

## **RLKS Extracurricular Participation Policy**

Rainbow Lake School supports a broad and varied program of extracurricular activities. These activities are extensions of our regular school day and include school teams, clubs, and events. Student participation in extracurricular activities IS A PRIVILEGE AND NOT A RIGHT and is dependent upon compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. A minimum requirement of all students for participation is good citizenship. Students are expected to abide by all school and team rules, policies, and regulations.

The goals of the extracurricular program are to provide students with a well-rounded school experience. Participation will provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate leadership, fair play, responsibility, fellowship and sportsmanship, while exploring areas of special talent or interest.

Activities are coordinated and supervised by the school staff. Parental and community support is encouraged and appreciated. Students must be in good standing at RLKS in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

The following academic probation and eligibility system is not a punitive system. It is designed to encourage students to:

- a. Pass all courses attempted
- b. Take as full a schedule as possible while participating in extracurricular activities (Extracurricular activities are defined as activities that students are involved in that are not part of the curriculum of a class nor given as part of a grade within a class.)
- c. Work up to capacity in all endeavors
- d. Reach academic excellence

Please review the detailed list below:

1. **Students must maintain acceptable attendance.** If it is deemed necessary by the teacher for a student to take a break from extracurricular activities to possibly catch up on missed work because of absences, then this shall happen.
2. **Students must maintain a passing grade in all courses.** Any students not passing a course at a weekly grade check shall be placed on academic probation until the next weekly grade check.
  - a. Students placed on academic probation shall be notified and steps towards a passing grade will be arranged by the course teacher (ex. reassessments, extra help after school, flex assignments...)
  - b. Parents and guardians shall be notified by administration and advised that study time must be a first priority at home and school during the period of academic probation, and that activities that compete with studies should be curtailed or restricted.
3. **Students must be up to date on assignments and school work.** Any students with missing or late assignments will be prohibited from participating until they are current with their school work and the work is completed at their best ability. This will be determined by the teacher after allowing 24 hours for assessment of the given work.
4. Should a check reveal a student to not be meeting eligibility criteria, **a period of probation will be instituted for one week.** The student will regain eligibility when a weekly check reveals them to be meeting the criteria. Weekly checks shall begin at the three week level at the beginning of every term (for new courses).
5. Students with exceptional educational needs shall meet the above eligibility requirements unless otherwise stated in their individual support plan (ISP).
6. This code establishes the minimum levels of eligibility as defined by Rainbow Lake School. Individual coaches/supervisors at their discretion can increase the eligibility requirements that do not conflict with other regulations, with the approval of the administration.

Other notes:

- Attendance:
  - Students must be in attendance for the whole afternoon prior to any morning activity/event in order to participate.
  - Students must be in attendance for at least the whole afternoon of the day of the extracurricular activity or game in order to participate.
  - For weekend games, student must be in attendance for at least the Friday afternoon of the weekend games.
  - Extenuating circumstances may be approved by the school's administration.
- Students declared to be ineligible from participation in extracurricular programs shall not be permitted to represent the school in any manner during that time. Students are urged to be prepared to return to participation.

### Demerit Point System for Behaviour Reports

Students who receive behaviour write-ups for undesirable behaviours, will accumulate demerit points. These points will add up to possible weeks of ineligibility from participation in extracurricular activities. These points are cumulative and will be monitored regularly.

5 demerits = 1 week of ineligibility

10 demerits = 2 weeks of ineligibility

15 demerits = 2+ weeks of ineligibility. Meeting shall be held with the student and/or parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student to discuss possible reinstatement, with specific conditions to follow.

The following is a list of *possible* point violations:

Classroom Disruption – 1

Inappropriate Language – 1

Skipping School - Admin's Discretion

Continual Missed Homework – 2

Continual Unexcused Lateness – 2

Dress Code Violation – 2

Violated School's Electronic Policy – 2

Defiance/Disrespect/Rudeness – 3

Bullying – 3 pts + 2 weeks additional ineligibility

Academic Dishonesty – Admin's Discretion

Drug/Alcohol Violation – Admin's Discretion

Vandalism – Admin's Discretion

Physical Contact – Admin's Discretion

Fighting/Assault – Admin's Discretion