

Extracurricular Handbook



Arlington Classics Academy



ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR HANDBOOK

Leadership in Every Arena

Classical education is often referred to as “leadership education” because it builds skills needed for leadership. These skills are practiced in every subject, preparing students to become leaders in any field they pursue. ACA offers opportunities for students across a wide number of disciplines, including academics, arts, and athletics competitions.

As outlined in our Board Policies PG-3.40128, Student Rights and Responsibilities,

Each student is expected to respect the rights and privileges of other students, teachers, and ACA staff. All teachers, administrators, and other ACA personnel are expected to respect the rights and privileges of students.

SEC. 1. STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Superintendent (Executive Director of Schools) or designee shall develop student handbooks with information on curriculum, grading, extracurricular activities, and other such topics that students and parents are likely to need during the school year. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that no student handbook information is in conflict with policy or the Student Code of Conduct. In case of conflict between a Board policy or the Student Code of Conduct and provisions of student handbooks, policy and/or the Student

Code of Conduct shall prevail.

PURPOSE OF EXTRACURRICULAR HANDBOOK

The Extracurricular Handbook aims to help ACA students and parents better understand the expectations and goals of all extracurricular programs. A foundational objective of Arlington Classics Academy Middle School is to prepare you to succeed in life no matter what obstacles you encounter. We aim to teach you how to work as a team member, learn skills to compete at your highest level of effort, and manage the schedule challenges in and outside of the school day.

MISSION OF ACA EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The purpose of offering extracurricular activities at ACA's middle school is to extend additional opportunities outside of the classroom for students to understand how to work as a team to achieve a common goal. Working within a team environment, you will learn how to support other team members while learning to blend your personal goals with the team's. You will also be able to strengthen your leadership skills by encouraging, challenging, and setting an example for the other team members.

The nature of athletics is to learn how to thrive in a competitive environment. While we strive to win, our primary focus is for students to develop into the best they can be in every competition arena. We understand and encourage a growth mindset that teaches students that if we learn from failure, failure is productive and helps us reach our goals. Competition is not always about winning, but about learning to push yourself to set and reach new goals. ACA aims to help you set new goals and encourage you to push yourself to reach those goals.

We also understand that the academic side of ACA's middle school is demanding, and ACA's primary focus is to prepare our students academically first. However, ACA understands that students involved with their peers outside of the classroom will be more successful in the classroom. With that in mind, we expect the highest levels of integrity and dedication to the classroom in addition to students' athletic and creative endeavors.

PHILOSOPHY OF ACA EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Club leaders, coaches, directors, and sponsors will be referred to collectively as "club/team leaders". Student athletes, performers, and participants will be referred to collectively as "club/team members". Club/team leaders are teachers, trainers, and mentors to club members. They teach skills and help participants improve them to reach their potential. Club/team leaders aim to help students in extracurricular activities grow and develop psychologically and socially. The coaching process involves collaboration and respect between the club/team leader and the club/team members. ACA's philosophy is centered on the student's well-being, and their development is always the primary consideration. ACA extracurricular clubs aim to ensure safety and long-term personal, physical, and analytical development respectively. ACA strives to foster a positive attitude toward lifelong learning while establishing a healthy attitude toward winning and losing to develop character. We also strive to create a positive, healthy, and fun atmosphere for club members while learning to balance school demands with extracurricular challenges. Some of our goals for positive club leadership are as follows:

1. Strive for excellence
2. Achieve optimal performance
3. Teach and model the process of success
4. Lead a group to become a highly effective team
5. Nurture intrinsic motivation
6. Respect and protect the self-worth of every participant

EXTRACURRICULAR OFFERINGS (the club is not directly associated with a class within the school day)

Cross Country: Boys and Girls 6th, 7th & 8th Fall Season- August-October

Basketball: Boys and Girls 6th, 7th & 8th Winter Season- November-January

Track and Field: Boys and Girls 6th, 7th & 8th Spring Season- February-April

Robotics

Chess

Youth & Government

Odyssey of the Mind

Crochet Club

National Junior Honor Society

Student Council

ART Club

COCURRICULAR OFFERINGS (the club is directly associated with a class within the school day)

Band

Choir

One-Act Play

Other clubs may be added, or clubs may be removed as needed by the campus principal.

ELIGIBILITY

- The club/team member is a full-time student in grades 6th- 8th.
- The student-athlete for the 8th-grade athletic competition has not reached his/her 15th birthday on or before September 1 and has not enrolled in the 9th grade.
- The student-athlete has been in attendance and has passed the number of courses required by the state law, the State Board of Education rules, and the rules of UIL, TSCAAL, or any other organization that governs the club.
- The student-athlete has yet to repeat the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade or change schools for athletic purposes.

ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY does not discriminate in its admission decisions and no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination, harassment or retaliation in any ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY program on the basis of on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA; or any other basis protected by law in the educational program or activity which it operates. ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY'S Title IX Coordinator, Melissa Fambrough, can be contacted at 817-987-1819 x 5012 or by emailing mfambrough@acaedu.net or by postal mail to 5206 S Bowen Rd, Arlington, TX 76016.

PARENT - CLUB/TEAM LEADER COMMUNICATION GUIDE

This communication guide is designed for the parents of Arlington Classics Academy club/team members. This document supports communication between club/team members, parents, and the club/team leaders of their respective clubs/teams. Communication expectations and general rules for extracurricular clubs/teams are included.

Both parenting and coaching are extremely worthy, and sometimes difficult endeavors. By establishing communication and understanding each position, we can better support each other and benefit students more significantly. Parents have the right to know and understand what is expected of them and their children. Club/team leaders have the right to know if a parent is concerned and the opportunity to discuss it at the appropriate time and place.

Communication parents should expect from their child's club/team leader:

1. The club/team leader's philosophy and the program philosophy.
2. Individual and club/team expectations.
3. Locations and times of practices and games/meets/events.
4. Club/team requirements, i.e., fees, school & team rules, and special equipment.
5. Procedures that will be followed if your child becomes injured during participation.
6. Any discipline that may result in the denial of your child's participation.
7. Designation of a **club/team parent liaison** to assist club/team leader with facilitating communications, celebrations, and fundraising.

Communication club/team leaders expect from parents:

1. Concerns regarding the child are expressed directly to the club/team leader at the appropriate time and place.
2. Specific concerns regarding the club/team leader's philosophy or expectations.
3. Notification of schedule conflicts at a minimum of 24 hours in advance of practice and/or competition.

During your child's involvement in extracurricular clubs at Arlington Classics Academy, they will experience some of the most rewarding and inspiring moments of their lives. It is essential to understand that there may also be times when things do not go as you or your child wishes. At these times, discussion with the club/team leader is encouraged.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ACA communication is sometimes at the mercy of the governing agencies' communications and decisions. Event or game locations, schedules, or changes to such are often communicated to ACA at the last minute, depending on the governing agency. Please understand that ACA prioritizes communication and sends the information as soon as we are provided accurate information.

Appropriate concerns to discuss with club/team leaders:

1. Mental and physical treatment of your child.
2. Ways to help your child improve and develop.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

The club/team leader makes decisions based on what they believe is in the best interest of all students participating. ACA encourages the above issues to be discussed with the club/team leader. Other topics, such as those below, should be left to the club/team leader's discretion.

Issues not appropriate to discuss with club/team leaders:

1. How much playing time a club/team member is getting?
2. Club/team strategy and play-calling
3. Any situation dealing with other club/team members unless suspected bullying or mistreatment occurs. Then those concerns should be brought to the attention of the club/team leader immediately.

Some situations may require a conference between the club/team leader and the parent. These meetings are encouraged. Per *ACA's Student and Parent Complaints and Grievances Policy, PG-3.509*, ACA recognizes the necessity that each party must clearly understand the other's

position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedures are suggested to help promote a resolution to the issue.

Procedures for parents' concerns to be discussed with the club/team leader:

1. Email the club/team leader to set up an appointment.
2. If a club/team leader cannot be reached, contact the principal and ask to set up a meeting with the club/team leader.
3. Have a specific request or solution you can present at the meeting.
4. Stick to discussing the facts as you understand them.
5. *For the safety of other club/team members and confidentiality, do not confront the club/team leader before, during, or after a practice and/or competition.*

What should a parent do if the meeting with the club/team leader does not provide a satisfactory resolution?

These can be emotional times for both the parent and club/team leader. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution of the situation but often escalate it.

1. Call the Principal to set up a meeting with the Principal, the Club/Team Leader, and the Parent.
2. An appropriate next step can be determined at this meeting if necessary.

Parent Role and Responsibility when in Attendance of a Game/Meet and Practice

1. Remain in the spectator area during the practice or competition. This area is to be designated by the club/team leader. Depending on the specific event, this area may be away from club/team members and the club/team leader. For example, practice will often be more secluded than competitions.
2. No derogatory comments are directed toward officials, club/team leaders, club/team members, and parents of either team.
3. No officiating from the sidelines.
4. No coaching from the sidelines during the game/meet and practice.
5. Be in control of emotions.
6. Show interest, enthusiasm, and support for your child and other club/team members.
7. Demonstrate and promote the positive values and characteristics of good sportsmanship.
8. Do not question or criticize the club/team leader or his/her decision in front of your child or other participants.
9. Realize that competition is an integral part of the school's total curriculum.

