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AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT: PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES FOR CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

Section I: Academic Eligibility Statement

The number one priority of the Auburn Enlarged City School District is to educate the whole child, first by stimulating the child intellectually and then by providing a number of common experiences designed to develop the social, emotional, physical and ethical values necessary to be a productive member of society. Co-curricular programs help to provide such experiences and are, therefore, considered an integral part of the total educational program. Involvement in co-curricular activities can have a positive influence on the academic achievement of students. However, academics must always come first to accomplish this objective an eligibility standard has been established.

As a result of the NYS DOH regulations during the COVID pandemic and the impact those regulations have had on students' educational experiences, the Academic Eligibility Standard for Auburn students to participate in co-curricular activities and athletics will be modified as follow:

- A. On report card distribution dates, at the high school and Jr. High levels, and at a 5-week report distribution dates at the Jr. High level, students will be determined to be eligible if they earn a 60% or higher overall average and have no grade of "Incomplete".
- B. Each time a student does not meet this standard, he or she will be put on academic probation until the next report card distribution date. Students may participate in co-curricular activities while they are on probation. It is the student's responsibility to meet with his or her teacher(s) to raise his/her overall average at least to the acceptable level of 60% and to make up the work needed to change an "Incomplete" to a grade.
- C. At the end of the six week probationary period, the student who continues to maintain an average below 60% will be declared ineligible until the marking period in which they achieve an average of 60% or better. Students declared ineligible may not participate in, or try-out for, any co-curricular activity. EXAMPLE: A student on probation for the first marking period who does not raise his/her overall average to a 60% or above by the end of the second marking period, will be ineligible for the third marking period. If the student raises their overall average to a 60% or above by the end of the third marking period, the student would be eligible for the fourth marking period. If the student's overall average at the end of the fourth marking period falls below a 60%, the student would return to probation for the fifth marking period.
- D. A student's probation and eligibility status as of the 6th marking period will be carried over to the fall semester. The Summer School final course average will be used to recalculate the 6th marking period averages for the purposes of determining first semester eligibility in the fall.
- E. This regulation will include all students, whether they are in the manager or player role in athletics.
- F. This regulation will include all sports and co-curricular activities.

Section II: Behavioral Eligibility Statement

A. Attendance:

1. Students who serve an out-of-school suspension, on the day of a co-curricular activity or other school affair (ie: dance) scheduled after regular school hours, are not eligible for participation or attendance at such events. If a student is suspended Friday, or the day before a break, s/he may not participate in any school activities until the conclusion of their Suspension, on the next day school is in regular session.
2. Students who serve a full day of in school suspension may not participate in co-curricular events after school. However, a coach or activity supervisor, at his or her discretion, may require a student to attend, but not to participate.

3. In order for students to attend a school-sponsored function, it is necessary that students attend classes for a minimum of four bells.

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B. Trips during vacation and school-sponsored trips:

Trips during vacation and school-sponsored trips are deemed to be legal absences for the purpose of co-curricular eligibility only. Therefore, a student who goes on a trip during vacation or on a school-sponsored trip will not be dropped from a team or activity. However, team or activity membership rules may determine the extent of participation when the student returns.

C. Equipment Loss

Any loss of, or damage to, equipment or materials must be paid for by the end of the season of activity. Failure to pay by the end of that season will result in the student not participating in any future activity until payment is made.

D. Vandalism and Stealing

Any co-curricular participant who is found guilty of stealing or vandalizing the property of another while attending or participating in a co-curricular activity or event shall be ineligible to participate in the activity and/or shall be dropped from the activity.

E. Code-of-Conduct Rules:

1. Every participant is expected to fully uphold all school discipline rules including the District policy on School Conduct and Discipline, commonly referred to as the *District Code of Conduct*. Student and parent/guardian signatures acknowledging and accepting these *Participant Guidelines for Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Classroom Activities*, commonly referred to as the *Athletic Code of Conduct*, will also signify acknowledgement and acceptance of the *District Code of Conduct*.
2. No participant in any school sponsored activity will use, possess, sell, give or receive a cigarette/cigar/pipe/e-cigarette/vaping paraphernalia AND/OR use chewing/smokeless tobacco AND/OR smoke/vape
3. No participant in any school-sponsored activity will be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages, be under the influence of alcohol, or be in possession of alcohol, or be in the presence of others drinking under age or be in the presence of others illegally consuming alcohol. Students who find themselves in the presence of others illegally consuming alcohol should immediately remove themselves from the situation.
4. No member of any school-sponsored activity will use, possess, sell, give or receive any drug or controlled substance, including marijuana.
5. No member of any school-sponsored activity will use, possess, sell, give or receive any instruments or paraphernalia for the use of such drugs, controlled substances, vaping AND/OR marijuana. Excepted is any drug taken in accordance with a current prescription signed by a physician that is to be taken by that particular student at the time in question.
6. The aforementioned *District Code of Conduct* and the *Athletic Code of Conduct* also extend to student-athlete conduct off school grounds. This includes, for example, student attendance at parties where alcohol and/or illegal drugs and/or cigarettes/vaping/e-cigarettes are present.
7. Co-curricular participants who are found guilty of violating ANY of the above rules will be disciplined by school administration. Student-Athletes who violate the *District Code of Conduct* AND/OR the *Athletic Code of Conduct* will receive consequences. Previous student discipline issues will be considered when student discipline consequences are administered. The consequence for violations involving alcohol/drugs/tobacco/vaping AND/OR the using, possessing, selling, giving or receiving of alcohol/drugs/tobacco/vaping AND/OR using, possessing, selling, giving or receiving of the instruments/paraphernalia associated with alcohol/drugs/tobacco/vaping will at a minimum, be suspension from the athletic team for the remainder of the season in which the violation occurred. For activities that last the duration of a

school year, a student violation may result in suspension for up to twelve weeks from that activity. Additional consequences will be considered for repeat offenders.

