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EXTRA-CURRICULAR / CO-CURRICULAR POLICY

Definitions

As part of the Eastern School District # 400, St. Joseph's All Grade shares the philosophy of creating high quality educational and extra-curricular / co-curricular experiences which prepare our students to meet the challenges of a diverse global society.

The Eastern School District # 400 and the staff at St. Joseph's All Grade recognizes that extra-curricular / co-curricular activities are an integral and valuable part of a student's experience at school. Schools can most effectively support student learning by enhancing the regular school program with opportunities for school participation in a variety of age appropriate extra-curricular / co-curricular activities. Students may develop a variety of skills through participation in extra-curricular / co-curricular activities, including activity specific skills, team collaboration and sharing, positive social values and behaviors which they can transfer to their lives now and in the future. Such activities, wisely selected, properly organized and supervised, may contribute to students' attainment of curricular outcomes.

Activities / events will be organized in a meaningful way to assist students in developing the necessary skill set to make productive use of their leisure time; keeping in mind that school work comes first. These organized events are voluntary on the part of the student and staff.

The NLTA Collective Agreement, Article 29:02 states: "It is agreed that extra-curricular activities are a desirable part of a well-rounded education. It is also agreed that the principal and staff of each school will determine the extra-curricular activities to be provided in their school. Notwithstanding this, a teacher's participation in any extra-curricular activity requires the teacher's consent."

Policy Statement

All students will be given the necessary encouragement and support for the development of, and participation in, a wide range of extra-curricular / co-curricular activities at St. Joseph's All Grade.

Eligibility

- ✚ Students must be in full-time attendance
- ✚ Students must maintain an acceptable academic standard. While no student will be restricted from participating in extra-curricular / co-curricular program due to academic ability, it is expected that a student be working to the best of their natural ability.
- ✚ Students must be in regular attendance at school. A valid reason for absenteeism must be presented to the school.
- ✚ Students must adhere to the school's Code of Conduct both during school events and other school sponsored events that take place in other schools / jurisdictions.

Liability

While participating in any school sponsored extra-curricular / co-curricular event at school, travel to and from an event outside the school, and at the event, students are covered by the school's insurance policy. Parents / Guardians will be required to sign a waiver and / or give permission to travel or participate in a school sponsored activity.

Responsibility

St. Joseph's All Grade has an expectation that student behavior during extra-curricular / co-curricular activities at school, or outside events be reflective of positive and respectful behaviors. At all times students are under the school's Code of Conduct Policy. It must be remembered that student behavior is a reflection not only of themselves, but of their families, community, and school.

Action / Appeals

Participation / involvement in extra-curricular / co-curricular events and activities may be suspended by the school administration for such things as persistent disruptive behavior in school, widespread lack of effort in academics, significant amounts of absenteeism for unexcused reasons, or reasons deemed appropriate by the school administration.

Any student who feels he/she has not received due process, or that circumstances have changed such that a reconsideration of a decision removing them from the extra-curricular / co-curricular program is warranted, will have the right to appeal the decision. In this event, they should put their appeal in writing and present it to the school's administration. In this event an appeals committee will be put in place and the student given an opportunity to present his/her case.