

SPMS CO-CURRICULAR CODE

PHILOSOPHY

Co-curricular activities are those voluntary activities, which act as an extension of the classroom and serve to enhance the motivation and experience of the student. They are an integral and valuable part of the student's school experience and are intended to expand student life, learning and development.

Winning is not the final measurement of success in co-curricular activities at Sauk Prairie Middle School. Positive participation is the goal. We strive for positive participation and in preparation, in presentation, in sportsmanship and in the effort of our participants. We are committed to providing the best possible coaches and advisors. In return, we ask students and parents to make the level of commitment necessary to achieve success.

Academic Eligibility

Co-curricular participants must be passing all subjects to participate in co-curricular activities. If a student has a failing grade at the end of a grading period, the student will be ineligible for the first ten school days of the new quarter. On Tuesdays and Thursdays during this ineligibility period, the student can attend practice/rehearsal after attending late study until 4:00 P.M. Students are ineligible for participation in competition and/or performances during this period. *

If the student has not raised his/her grade to passing after the initial ten days of ineligibility, the student will continue to be ineligible. Following the initial ten-day period, the student's progress is evaluated weekly to determine eligibility.

The assistant principal/principal and the coach/advisor will review mid-term progress reports. If a student is not meeting the requirements of academic eligibility, he/she will go on probation. Probation means that the student can participate in performances and competitions, but that the student will be required to attend late study until 4:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays until satisfactory progress is demonstrated.

An "incomplete" grade may be given special consideration due to circumstances beyond the student's control. If an "incomplete" grade becomes a failing grade, the student will then be declared ineligible and will begin an initial ten-day period of ineligibility.

Fourth quarter grades for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students carry over to first quarter of the following school year for the purpose of determining eligibility. If a student fails a course(s) for fourth quarter, he/she may regain eligibility by passing the course(s) in summer school.

A transfer student's eligibility will be determined by his/her most recent grade report. WIAA rules will be followed which include communicating with the student's previous school.

*A scrimmage or practice performance is defined as a practice and the student is able to participate at the coach/advisor's discretion.

RULES OF CO-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

Any student at Sauk Prairie Middle School who wishes to take part in co-curricular activities must:

- I. Adhere to all school regulations regarding eligibility.
- II. Pay the required participation fee or seek a waiver for financial need.
- III. Complete all requirements for participation, including:
 - a. The Student Health Form
 - b. The Co-curricular Code Consent Form

Students absent for more than half of the school day when there is a scheduled school activity will not participate in that school activity without permission of the assistant principal/principal and/or the Activities Director and the coach/advisor.

If a student is to be suspended or expelled from a co-curricular activity for code violation/s: the coach/advisor, assistant principal/principal and/or the activities director will inform the parents by phone and in writing of the reasons for the dismissal. A meeting will be held with the student, the coach/advisor, the parent/guardian, the Activities Director and/or the assistant principal/principal. Upon notice of suspension or expulsion, the student may appeal the decision in writing within five school days to the assistant principal/principal.

During a season, a student may choose to leave one activity and join another activity, provided the student receives approval from the new coach/advisor and personally notify the current coach/advisor.

The school year consists of three seasons for both boys and girls.

FALL: Football, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and Drama

WINTER: Boys & Girls basketball, Wrestling, the 7th & 8th Grade Musical, Forensics, Show Choir

SPRING: Boys & Girls Track and Field, Girls Softball

Parental Responsibilities – We encourage parents/guardians to:

- 1. Support and guide their child.**
- 2. Be aware of his/her academic status, psychological needs, behavior, and social habits.**
- 3. Set good examples by making responsible decisions including those involving the use of tobacco and alcohol.**
- 4. Provide support for the child when he/she has a problem, including seeking information and assistance (available through the school guidance department and outside sources).**
- 5. Hold the child responsible for his/her actions, informing the Activities Director about code violations and communicating that intention to the child at the beginning of the school year.**

CO-CURRICULAR STUDENT CONDUCT

The student will strive to be successful in all academic endeavors.

The student will not:

Use or possess tobacco or a look-alike.

Use or possess an alcoholic beverage or a look-alike.

Use or possess an illegal controlled substance, paraphernalia or a look-alike.

Use or possess a weapon or a look-alike. *

Conduct him/herself in a manner in and/or out of school, which brings discredit to him/herself, the parents, and the school or to the team or co-curricular group.

*** Legal and sanctioned uses are excluded.**

Violations of Student Conduct

FIRST OFFENSE - The student is not allowed to participate in the next scheduled contest/performance or will complete community service related to the offense. The student will continue to practice with the team/group.

SECOND OFFENSE - The student is not allowed to participate in any activity for a minimum of four contests or a maximum of the remainder of the season.

THIRD OFFENSE - The student is not allowed to participate in any co-curricular activity for the following two seasons.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Sauk Prairie School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, physical disability, mental disability, emotional disability or learning disability. No person may be denied admission to any school in district, or be denied participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, co-curricular, pupil service, recreational or other program.

**RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH APPLICATION AND HEALTH FORM
TO MR. POWERS BY TUESDAY, OCT., 7TH!**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We feel it is important to have the parents/guardians of our students know the regulations governing the participation of their sons/daughters in co-curricular activities and competitions.

We ask that you sign your name to this copy of the code indicating you have read and understand the code. We support your son/daughter in meeting these standards.

(Date)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

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Please sign & date this copy of the code indicating you have read it and are prepared to meet these standards and/or serve the consequences stated for violations of this code.

(Date)

(Current Grade)

(Signature of Student)

Please list the co-curricular activities you plan on participating in this school year.
