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River View Middle School Co-Curricular Handbook

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CO-Curricular Parent/Student Signature Page

Your handbook is designed to help you and your parents better understand the expectations of participating in co-curricular activities at River View Middle School. We have a great range of co-curricular activities here at River View which includes both athletic and academic activities.

The information contained in this handbook includes information that will enable you to make the greatest possible contribution to your development and the reputation of our school.

You and your parents are required to read the handbook so that together you may better understand the school's co-curricular process. You should acquaint yourself with the procedures and policies to get the best from your school years at River View Middle School.

After reading the handbook, please sign and return to the River View office.

I am aware that I am required to abide by the policies and guidelines outlined in the River View Middle School Co-Curricular Handbook.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am aware that my child is required to abide by the policies and guidelines outlined in the River View Middle School Co-Curricular Handbook.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

RIVER VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR POLICY/DESCRIPTIONS

Co-Curricular Mission Statement

The Kaukauna Area School District encourages all students to become actively involved in a wide-range of activities available to students. Co-curricular activities provide an opportunity for students to assume a leadership role, gain recognition and identification, as well as provide a supervised social and emotional outlet. These activities serve as an extension of the normal educational curriculum.



Co-Curricular Activities Code

Rules are established for the best interests of the participants and the program. The participant who chooses to comply with the rules demonstrates a desire to dedicate him/herself to self-improvement, and to enhance the best interests of fellow participants, the program, and the school. Choosing not to abide by established rules may result in withdrawal of the student's privilege to participate. Violations accumulate throughout the student's middle school experience. School rules and regulations as outlined in the Student Handbook apply to all students. Students are responsible for understanding all school rules. **All students and parents will sign the co-curricular policy annually prior to participation in any co-curricular activity.**

General Rules and Guidelines for Participation

Any student/athlete participating in co-curricular activities must have the following items turned in and on file prior to the beginning of the activity:

- **WIAA physical or alternate card on file.**
 - Students participating in athletics will be required to have a physical every other year. The opposite year requires a WIAA alternate year card filled out by parent/guardian.
- **Medical treatment consent form for minors completed.**
- **Concussion agreement signed by student and parent.**
- **Co-Curricular agreement signed by student and parent.**
- **Co-Curricular Fee paid. One \$20 Activity Fee / two or more activities - \$40 per student.**

No athlete may start practice, receive any equipment, or begin any activity until the above items are processed

RVMS Co-Curricular Activity Descriptions

Students may choose to participate in various co-curricular activities. With participation comes the responsibility included. It is essential to know that students who are involved in co-curricular activities generally do well academically in school as well. We encourage all students to be involved in an activity in and/or out of school. The following descriptions give an overview of each activity.

Beginning Band and Orchestra (Gr. 5 Only)- Fifth grade is the start of our instrumental programs. Fifth grade students interested in either band or orchestra will meet after school once a week. In addition, students will have a lesson every week during the school day. Recruitment for this program starts in early September with a parent meeting in mid-September. Lessons start at the end of September with the first after school rehearsal coming at the end of October.

Destination Imagination (Grades 5-6; 7-8) – is a team of students who face challenges that focus on creativity, problem solving, teamwork, and intellect. Some challenges include skits, role play, building and fast thinking. DI meets one to two times each week after school, generally the months of October-March. Competitions are on Saturdays in March. Usually one to three competitions.

Student Council (Grades 5-8) – Interested students complete a short application expressing their desire to join River View Student Council. Approximately 25 - 30 Student Council representatives are chosen based on their application. School projects, fundraisers and student advocacy are the main focuses of this extra-curricular activity.

Cross Country (Grades 6-8) – Boys and girls program. Season begins August and ends October. Practices are Monday-Friday after school with one or two meets per week.

Girls Volleyball (Grades 7-8) – Two teams at each grade level. Season begins September and ends October. Practices are Monday-Friday after school with one or two matches per week.

Boys Basketball (Grades 7-8) – Season begins October and ends December. Practices are Monday-Friday after school with one or two games per week.

Girls Basketball (Grades 7-8) – Season begins January and ends February. Practices are Monday-Friday after school with one or two games per week.

Wrestling (Grades 5-8) – Season begins early December and ends mid-March. Practices are Monday-Friday after school with one or two meets per week. No tryouts or cuts.

Track (Grades 6-8) – Boys and girls program. Season begins April and ends May. Practices are Monday-Friday after school with one or two meets per week.

School Musical (Grades 5-8) – This audition based performance provides students with an opportunity to display their singing, dancing and stagecraft abilities to tell a story through the use of music.

