



St. Marguerite d'Youville CSS
Co-curricular Participation Guidelines
Student Commitment Statement

All students participating in co-curricular activities at St. Marguerite d'Youville must sign & adhere to the following guidelines.

The primary focus of high school education is to support student achievement and wellbeing. St. Marguerite d'Youville believes that participation in co-curricular activities should be encouraged as these experiences aid the learning process and ultimately enhance student achievement and wellbeing. Co-curricular activities challenge students on a variety of levels. They learn and develop many critical life skills. Students meet and learn from other students with similar interests and goals and feel a sense of connection and belong

Students must recognize that their participation in co-curricular activities is a privilege, which brings with it the obligations and responsibilities of being a good citizen and representative of our school. Through co-curricular activities students represent the school in a variety of ways. It can be a challenge to participate in these activities and represent the school and keep up with the demand of classroom expectations. **Each student must realize that his/her participation in these activities is second to their education.**

Students who have been selected as a member of a school team or club who do not make a commitment to the group for the duration of the program or schedule may be removed from the group. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals/practices/games/meetings etc. Students are reminded that all school rules apply at all school sponsored activities. **Students must be present in school during the entire day in order to participate in an extracurricular activity that same day.** Students must always:

- a. Represent St. Marguerite d'Youville CSS with honesty, kindness and integrity;
- b. Adhere to the school Catholic Code of Conduct;
- c. Respect themselves, other students, staff, officials, spectators, competitors etc.

Eligibility – Each student must realize their primary responsibility is to be a conscientious student. Our co-curricular participation guidelines expect the following from each student:

- a. Each athlete must have a completed medical form as well as a transportation form. Forms can be found in the Main office or Phys. Ed office;
- b. Regular attendance of school;
- c. To be in an acceptable academic standing (working to ability level and full potential). A student failing more than one subject during any reporting period (mid-term, end of term, may be placed on probation and monitored, temporarily suspended from participation in co-curricular activities or removed from the team/club until improvement can be demonstrated;
- d. To demonstrate behaviour that includes respect for self, others and school property;
- e. Be enrolled in a minimum 8 credits unless in grade 12 and on pace to graduate with 6 credits;
- f. Must not owe any outstanding fees to the school (previously assigned books, learning materials, activity fees, uniforms, etc.).

Furthermore, the following situations may lead to immediate withdrawal from all co-curricular activities for a 12 month period or for the duration of the student's time at St. Marguerite d'Youville:

- Repeatedly unable to demonstrate the ability to balance academics with co-curriculars.
- Suspension of an aggregate for more than 5 school days within an academic year. A student serving a school suspension will not participate in any co-curricular activity during that suspension (including weekends).
- Involvement in violent behavior or drugs and/or alcohol on school property while in attendance of school or school-sponsored events.

Concussions and Head injuries - All staff, parents, students and community partners will adhere to the guidelines outlined in the DPCDSB Concussion Guidelines and the DPCDSB Contact Sport Guidelines.

Severe Weather, Exceptional Circumstances and Extracurricular Activities - In the event that school buses are cancelled or school board facilities are cancelled due to severe weather at any time during the day, events scheduled to take place are also cancelled. In the event that a school event is cancelled due to exceptional circumstances (i.e. loss of power, heat or water) the Principal in consultation with the Supervisory Officer and other principals as appropriate will determine the course of action.

Supervision - All students must be supervised by their staff advisors outside of the regular school hours (8:12-2:15). Students who are not directly engaged in a co-curricular school activity must vacate the school building by 3pm as there is no adequate supervision for them. Parents must ensure students are safely on their way home immediately following the conclusion of the activity. Students must not be in the building unsupervised.

I _____ and my parent/guardian _____ have read and understand the above commitment statement and agree to abide by its tenants.

Signature of Parent

Signature of Student

Date