



# Rainy River District School Board

## Extra Curricular Activities-Athletics Policy and Permission Form

Congratulations on being selected to represent your school in extra-curriculars. The Rainy River District School Board and your school consider it to be a privilege to represent them outside of the school and in our communities. Knowing this, all students will govern their behaviour according to the **R.R.D.S.B Code of Conduct**. Students participating in extra-curricular activities must adhere to the expectations outlined in this policy.

**Any questions or concerns arising from the interpretation of this policy will be resolved by the extra-curricular supervisor in consultation with Administration.**

### RRDSB Extra-Curricular-Athletics Guidelines

- The participant and one (1) parent or guardian must sign and return the permission form indicating that they have read this Policy. **The participant's signature will acknowledge that he/she understands and will comply with outlined expectations.**
- There may be additional costs associated with extra-curricular activities. Additional fees that are required, must be paid or a payment plan arranged prior to participation.
- Participants traveling who require regular or emergency medicine (e.g. epi-pens, inhalers, insulin, etc.) as prescribed by a doctor must bring their medicine and inform their supervisor.
- Fundraising events will follow Policy 8.24 (Fundraising)
- If at any time the welfare or safety of the students/staff/school is in question or illegal activity is suspected, any student's personal belongings may be searched by school staff during extra-curricular activities. If the student refuses at any point, they can be denied further participation and will incur all related expenses for transportation home. Police may also be contacted.
- If a student has been restricted from participation due to medical reasons, the student must provide a doctor's note stating that he/she can resume the activity. All students must strictly adhere to the RRDSB's Student Concussion Protocol (Procedure 4.74).
- All participants must travel in the vehicle designated by the school. Students will only be released for alternate travel arrangements once the appropriate forms are signed by parents/guardians, and submitted to the school administration. The parent/guardian should communicate these requests prior to the trips designated departure site.
- All students participating in Co-operative Sports Program(s) must follow both the RRDSB Code of Conduct and the Co-operative School's Athletic Policies. (LOTW Baudette/Minnesota State Hockey)
- A supervisor of any extra-curricular program has the right to select participants based on a set criteria that has been clearly communicated to all participants. A coach/supervisor has the right to discuss with administration the removal or suspension from participation any student if the expectations have not been met.
- Students in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of high school may be deemed eligible. Fifth year students wanting to participate must meet with Activity Supervisor/Athletic Coordinator/administration prior to the beginning of the activity. To be eligible to play NorWOSSA sports a 5th year student must be registered in a minimum of 2 courses per semester.
- A student may be granted eligibility to participate in more than one simultaneous interschool activity once agreed upon by Administration/Athletic Coordinator/Extra-Curricular Activity Supervisor. Students are committed to the team that they started with.
- If a student quits or does not adhere to the RRDSB School Code of Conduct, they may not be eligible for the remainder of that season/activity and/or the following season/activity, dependent on the timing of the incident and the discretion of administration. Should a student athlete be deemed ineligible, activity fees will not be refunded.
- If a student is achieving below 50% in any class, they will be given every opportunity to improve their marks/assignment completion. A student may be allowed to continue to participate in an extra-curricular activity as they work towards a passing grade(s). If the student improves his or her mark to the level indicated, upon consultation with administration, a student may remain eligible.
- Students are expected to attend class regularly and punctually. Students are expected to attend on the day before, the day of, and the day after any activity. Administrative approval will be needed to excuse an absence.

**Behaviour:**

The Rainy River District School Board Code of Conduct sets clear standards of behaviour for students, staff and parents. A school should be a place that promotes responsibility, respect, civility, and academic excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment. A positive school climate exists when all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable, and accepted. All students, parents, teachers, and staff members have the right to be safe, and to feel safe, in their school community. With this right comes the responsibility to contribute to a positive school climate. Responsible citizenship involves appropriate participation in the civic life of the school community. Active and engaged citizens are aware of their rights, but more importantly, they accept responsibility for protecting their rights and the rights of others.

Extracurricular activities are intended to enhance character development, along with the employment of prevention and intervention strategies to address inappropriate behaviour, fosters a positive school climate that supports academic achievement and well-being for all students.

Any student who demonstrates behaviour inconsistent with Rainy River District School Board policy or the School Code of Conduct may receive a range of age and developmentally appropriate interventions, supports and consequences, which may include restorative practice, direct skill development, counseling, loss of privileges, detention, making restitution, suspension from school or expulsion from any school or all schools in the Rainy River District School Board.

**Student Accident/ Out-of-Country Insurance Notice**

The Rainy River District School Board has purchased a blanket student accident insurance policy for all full-time students which provides 24-hour coverage every day throughout the year, including weekends, summer vacation and other school breaks. This includes Emergency Out-of-Province/Country Accident Insurance. Part-time students (2 courses or less per semester) **are not covered**. This policy is in effect from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019.

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_