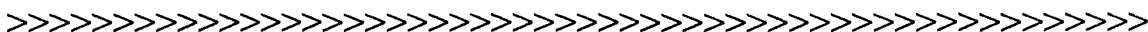


**Mount Vernon High School  
Participant Pledge**

**As a participant in the extracurricular activities program at Mount Vernon High School, I pledge to remain free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs and to exhibit good citizenship at all times. I understand that violation of the Mount Vernon High School extracurricular participation policy and/or Fairfax County Public School student responsibilities and rights (regulation 2601.6P) might result in my exclusion from extracurricular activities by decision of the coach or sponsor (with the right to appeal).**



**To be completed by student** \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Sport

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Students Printed Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**My signature below signifies that I have read and understand the Mount Vernon High School Participant Pledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian 's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's E-mail

# MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION POLICY

## INTRODUCTION

Participation in extracurricular activities is dependent upon compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. A minimum requirement of all students for participation is good citizenship. Students are required to abide by all school and team rules, Policies, and regulations and to comply with all state laws.

The Mount Vernon High School Extracurricular Participation Policy governing the conduct of students involved in extracurricular activities were established for the 1993-94 school year. The policy is a combined effort of coaches, sponsors, students, parents, and administrators. The Extracurricular Participation Policy is not intended to weaken standards of clubs and/or teams that have written regulations more specific than those contained in the policy.

## DEFINITIONS

“Extracurricular Events” – are those events/activities that are outside of, but complement, the regular curriculum. Students are not graded on their participation in these events/activities.

“Cocurriculum Events” – are those events/activities that are outside of, but complement, the regular curriculum. Students are graded on their participation in these events/activities.

“May” – as used in this policy, indicates the act of granting or denying permission.

“Might” – as used in this policy, indicates the possibility of action being taken.

## STUDENT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

### GENERAL STATEMENT

Students may not participate in extracurricular activities if they violate Fairfax County Public Schools’ policy pertaining to use of alcohol or other illegal drugs (See Regulation 2150.6). Students may not participate in Extracurricular activities if they do not comply with the Provisions of the Student Responsibilities and Rights (Regulation 2601.6P), or if they fail to exhibit good citizenship at all times.

## VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Students must meet all eligibility requirements as Established by the Virginia High School League.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Students selected to participate in extracurricular activities may not consume alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at any time. Students may not violate the provisions of Mount Vernon High School's "Participant's Pledge." This pledge applies during non-school hours and/or non-school events as well as at school and during school-sponsored activities.

### SCHOOL RULES

#### TEAM/CLUB RULES

Each coach/sponsor will establish team/club rules. Team/club rules will be distributed and discussed with parents and participants prior to the beginning of the activity. Students are expected to comply with team/club Rules and might forfeit their eligibility through noncompliance.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Students must attend all scheduled classes on the day of a competition/activity to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities on that day. A coach/sponsor may make exceptions to this standard with the approval of the principal or his/her designee.

#### DETENTION

Students assigned detention by teachers and/or administrators must report the detention to the coach or sponsor. The coach/sponsor will determine any additional action to be taken.

#### ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENT (AIA)

Students assigned to the AIA program might lose the right to Participate in the next scrimmage/game/activity following the assignment to the program. The student must report the disciplinary action to the coach/sponsor who will make a determination as to participation..

## SUSPENSION

Students suspended from school will not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities while on suspension and, at the discretion of the coach/sponsor, might not be permitted to participate in the next scrimmage/game/activity following the completion of the suspension.

### COURT DISCIPLINARY ACTION

School officials may suspend a student from participation in extracurricular activities who has been charged with a misdemeanor or felony involving violence, weapons, alcohol and/or substance abuse until disposition of the charges. The student must report the incident to the coach/sponsor. The coach/sponsor will present the facts as known to the school administration who will determine eligibility for participation.

School officials may deny participation in all extracurricular activities to any student convicted or found “not innocent” of a misdemeanor involving violence, weapons, alcohol, and/or substance abuse or any felony charge. The student may appeal to the principal of reinstatement of the following semester.

### CONSEQUENCES

Consequences for violation of this policy and separate and apart from those that may be administered by school officials under FCPS Regulation 2150.6 and Student Responsibilities and Rights (Regulation 2601.6P).

A:      Athletics

Minimum Penalty -      Loss of participation for the Next two games/events or 20% of all games/events, whichever is less.

Successful completion of a 3 day seminar with the office of alcohol and drug intervention is also required in alcohol & drug related cases.

Maximum Penalty- Loss of participation of the remainder of the sports season and suspension from all school activities for 30 calendar days.

B: Activities

Minimum Penalty- Loss of participation for 36 days.

Maximum Penalty- Loss of participation for the remainder of school year and suspension from all school activities for 30 calendar day.

The minimum thirty (30) calendar day suspension from all school Activities does not include the try-out period for another Sport/activity. Summer/winter vacation does not count towards the 30 day calendar day suspension.

### PROCEDURE

Students and/or parents/guardians may appeal actions taken Pursuant to this policy. The coach/sponsor, in consultation with the Director of Student Activities, may suspend students from activities After having given them the right to be heard. The suspension Decision may be appealed to the principal.

Decisions rendered under this policy may not be appealed beyond The principal. The principal's decision will be final. The school Administration will send a written decision to the parent/guardian Within two days of the appeal hearing.

### PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE

Student who participate in extracurricular activities must sign the "Participant's Pledge" as a precondition of his/her participation. The student's signature on the pledge signifies the commitment to Abide by the conditions of the Mount Vernon High School Extracurricular Participation Policy and to remain free of alcohol, Tobacco, and illegal drugs. The parent's signature on the pledge Signifies that the parent has read and understands the pledge.