

Sunset Ridge School
STANDARDS FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
**(To be completed by all students engaging in before or after school
activities/programs and their parents)**

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 Dance (Grades 6-8): Student Council dances are held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Any student absent from school on the day of the dance is not allowed to attend. All students must be brought to the dance and picked up from the dance 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 dance 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 the dance 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 70% 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 below 70% in any subject will be temporarily removed from the extracurricular program until the student can demonstrate that his/her grade is at a 70% or higher. In order to resume participation, the student must present a grade sheet to coaches or program directors indicating eligibility to participate.
- ✚ 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.
- ✚ 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 70% 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, actions will be taken to have a student miss an extracurricular activity.

Please complete the form on the last page and return it to Sunset Ridge School by August 31st. This form is required before your child can participate in extracurricular programs.

STUDENT'S NAME (please print): _____

Grade: _____

STUDENT'S HOMEROOM OR ADVISORY TEACHER:

Check all that apply to your child. Please complete ONE form per child.

_____ I agree to the guidelines set for all Extracurricular Programs and allow my son/daughter to participate in programs of interest.

_____ **(STUDENT ATHLETES ONLY - Grades 5-8):** I know my child needs a Certificate of Child Health Examination Form and a Concussion Information Form on file with Mrs. Curry, our school nurse, in order to participate in practices or games related to any extracurricular sports programs and that he/she cannot participate in any practices and games until the form has been submitted to the school nurse.

_____ **(GRADES 6-8 ONLY):** My child has permission to attend any of the 7:00-9:00 p.m. Student Council dances planned this year. Information about the dances will be e-mailed prior to the scheduled date.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Return form to your child's Homeroom Teacher or Advisory Teacher – Forms will be sent to the office.