



DELBARTON SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

Delbarton has approximately 560 students grades 9-12. This makes us a relatively small upper school community. However, it is extraordinarily small when one considers the enormous number of extracurricular programs we support and administer every year. As a consequence, the Admissions Committee tries its best to create a talented and balanced class of students that will fill these programs and contribute meaningfully to the life of Delbarton beyond the classroom.

Importantly, when applicants represent themselves and their interests through the admission process, Delbarton takes them at their word that they intend to pursue these activities at, and for, Delbarton School should they be accepted. *In other words, if an accepted student continues his chosen sport, club, or activity at the high school level, AND Delbarton offers that same club, sport, or activity, then we are accepting that student, in part, with the understanding and expectation that he will follow through by representing Delbarton in that activity and sharing his talents with his Delbarton community.*

Delbarton is proud to be a welcoming school of common values and commitments, and the success of our community depends on the shared priorities of its members. As we express in our letter of acceptance to new students:

You will note that while Delbarton offers much, it also requires much of its students. If you accept this offer of admission, we expect that you will always do your best to meet the academic challenges before you. In addition, we expect you to participate in and contribute to the life of the Delbarton community. You are being accepted, in part, because we know that your presence here will enrich the School community for everyone. We look forward to that.

We trust that all applicants and their parents will understand and respect the School's intentions communicated here. But should you have questions regarding Delbarton's philosophy on the significance of high school extracurricular participation, however, please feel free to reach out to Dr. David Donovan, Dean of Admissions and Director of Financial Aid, at DDonovan@delbarton.org so that everyone may be clear at the outset regarding student benefits and obligations in a community such as Delbarton.