

Sunset Ridge School  
**STANDARDS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**PHILOSOPHY**

We, at Sunset Ridge School, are proud of our school community. Everyone works hard to provide the students with excellent educational opportunities. Much time and thought are put into each learning experience because we care that our students are properly supported, challenged, and engaged in their learning. We also believe that learning is not limited to our school hours. Time before and after school provides students with additional learning opportunities.

**GENERAL INFORMATION - ACADEMICS/CODE OF CONDUCT**

Students who succeed academically and honor the behavior guidelines outlined in the Code of Conduct have the privilege of participating in extracurricular activities. We will work to help every student experience success in school because we believe that this promotes happiness, self-confidence, and skill development. Our school has a “no cuts” policy for extracurricular activities as long as students are meeting our academic and behavior standards.

Meeting academic and behavioral goals are the student’s primary responsibilities. If a student is having trouble succeeding in school, we work as a team to solve this problem. Therefore, the student who is having difficulty in classes will stop participating in extracurricular activities for a period of time, giving the student, the parents, and the teacher(s) the chance to work together to remediate the problem.

**GENERAL - MISCELLANEOUS**

Parents should arrange for the prompt pick up and drop off of students before and after all extracurricular programs and sporting events. Students who are regularly tardy or late in being picked up run the risk of losing the privilege of continuing as a member of the program or team.

It is important that all spectators at sporting events and participants in extracurricular programs remain in the supervised area where the game or activity is taking place. They are to demonstrate respectful and responsible behavior towards all participants in the game or activity.

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**Health Form for Athletics (Grades 5-8):** Students participating in any of our sports programs must have a current Certificate of Child Health Examination Form on file in order to attend practices or games. Having an updated examination form on file at the start of the school year saves time should your child decide he or she wants to join a sport later in the year. Grade 5 students are eligible for Track and Field in the spring.

**Activities (Grades 4-8):** The activities included under this plan are musical productions, school dances, academic teams, before and after school clubs, Student Council activities, and any other activity involving a lengthy time commitment.

**Student Council Events (Grades 4-8):** Any student absent from school on the day of a Student Council event is not allowed to attend. Activities for grades 4-5 are planned after school from 3:20-4:15 p.m. Student Council dances for grades 6-8 are held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All students must be brought to the dance or activity and picked up by a parent or guardian 18 years or older. Students should be picked

up promptly at 9:00 p.m. Students may not leave the activity until pick up time. If an early pick up time is arranged between the parent and staff, we will accommodate this request.

Any students who want to bring a guest to an activity must complete a special permission form available in our school office or on-line and return it to the principal prior to the day of the dance.

### **STANDARDS FOR PARTICIPATION**

***Academic:* All students participating in extracurricular activities must maintain a grade of C- or higher in all subjects.**

- ✚ A grade check will be taken four times per quarter (3 weeks, mid-quarter, 7 weeks, at quarter's end). A student's homeroom or advisory teacher will check grades at these times.
- ✚ Any student receiving a grade check below C- in any subject will be temporarily removed from the extracurricular program until the student can demonstrate that his/her grade is at a C- or higher grade level. In order to resume participation, the student must work with his/her teacher to raise the grade. Teachers will then note the academic improvement on the grade check database.
- ✚ If a student needs more than five (5) days to improve the grade or if the student has repeated failing grade reports, he or she may be removed from the extracurricular program's roster.
- ✚ Students ending a quarter with a grade below C- may not resume participation in extracurricular for a minimum of five (5) days.
- ✚ Any student suspended from an activity will meet with the subject area teacher to develop a plan of action to improve grades. In addition, the student with a cumulative grade in any subject area below the C- level must work with the subject area teacher (s) to complete work or review any skills covered that they did not master or complete.

***Behavioral:* Students are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.**

- ✚ Any student found in serious violation of the Code of Conduct may be suspended from the activity for a length of time deemed appropriate by the staff and administration.
- ✚ A student suspended for such violation could possibly meet with the school's social worker, counselor, homeroom teacher, advisor, or principal to develop a plan of remediation.
- ✚ It is a privilege to participate on a team or in a club. It is important for our student participants to represent Sunset Ridge School with a respectful and responsible attitude. This includes behavior both on and off the playing field/court or class area. Students should behave in a way that reflects good sportsmanship, citizenship, and respect towards others. Student athletes and club participants are role models of proper behavior.
- ✚ Students must be present for a minimum of four (4) hours of the school day to be eligible to participate in team-sponsored activities for that day or in after school clubs. For sports, this includes both practices and games.
- ✚ If a student does not participate in PE class on a particular day due to being unprepared or medically excused by a physician or parent, the student may not participate in athletic practices or games that day.
- ✚ When a student accrues three or more unexcused tardies in a given quarter, action will be taken to have a student miss an extracurricular activity.