

## **J.R.Gerritts Middle School Co-Curricular Code**

*The mission of the J. R. Gerritts Middle School Co-Curricular Program is to provide an enjoyable educational experience based on the developmental characteristics and needs of the young adolescent. The development of our young adolescents' self-esteem, citizenship, responsibility, and skills in cooperation and leadership are positive outcomes of our co-curricular programs. These programs should be enjoyable, vigorous, and safe, while occurring in a positive climate with appropriate adult leadership and support. Our co-curricular programs are an essential part of the total educational process and an excellent opportunity for the home, school, and community to come together.*

*Co-curricular activities in middle school include:*

- *Activities where involvement occurs primarily outside the regular school day*
- *Activities that are connected to a class*
- *Activities where the public is the primary audience*
- *Activities to which members are elected or appointed*
- *Activities where students choose to participate voluntarily*
- *Activities where regular attendance is an expectation*

*(Examples of co-curricular activities at J.R.G. include but are not limited to athletics, Sources of Strength, Student Council, school play, talent show, etc)*

### **Academics**

The student must be in good academic standing. If they are not, the student will be expected to be at practice but will not be allowed to perform or compete until passing all courses.

### **Attendance**

Unless an absence has been prearranged (doctor/dental appointment, etc.) or administratively approved, a student must be in school for at least one-half of the school day to participate in any practice or contest. Students with an unexcused absence on any part of the next school day following an event will be ineligible to participate in the next event for each activity in which the student is involved.

### **Students Participating in Co-Curricular activities are expected to:**

- Abide by all school rules as defined in the Student/ Parent Handbooks, Agenda, and Board Policy
- Practice the KASD Community values of Respect, Kindness, Honesty and Responsibility
- Refrain from possessing, using and/or being under the influence of controlled substances or intoxicants (including, but not limited to, alcohol, non-alcoholic beer or wine, tobacco or electronic cigarettes. These points do not include drugs prescribed for you by a person licensed to do so.)

### **Penalties**

- Any OSS (out of school suspension) or ISS (in school suspension) will result in the loss of participation for at least the duration of the suspension or the next event or performance of the season after the suspension. A suspension may come from a single event or an accumulation of referrals.
- Other infractions may result in further penalties.
- Student, coach, and parent will be notified of any student misconduct.

***Coaches and administrators will have the final word when determining eligibility.***

As a student of JRG, you are volunteering to represent your JRG and KASD Communities. We will expect you to model the Four Community Values at all times. Our goal is to help students make better choices and learn to be the best person they can be.

