

# GENESEE SCHOOL ACTIVITY CONTRACT

Participation in the activity program at Genesee School is a privilege. This privilege must be earned by adhering to certain standards of conduct. Each person in an activity program is responsible for abiding by these standards in order to continue participation. Failure to abide by these standards will result in the loss of privilege to participate as outlined below.

**CITIZENSHIP:** All students involved with activities are expected to be law-abiding and to assume the responsibilities of good citizenship at school and in the community. Courtesy, mutual respect, honesty, and understanding are the basic traits of a good citizen. Profane or obscene language is not tolerated. Curfew for activities requires that students be home by 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 12:00 a.m. on Friday, and 1:00 a.m. on Saturday. Flagrant violations of civil or criminal law will not be tolerated. Always keep in mind that through your actions; you are representing your school, family, community, and yourself. Failure to uphold this citizenship standard will result in the loss of privilege to participate.

**ACADEMICS:** Schoolwork always comes before extra-curricular activities. Only those students that are enrolled full time and have passed all their classes and have no incompletes the previous semester grading period will be eligible to participate in Genesee School activities. **All academic assignments that will be missed as a result of missing school for activities will be arranged for ahead of time.** Failure to maintain the academic standard will result in the loss of privilege to participate. Some coaches may have more stringent academic requirements which must be followed.

**AWAY ACTIVITIES:** Activity travel will be by school transportation. All members are required to travel with the group both ways. A group member may return home with his or her parent(s) only if the parent personally presents a written note to the coach/advisor at the away site. Exceptions will be granted only by pre-arrangement through the administration. Failure to maintain this standard will result in the loss of privilege to participate.

**MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES:** Every effort will be made to return home following mid-week activities at a reasonable hour. Students will be at school their first class of the day following such a mid-week activity unless they are ill, injured or have a doctor's appointment. Failure to maintain this standard will result in not being allowed to participate in the next scheduled activity.

**INSURANCE AND STUDENT BODY CARDS:** All students who participate in the activity program are required to purchase a student body card. Either written proof of insurance OR purchase of the insurance product offered through the school district is required before a student may participate in any activity. Failure to maintain this standard will result in not being allowed to participate.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:** Personal appearance is important for those representing the school, family, and community. Athletes will conform to appropriate training rules prescribed by the coaching staff. Participants will dress for games as prescribed by the coach.

**DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO:** Genesee School has no tolerance for student use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. Thus, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages, use or possession of drugs or related paraphernalia, and smoking or use of chewing tobacco will not be allowed. Failure to abide by this standard will have the following result:

First offense: student is given the option of completing a verified substance abuse assistance program, submission to weekly substance testing, at parent/guardian expense, for eight weeks, and suspension from all competition and practice for two weeks (the student will not be allowed to compete after the two-week suspension until the test produces a negative result) **OR** suspension from participation in activities for twelve weeks of school (not counting holidays and vacation periods).

Second offense: will result in suspension from activities for the current semester and the next semester.

Third offense: will result in the loss of participation in activities.

These offenses are cumulative throughout the students' school career. A student will only have one first offense then he or she will move to the second offense regardless of how much time has elapsed between the two offenses. Should one more offense occur the student will lose all ability to participate in activities.

**IDENTIFICATION**

The following methods will be used to identify students, who are in violation of the activity contract:

- 1) Identified by a school official (including substance testing); or
- 2) Identified by a law enforcement officer; or
- 3) Self-confession by student.

District-sponsored extra or co-curricular activities including, but not limited to, all sports, drama, knowledge bowl, pep band, choir, student government, FFA, BPA, Genesee Club, Foreign Language Club Club, NHS, Youth Legislature, Mars Rover and IDFY are covered by this contract. Music concerts, drama class productions and summer activities are not covered by this contract.

**INJURY AWARENESS**

I have been warned and I am aware that there is a risk of being injured that is inherent as a result of participating in any sport or activity. I have been warned and am aware that the injury may be severe including, but not limited to, death, fractures, brain injuries, paralysis, neck or spinal injuries, damage to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to ligaments, muscles, tendons, and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system, but nevertheless want to participate in school activities.

**TERMS OF ACTIVITIES CODE**

I am aware when I sign this contract that sport seasons begin the first day of practice allowed by the IHSAA for any activity in which the student participates and ends the last day of competition for the school year. Other activity seasons begin on the day of the first official meeting with the advisor and end the day of the final activity for the school year.

*I have read and fully understand the standards set forth in both pages of this document. I agree to abide by the standards and accept the responsibility placed on me by them. If these standards are violated, I understand that disciplinary action will be taken as outlined above.*

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Student Signature

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Date

*I have read and fully understand the standards as set forth in both pages of this document. I understand that any violation of these standards will bring disciplinary action as described above upon my son or daughter.*

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Parent Signature

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Date