Dance Team (Grades 7-8) – Tryouts are held in April. The Dance Team is an award winning dance team that participates in multiple community events, performs at Kaukauna 8th grade Raider football games, 8th grade boys' basketball games and competes at roughly seven competitions throughout the year. Practices are held three to four times a week once season starts and competitions begin on Saturdays in November.

Junior Dance Team (Grades 5-6) – Tryouts are held in April. The team performs at 7th grade basketball games, 7th grade Raider football games, and has 2-3 competitions per season as well as parades and other special events. The focus of the team is technique and performance. Practice is 2-3 times per week during the school year.

Yearbook (Grades 5-8) - Students are responsible for creating the River View yearbook. Students will participate in editing, taking pictures and other aspects of bringing the yearbook to completion.

REACH (Grade 7-8) – Realizing Everyone's Aspirations Can Happen is a group designed for our 7th and 8th grade students who commit to remaining alcohol, tobacco and drug free. Students will be expected to meet monthly during recess time.

GSA Middle School Gay-Straight Alliance (Grade 5-8)- is a student club that works to improve the school climate for ALL students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, and that provides:

- A safe and structured environment,
- Opportunities to foster peer connections,
- Support in building individual strengths to promote self-confidence,
- Opportunities for leadership,
- Adult support and role modeling.

The GSA works to make the school safer, while specifically addressing the anti-LGBTQ+ behavior. As the name suggests, the GSA is made up of both straight and LGBTQ+ students, who support, educate, and advocate for human rights. The GSA has 3 advisors; Amy Hinz, Brent Mecikalski, and Sarah Zygarlicke. The group will have once weekly meetings by grade level (grades 6-8) at lunch and once a month after school, open to all grades. This group provides

a caring and safe space to talk and socialize. In addition, students will have the opportunity to host a range of advocacy possibilities as desired to educate their peers throughout the school.

Running/Walking Club (Grade 5) -This program is open to all 5th grade students. It will begin in early spring and continue to the end of the school year. Students will be running/walking 3 days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Students will start out our training by going a distance of ½ mile and eventually increasing to 6 miles. At the end of the program, students are invited to participate in the Cellcom 5k in May. The Cellcom 5k is an optional event that parents would bring their child to and from and requires a separate registration. The goal of the club is to promote an active and healthy lifestyle, to meet new friends and to have fun!

Archery Club (Grades 5-8)-This club is to offer the students an opportunity to learn or work more on their archery skills with the possibility of competing. You meet one time a week on Monday evenings and will use the school's archery equipment. The rules for competition are that the students all have to use the same style bow. They will follow the NASP format and the students will be taught Olympic style target shooting. Season begins November and ends April.

Other Community Sponsored Athletic Activities –

1. Football – Raiders (Fall) – Rob Eiting-Head Coach –(920)419-6527; www.kaukaunaraiderfootball.com
2. Kaukauna Recreation Department - 766-6335
3. Ski Club – (Winter) Kristy Vandenberg -(920)740-1577
4. Boys Volleyball – (March & April) Kaukauna Recreation Department - 766-6335

General Rules and Guidelines for Participation

1. Students are expected to travel with the team/club. If a student is unable to travel with the team/club, a travel release form must be turned into the office no later than 24 hours before the contests/event. All travel releases need to be approved by the school principal.
2. Any student/athlete participating in co-curricular activities who is injured during practice or a contest shall report the injury to the coach/advisor at once. If a physician's care is required, the physician must sign a statement that the student/athlete participating in the co-curricular activity is physically fit to resume participation.
3. Each student/athlete participating in co-curricular activities is responsible for the equipment issued to him/her. This equipment must be returned at the end of the season. Failure to return such equipment shall result in appropriate disciplinary action including:
 - a. The student/athlete participating in co-curricular activities shall be excluded from any continued involvement in the athletic program/intramural or other activity.
 - b. Awards earned by the individual shall not be presented until such equipment is returned.
 - c. Lost equipment must be paid for by the individual to whom it was issued. Any equipment, even though paid for as a lost item, still belongs to the school and shall be repossessed upon discovery. Any individual found to be in possession of athletic or school equipment from another school shall have that equipment repossessed and disciplinary action taken.
4. Regular attendance at practice is required. If a student/athlete participating in co-curricular activities has an unexcused absence from practice or a contest, he/she may be excluded from participating in the next scheduled game/meet/match.
5. If the number of students/athletes trying out for a sport/activity is more than the facilities and equipment can accommodate, selection will be made on the basis of ability shown and overall contribution to the activity.
6. **Students are expected to be in school in order to compete in a contest that day. Permission to attend events may be granted by the building principal(s). Such requests must be made in advance.**

Attendance

If a student is marked unexcused absent from school, they are not able to practice or compete that day. Students who are marked excused absent should get approval from the school principal to practice or compete that day. Students who are absent from any part of the school day (especially for illness) will not be allowed to practice or compete that day.

