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. For more specific information about required forms, physicals, alternate cards, costs and eligibility requirements please go to the Kaukauna Area School District and under the schools tab, select River View Middle School. There you will find our complete Co-Curricular Handbook that all participating students/parents will need to read and sign.

Activity
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. Beginning
**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.

**Coding Hour** (Grades 5-8) – River View students, you are invited to participate in computer coding in the library. The Hour of Code takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week, which is this week. We will be holding an introduction to computer coding in the library during your recess time this Thursday and Friday. You are also welcome to participate in an after-school coding session on Thursday, from 3:15 - 4:00 in the library as well. If you have any questions, please stop by the library and ask.

**Destination Imagination** (Grades 5-8) – DI 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. Meets one-two times each week after school on group problems in preparation for competition. Generally, the months of October-March. Competitions are on Saturdays in March. Usually 1-3 competitions.

**FUTP60** (Grades 5-8) – Fuel Up to Play 60 (FUTP 60) is a leading national in-school health and wellness program launched by the National Football League (NFL) and National Dairy Council (NDC), which was founded by America’s dairy farmers, in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Fuel Up to Play 60’s primary focus is to help schools meet their wellness goals and encourage youth to consume nutrient-rich foods (low-fat and fat-free dairy, fruits, vegetables and whole grains and lean protein foods and achieve at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day. River View’s FUTP60 team is a combination of 5-8 grade students dedicated to making our school a healthier place to learn. Our team is in charge of Smoothie Tuesday’s, in class activity breaks, and National Dairy Days.

**GSA Middle School Gay-Straight Alliance** (Grades 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 Mcikalski, 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.

**Maker Space** (Grades 5-8) – The Maker Space at River View is a place where students can come to create with their hands. There is a variety of materials available for students to create with: legos, k'nex, duct tape, glue, foam piping, pipe cleaners, beads, yarn, etc. There are no set plans. The idea is that students will use their creativity to find new ways to use regular/general materials and will share ideas to learn from each other. The Maker Space is open once a week for an hour after school. Students need to sign up in the office for each Maker Space as space is limited to 25 students per week.

**PBIS Leaders** - (Grade 8) Students are identified at the end of their 7th grade year for their commitment to being respectful, responsible, and safe. Student leaders participate in a variety of activities with an emphasis on demonstrating leadership and positive behavior choices.

**RAK-Random Acts of Kindness** (Grades 5-8) – Some different ideas are activities for/with police officers, nursing home residents, hospital patients, chalking sidewalks, etc.
**REACH (Grades 7-8)** – Realizing Everyone’s Aspirations Can Happen is a club at River View Middle School that supports students who commit to remaining tobacco, drug, and alcohol-free. REACH is designed to create an environment where students feel comfortable making positive choices. Members participate in once a month activities outside of the school day. To join, students will be expected to sign and hand in a contract committing to be tobacco, drug, and alcohol-free before the student’s first REACH outings (which can be picked up from Amy Hinz and Beth Knick). Students can join REACH during the first semester. We ask that students attend as many outings that fit their interests. Realizing Everyone’s Aspirations Can Happen is a club at River View Middle School that supports students who commit to remaining tobacco, drug, and alcohol-free. Students will be expected to meet monthly during the recess time.

**River View Alliance (RVA) (Grades 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 RVA works to make the school safer, while specifically addressing the anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning+ (LGBTQ+) behavior. As the name suggests, the RVA is made up of both straight and LGBTQ+ students, who support, educate, and advocate for human rights. The RVA has 3 advisors and each grade level meeting during their lunch hour once a month. This group provides a caring and safe space to talk and socialize. Also, 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)** - Available to all 5th grade students, this club will begin the end of March and continues until the middle of May. We will be running/jogging three days each week (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays). We will start out our training with 1/2 mile runs, and will increase throughout the season, to 4 miles. At the end of the program, students are invited to participate in the Cellcom Run in Green bay, which is typically the middle of May. Our club is sponsored by the Luv2Run program through Cellcom. Students receive a discount on their entry for the Cellcom Run which is optional. The goal of the club is to promote an active and healthy lifestyle, while meeting new friends and having fun!

**School Musical (Grades 5-8)** – Each school year we have a school musical that is available by audition to students in grades 5-8. Students will be informed of auditions in advance and will need to sign up for an audition time to get a role in the musical.

**Ski Club (Grades 5-8)** Ski club at River View Middle School is open to all students for their chance to learn how to ski or snowboard. You do not need to know how to ski or snowboard to join this club, because there are lessons available so everyone has the opportunity to learn. Skiing and Snowboarding is a sport we personally love and enjoy and would love to give the opportunity for others to have the chance to try! We take four trips throughout the school year to Nordic Mountain in Mt. Morris Wisconsin. The ski hill is about 45 minutes away from Kaukauna. The program through Nordic mountain allows us Riverview students to visit Nordic Mountain to ski and snowboard with savings of 60% of the average prices! We take our trips on Thursday nights with one Friday night, as we do our best to choose dates that accommodate the most people. Traditionally we also have an end of the year trip. This trip is a special trip to another ski hill other than Nordic Mountain. We do not have all of the information available yet for this trip, it will be ready at a later date. Please keep in mind this is an additional trip and is not part of the four trip package and will be an additional charge, because it is an optional trip.

**Sources of Strength (Grades 6-8)** – Students are nominated by staff members to participate in Sources of Strength. This group works with the entire student body to organize and put on activities to promote healthy choices while identifying students individual sources of strength. Students nominated go through an extensive training program to learn how to be leaders amongst their peers.

**Student Council (Grades 5-8)** – Student Council is offered to students in grades 5-8. Eleven student leaders are selected by application per grade level. All students selected are part of the
Open Council, which are all responsible for homeroom representation. From the open council, 11 positions (president, vice president, secretary, and two grade-level representatives from each grade) are filled through the democratic process. They become the Executive Council that governs the Open Council. Students in the River View Middle School Student Council focus on leadership, student advocacy, school and community projects, school culture and climate, and fundraising.

**Yearbook** (Grades 5-8) – Yearbook Committee is a student-driven club responsible for creating the River View yearbook through photography, editing, and graphic design. Additionally, students market, sell, and deliver the final copies throughout the school. This after-school group is open to students in grades 5-8.

**Athletic**

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

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

**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.

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

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

**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.

**Track** (Grades 6-7-8) – Boys and girls program. Season begins in April and ends in May. Practices are Monday-Friday after school with one or two meets 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.

**Other Community Sponsored Athletic Activities** –
1. Football – Raiders (Fall) – Greg Klister-Head Coach – 841-5982; www.kaukaunaraiderfootball.com
2. Boys Volleyball – (March & April) Kaukauna Recreation Department – 766-6335
3. Ski Club – (Winter) Brandon Sanderfoot

**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.
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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 who reside 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 District Activities Director may 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 District Activities Director 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 District Activities Director 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 fund raising 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, military service or any other legally protected status or classification. 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.