decision lacks substantive basis in fact to support the findings.
 - There is incongruity between the disciplinary action and the findings.
 - There has been unfairness in the hearing process.
 - There is newly discovered important evidence not known at the time of the hearing or disciplinary action.
 - iii. The burden of proof is on the appellant that no substantial evidence to support the finding is present.

(Consent form is on Page 4)

**SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S CONSENT FORM
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

TO THE PRINCIPAL OF SPAULDING HIGH SCHOOL:

My child, _____ is a candidate for participation in
(please print name)
_____ at Spaulding High School.
(Activity)

I hereby grant permission to participate under the supervision of the advisors. In giving this consent, I do so with full understanding that Spaulding High School assumes no financial liability for any accident or injury to a pupil which may occur as a result or participation in this activity or while traveling to or from an activity, or contest.

My child is insured by the following company:

Insurance Company: _____
Insurance #: _____

No Insurance:

BUS POLICY

1. Advisors are responsible for all students before, during and after trips on buses.
2. Food and drink are not to be brought on bus trips except in special situations which further require notification of the bus driver beforehand
3. It is the advisor's responsibility to see that all buses are left clean.
4. When it is necessary to travel by private automobiles, the proper form must be filled out beforehand and signed by the parent and advisor. If a parent plans to transport their student from a co-curricular activity in a private automobile, approved written permission must be obtained prior to the activity by the Athletic Director or School Administrator. The Coach or Advisor cannot grant permission at an away activity.
5. Advisors will discipline those students that behave in a manner which is unacceptable.

DISMISSALS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

1. School rules pertain to all school activities.
2. If a student is dismissed during the school day for other than medical appointments or personal matters which have been cleared through the Principal or designee, he/she will not be allowed to participate in co-curricular activities that day.
3. Any student absent from school or portion thereof, without the authorization of the Principal or designee, will not be allowed to participate in any event that day.

I have read the enclosed pages of the Spaulding High School co-curricular and insurance policy. I hereby agree to support and abide by these policies:

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian
Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Emergency phone: _____

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