

# St. Francis High School

## 2009-2010 Co-Curricular Participation Contract

Participation in co-curricular activities at St. Francis High School is a privilege granted to students and parents who can, and do, uphold the ideals of Christian leadership, who display good law abiding citizenship, who are able to abide by the rules and regulations of the school community, and who commit themselves to academic success.

St. Francis students participating in co-curricular activities represent more than themselves at school sponsored events. They represent their families, fellow students, faculty, staff and alumni. As an athlete, a student leader, a member of an academic team or an actor/musician you are an ambassador of St. Francis High School who reflects our values and ideals.

***A student will not engage in behavior in conflict with the St. Francis High School mission or exhibit behavior that harms the St. Francis High School community or its reputation.***

***A student will not consume, use or be in possession of alcoholic beverages, any form of tobacco or controlled substance. A student and the student's parents will not host a party at which alcohol, tobacco or any controlled substances are provided or at which the use of any such substances is permitted.***

### *First violation*

Any violation of the previously stated expectations on or off campus as determined by school officials will result in the student being suspended from 20% of the scheduled co-curricular competitions/events. This includes all athletic contests, theatrical performances, or events sponsored by the student's activity. While suspended a student may practice, but may not dress, compete or play a leadership role in any event during the time of suspension. If the violation occurs out-of-season, the student will lose eligibility for their next scheduled co-curricular activity.

- In season participants: The suspension begins immediately.
- Off-season participants: The student is suspended for 20% of the schedules events of his/her next activity.

### *Second violation*

The student will be removed immediately from participation in any co-curricular programs for one calendar year, and will not be eligible for any awards given by their co-curricular activity.

### *Third violation*

The student will be removed immediately from all co-curricular programs for the remainder of the student's high school career.

### **Self-Disclosure Clause**

St. Francis High School recognizes that students can and may make honest mistakes in judgment. Therefore, in order to encourage honesty, integrity and a sense of responsibility we make this provision: a student who comes forward and admits to a first violation of the Co-Curricular Participation Contract may receive a reduction in first offense penalties. **The student must self-disclose to an administrator or designee (coach, moderator, or teacher) at the first possible opportunity.** If any verified reports, charges or complaints are brought to an administrator or designee prior to self-disclosure, the disclosure will be deemed non-voluntary and the student will receive no reduction of penalty

**Administrative Procedure**

Any violation requires a conference with the student, the parent(s), the head coach/moderator, a counselor and an Administrator. All violations remain on record for the student's tenure. Example: If a student currently has on record a first offense violation, then the next violation is his/her second. The signing of this contract does not eliminate past violations.

**Appeal Procedure**

Any suspension of students from competitions/events for violations of these guidelines may be appealed within five (5) school days from the appropriate notification. Appeals must be made to the Principal. A decision will be rendered within five (5) school days to the student and his/her parent or guardian.

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We certify that we understand and agree with this policy statement and will abide by its conditions. We also understand that students may be held responsible above and beyond this Co-Curricular Participation Contract by their respective Co-Curriculars' Rules of Conduct.

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Student Signature

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Parent(s) Signature

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Print Name

Class of: '10 '11 '12 '13  
(Circle)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*This contract is valid until the signing of the next Co-Curricular Participation Contract.*

**Definition of Athletic 20%**

| <u>Sport</u>          | <u>Contests</u>    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Baseball              | 7 games            |
| Basketball            | 5 games            |
| Cheerleading – Fall   | 1 football game    |
| Cheerleading - Winter | 5 basketball games |
| Cross Country         | 2 meets            |
| Dance Team – Fall     | 1 football game    |
| Dance Team – Winter   | 5 basketball games |
| Football              | 1 game             |
| Golf                  | 3 matches          |
| Soccer                | 4 games            |
| Softball              | 7 games            |
| Swimming              | 2 meets            |
| Tennis                | 3 meets            |
| Track & Field         | 1 meet             |
| Volleyball            | 7 matches          |