Students participating in co-curricular activities are expected to:

- Follow all school rules defined in the parent/student handbook and board policy
- Follow all laws- no stealing, do not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal drugs, etc.
- Follow any team or club rules

Consequences

- Students may lose participation privileges if issued an Office Discipline Referral (ODR) during the season/activity.
- Any OSS (out of school suspension) or ISS (in school suspension) will result in loss of participation for the duration of the suspension. At a minimum, the student will be suspended from the next contest, even if it occurs after the conclusion of the school suspension.
- Student found to be in possession or under the influence of tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal drugs will be suspended for a minimum of one contest. This includes students knowingly in the presence of illegal possession/use of tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal drugs.
- Repeat rule violators may lose their privilege to participate in River View co-curriculars for an extended time, up to the duration of the rest of their enrollment at River View.
- Activities with no performance schedule (i.e. Student Council, REACH) will not be allowed to participate for a minimum of one week if found in violation of the co-curricular code.

Academic Eligibility

Students will be passing all classes (no F's) at mid-quarter and quarter grading periods. If not passing, the student will be expected to practice but will not be allowed to perform/compete until passing all courses.

Expectations of Student Spectators at Co-Curricular Activities

The conduct of all students at home and away contests should display respect, courtesy and portray our school in a positive manner. The following guidelines will be used to show respect and courtesy.

- Booing is not considered respectful or courteous.
- Our bleachers are made to sit on. Stomping on them is discourteous, disruptive, and damaging.
- Remain in your seats during the game. You may leave during half-time or between games only.
- Students in the building who are here for the game are expected to be in the gym, not in the corridors.
- All students are responsible for the cleanliness of the gym and building. No confetti paper and other materials that you may have should be placed in pockets and deposited in containers in the corridors during half time, between games, or at the end of the game.
- Students choosing inappropriate behavior will receive consequences according to school guidelines and not be permitted to attend the next home game or games.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Policy 355)

The Board of Education recognizes that co-curricular activities are an essential part of an educational program.

The administration shall assign advisors and/or chaperones for the supervision of all co-curricular activities.

Without administrative approval, no faculty member, intern, nor student teacher is to act as official or unofficial advisor to any student group, club, or activity operating within the school. This applies whether or not there is official recognition or whether or not the group, club, or activity is formal or informal.

Students in the Kaukauna Area School District shall be given an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of co-curricular activities. Participation in co-curricular activities shall be in accordance with established Board of Education, activity, and school rules.

Students who violate school and/or activity rules shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The Associate Principal of Co-Curricular Activities shall but sparingly grant approval for participation in activities that interfere with classroom instruction, and only when:

- a. The benefits of the activity cannot be obtained within the scheduled instructional program.
- b. The amount of school time does not significantly impede the curricular achievement of the student involved, nor the progress of classes from which students may be taken.
- c. The activity contributes to the development of important skills or interests of the students involved.
- d. The schedules are determined by official conference, state, or national organizations in which the school holds membership where applicable.

For all activities, the advisor shall submit an estimate of expenses covering meals, lodging, transportation, fees, and additional costs. The Associate Principal of Co-Curricular Activities may withhold approval if the expenses are not within budget, or if the request is not compatible with the larger co-curricular program. All final decisions will be made in consultation with the building principal.

Approval for activity participation beyond a 250 mile radius is subject to Board of Education acceptance of the recommendation from the Associate Principal for Co-Curricular Activities and advisor. If any, Board of Education financial support for participants and advisors shall be limited to 25% of the total expenses.

Organized activities may engage in principal approved fundraising to support programs and member participation. Use of funds, either by an organization, or by individuals thereof, but not used for the approved purpose, must be consistent with the objectives of the activity. Contributions from the community and from parents but not used for the intended and approved purpose shall be returned to the contributor. All funds raised by any school sponsored group for any purpose must be deposited in the school office daily and run through the school accounts.

The Kaukauna Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, religion, color, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, marital or parental status, pregnancy, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, arrest record, conviction record or military service. Employees of this District are required to comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments.