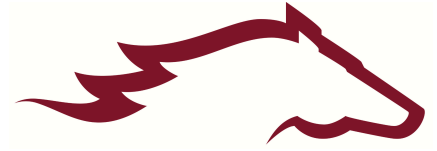


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## 2024-2025 Co-Curricular Policy

This policy covers all co-curricular activities and field trips for the school year in which this form is signed. The season for any activity will be considered from the first practice until the last playable day as determined by the MPA. Participation in co-curricular activities provides an opportunity to develop an aptitude for teamwork, problem-solving, adaptability, respect, responsibility, dependability, and independent thinking that can lead to rewarding experiences with lifelong intellectual, social, and physical benefits. Participating in co-curricular activities at Foxcroft Academy is a privilege for those who accept and embrace the standards they are expected to uphold.

### **MPA Eligibility**

All participants must meet the eligibility standards set by the Maine Principals' Association. The most updated information is available on their website.

### **Length of Season**

The season is defined as the period from the first practice until and including the last playable day designated by the MPA for the given sport of that season and year, as well as the end-of-season banquet.

### **Academic Eligibility**

To be academically eligible, participants may only have one unmet standard amongst their courses at the ranking periods (P1, Q1, P2, S1, P3, Q3, P4, S2). The participant will be ineligible and unable to participate in practices, competitions, or other team events until there is one or no unmet standards.

Participants who do not reestablish met standards or show significant progress as agreed upon by school administration and the classroom teacher are subject to removal from the team for the remainder of the season. If there are multiple unmet standards at the end of a semester (Q2, Q4), the academic ineligibility period will last 1 week. Q4 academic ineligibility will be applied the first week of the regular season of the following fall season. \*Unmet standards for Academic Initiative will be treated the same as other standards regarding academic eligibility. Per MPA rules, participants must be enrolled in at least 4 full-time classes or equivalent.

### **Use of Prohibited Substances**

Participants are not to consume, possess, or distribute alcohol, nicotine, illicit drugs, e-cigarettes or other vaporizing products, performance-enhancing substances, or any substance as stated in MRSA title 17A, form 1101 and 1116, during the athletic season. A participant violates this policy if they are a direct user of prohibited substances or are knowingly in the presence of others engaging in activities that would violate the policy.

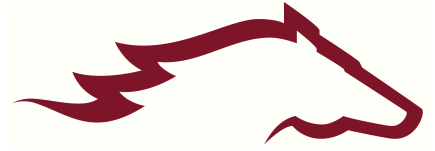
#### First Violation

- 2-week suspension from team activities
- Participants may be required to participate in substance abuse education or other reformative behavior programs as determined by the coach and school administration
- Ineligible for post-season honors for that season
- Ineligible as team captain for the current and next 2 seasons

#### Second Violation

- Suspension from all co-curricular activities for the remainder of the season and the next season (possibly extending to the next school year)

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- Required to complete substance abuse counseling, paid for by the student or their family
- Ineligible for post-season honors for that season
- Ineligible as team captain for at least the next 4 athletic seasons

### Third Violation

- Permanent suspension from participation in all extracurricular activities

### **Commitment to Team**

Once joining a team for a season, it is expected that the participant is committed to being a member of the team for the entire season. If the participant decides to leave their team, they will not be permitted to join another team that season. Exceptions: a participant new to the school who did not make the choice that was the best fit for their needs or expectations; a participant transferring from another school where the principals of both schools have signed the MPA waiver of transfer form. Participants are allowed to participate in one team sport in each sports season. Being a team member entails a commitment to the coach and the other team members to be present at all practices and competitions. Exceptions can be made for those participating in a team sport, who may also be allowed to participate in an individual sport (cross country, track and field, swimming). The participant must declare a primary sport, which must always take precedence; having a roster spot on a varsity team sport will automatically make the team sport the primary sport. There must be approval and agreement from both coaches, the athletic administrator, and parental permission for dual participation. Any participant with dual sports participation may not hinder another opportunity to participate. If concerns arise, the status of dual participation can be reviewed by the athletic administrator and rescinded at any time. Dual athletes must maintain good academic standing.

### **Injury Reporting**

Participants in co-curricular activities are expected to immediately report any injuries that happened while participating or injuries that may affect their participation to their coach, group advisor, athletic trainer, or school nurse. Coaches or advisors are expected to report injuries to the athletic trainer or school nurse so the student can receive proper care and documentation.

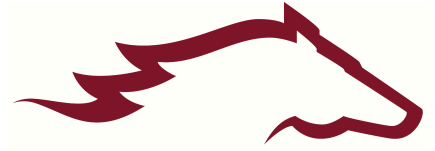
### **Transportation to and from Events**

All members of a co-curricular activity must travel to and from events with the group in school-provided transportation. Permission to return home from an away event with someone other than the participant's legal guardian might be granted, but only with a written request from parents to the athletic administrator 24 hours before the trip through a handwritten note or email before 4:00 pm the day before the event, or on the last school day before the trip. The adult responsible for the participant must sign them out with the coach or group advisor before leaving the event.

### **School Day Attendance**

Participants in co-curricular activities must attend all scheduled classes, and absences must be excused. Multiple absences from classes, even when excused, may result in a suspension of participation in co-curricular activities. Participants must be in attendance for 80% of the academic portion of their school

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day to be eligible to be allowed to participate in a co-curricular activity that day or on a Friday to participate in a Saturday event. Exceptions can be made with extenuating circumstances, only with excused absences.

### **Care and Return of School Equipment**

Foxcroft Academy students who are issued any school property for use while participating in their co-curricular activity are expected to maintain those items. Uniforms and costumes must be properly laundered after use, equipment should be appropriately maintained, and any damage or malfunction should be reported to the coach or advisor immediately. Failure to maintain or return items may result in the participant and family being billed for replacing the item(s).

### **Citizenship**

Foxcroft Academy participants are expected to abide by all school policies and the co-curricular policy and to conduct themselves in such a way that the rights and privileges of others are not violated. Participants representing Foxcroft Academy are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring merit to themselves, their school, community, and families. Participants behaving in ways that do not reflect the mission and values of Foxcroft Academy and their team or group are subject to disciplinary action that could result in suspension or removal from their team or group. Students assigned detention are to serve the detention as scheduled, even if it interferes with practice or competition time.

### **Homeschooled Student Participants**

For a homeschooled student to be eligible to participate in co-curricular activities at Foxcroft Academy, they must (1) provide proof of residency within the RSU 68 district and (2) provide proof of their homeschool program being registered with RSU 68 before the start of the season in which they want to participate.