8. This regulation will include all students, whether they are in the manager or player role in athletics.
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Section III: Activity Membership Statements:

Supervisors of co-curricular activities may impose membership rules for the proper functioning of the group, consistent with the District's policy on *School Conduct and Discipline*, and with the academic and behavioral standards for co-curricular participants outlined here. These rules must be in writing and signed by the parent and co-curricular participant. Athletic team membership rules must be approved by the Athletic Director. Other co-curricular activity membership rules must be approved by the Principal. Coaches will submit signed copies of academic and behavioral guidelines for each student participant to the Athletic Director, other co-curricular activity supervisors will submit the same to the Principal. Each coach and each club supervisor is responsible for verifying that all activity participants have on file signed copies of the appropriate forms before students begin participation. Membership rules for an activity shall be firm, fair and consistent and designed to promote continuity, safety and success for participants in that particular activity.

Section IV: Athletic Section:

A. Physicals:

Each athlete must have a physical examination by physician prior to participation in any sport. An exam will be completed by the school physician at no charge or may be completed by a participant's physician at his or her own expense. A completed **Health Information Sheet (75-D) Form must be signed by a Parent/Guardian prior to a physical.** No equipment will be given or practice permitted unless the student has had a physical. Any athlete who sees a physician for injury or illness must have a signed release in order to participate.

B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

Athletes who have been disqualified by a game official from an athletic contest due to unsportsmanlike conduct will not be permitted to participate in the next league contest. This is a Section III Rule.

C. Changing Sports:

An athlete may change sports during a season with the consent of both coaches involved and the Athletic Director.

D. Rules: All Auburn School district rules and team, membership rules are subject to NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SECTION III rules and all ONONDAGA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE rules.

The following is a statement which must be signed by all students who participate in athletics and/or co-curricular activities, as well as their parent/guardian. This statement shall have attached to it The Participant Guidelines for Co-curricular Activities.

Section V: Medical Insurance/Risk of Injury Section:

A. Medical Insurance:

The Auburn Enlarged City School District carries limited insurance to pay for medical expenses of students who are injured while participating in the School District's authorized and supervised interscholastic sports program. It is limited in the sense that it pays for medical expenses for only certain injuries and only in limited amounts and for certain injuries. Students and parents should also be aware that the School District's insurance is not only limited in coverage and amount, but that it is secondary to other insurances which may cover such medical expenses, including (without limitation) a family's personal medical or hospital insurances. In other words and by way of example, a family's personal insurance must first be used to

its allowable limits before the School District's limited insurance would be available to pay any portion or all of the unpaid medical expenses. For further information regarding the School District's insurances, you are advised to contact the personnel office of the School District.

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Risk of Injury Statement for Participant in Athletics

- I am aware that competing or practicing in any athletic activity can be a dangerous activity involving risk of injury. I understand that the dangers and risks of competing and practicing in the activity include, but are not limited to death, neck and spinal injury which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of a muscular-skeletal system and injury or impairment of future abilities to earn a living, and to engage in and generally enjoy life.
- If I am a participant in baseball, hockey, softball, football, lacrosse, soccer, basketball or wrestling, I specifically acknowledge that it is a contact sport involving even greater risk of injury than other sports.
- Because of the possible dangers of participating in the activities, I recognize the importance of following the coaches' instructions regarding playing techniques, training and other team /membership rules and agree to obey such instructions.
- In consideration of the School District allowing me to engage in all team activities including but not limited to, try outs, practice or participation in athletics, I hereby assume all risks associated with participation.

Risk of Injury Statement for Participants in Co-Curricular Activities other than Sports:

There are times when there is a potential risk of injury in co-curricular activities other than athletics. I am aware of these possibilities, and hereby assume all risks associated with participation.

Risk of Injury Statement Signature:

Dated: _____, 20_____ _____
Student (Signature)

Student Academic and Behavioral Statement Signature:

Additionally, I have read the attached Academic and Behavioral **Guidelines for Participation in Co-Curricular Activities** and agree to abide by all of the program expectations set forth. (See also Activity Membership Rules).

Dated: _____, 20_____ _____
Student (Signature)

Parent/Guardian Risk of Injury Statement Signature:

The undersigned, parent or guardian of the individual who has signed the Risk of Injury Statement, hereby acknowledges receipt of the Risk of Injury Statement and acknowledges awareness of the various risks set forth in the statement and, considering such risks, gives permission for the above named student to participate in a co-curricular or athletic activity. If I withdraw my permission, I understand that the withdrawal must be in writing and given to the principal as well as to the coach or advisor of the particular activity.

Dated: _____, 20_____ _____
Parent/Guardian of Student (Signature)

Parent/Guardian Academic and Behavioral Statement Signature:

Additionally, I have read the attached Athletic Code of Conduct and agree to support all the rules and penalties set forth. (See also Activity Membership Rules).

Dated: _____, 20_____ _____
Parent/Guardian of Student (Signature)

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