Failure to comply with these rules can result in the dismissal of the parent and/or club/team member from the practice and/or competition at the discretion of the club/team leader and Principal.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES CODE OF CONDUCT

Since participating in extracurricular activities is a privilege, club/team members, parents/guardians, and other interested persons must know the following rules and regulations. As representatives of Arlington Classics Academy, club/team members are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The Arlington Classics Academy School Board adopts these rules to support the club/team member's social, emotional, and physical well-being and promote healthy, enriching, and safe extracurricular opportunities for all students.

1. Club/team members in good standing may participate in their school's extracurricular activities. A club/team member is considered in good standing if he/she is not the subject of any disciplinary action for violating any policy or school rule and is currently academically eligible based on Arlington Classics Academy guidelines.

2. **All participants must attend school ready to learn on all scheduled school days. For this policy, any student who misses any portion of the school day unexcused may not participate in extracurricular activities.**
3. Club/team members suspended from school (including in-house and out-of-school suspension) shall not practice, participate, attend, or compete in extracurricular activities during the days of suspension.
4. **Student Rights and Responsibilities:** In accordance with *ACA's Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy, PG-3.40128*, club/team members must abide by all Board policies, school rules, and any additional rules and/or training guidelines imposed by club/team leaders. Any additional rule and/or training guidelines must be consistent with Board policies and be approved by the Principal.
5. **Alcohol, Tobacco, Recreational Drug Use:** In accordance with *ACA's Alcohol and Drug Use Policy, PG-3.301*, and *ACA's Tobacco Use and Possession Policy, PG-3.302*, students are prohibited from possessing alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs at school-related or school-sanctioned activities on or off ACA property. This includes smoking, using, selling, giving, or delivering or possessing e-cigarettes, vapor products, and tobacco products. Using tobacco, alcohol, and recreational drugs is illegal and negatively affects student health, safety, and performance. Club/team members participating in extracurricular activities are responsible to themselves, their fellow students, club/team leaders, parents, and the school to set the highest possible example of conduct, sportsmanship, and training, including avoiding involvement with tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. Therefore, club/team members participating in extracurricular activities may not engage in the prohibited behaviors and activities described in PG-3.301 and PG-3.302 at any time or place from the beginning of the club/team member's extracurricular activities of the school year through the end of the school year.
6. **Club/Team Contract:** Club/team members and their parents/guardians must sign the *ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY EXTRACURRICULAR RULES PARENT AND STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT* as a condition of participating in extracurricular activities. All club/team members who plan to participate in extracurricular activities at any time during the school year (and their parents/guardians) must sign the contract at the beginning of the school year (or upon enrollment in school if transferring to the school).
7. Club/team members are expected to conduct themselves and not to discredit themselves, their team or organization, their club/team leader, and their school. If a club/team member is charged with a crime, he or she may be suspended from participation in extracurricular activities until the case is adjudicated. A club/team member convicted of a crime may be suspended from participating in activities for a time to be determined based on the facts of the case.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY POLICIES

Academic

We strive for our student participants to progress not only in competition but also in the classroom. Each student participant is responsible for taking ownership of their learning and ensuring they pass all their classes. We incorporate a "No Pass, No Play" rule here at ACA, which means students will not be allowed to compete if they fail (< 70 average) one or more classes. A student will be deemed ineligible to participate if they make below a 70 in any class on their report card. However, progress checks will be

throughout the season to hold students accountable for their education. A student will be ineligible to participate starting on Friday the week following report cards at 3:00 pm. The student can regain their eligibility if they pass all classes on their Progress Report on the Friday following the publication of Progress Reports. If the student is still failing any class on their progress report, they will remain ineligible until report cards are released. If the student passes all classes on the report card, they will regain eligibility on the Friday of the week following report cards at 3:00 pm. This includes all high school-level courses, as ACA's primary goal is to advance students academically to prepare them for High School.

Please be aware that for cocurricular activities, participation in the competition, activity, or performance is a grade (ex., Band concert, Choir concert)

- **Example 1:** Student, John Doe, passed all of his classes on the 1st 9 weeks report card with a 95 average. The same student failed one class for the 2nd 9 weeks with a 65. This failing grade makes John Doe ineligible to participate in extracurricular clubs and/or activities. Even though John Doe's semester average is an 80, he lost his eligibility because of the failing grade on his 2nd 9 weeks report card. However, when progress reports come out and John Doe is passing all of his classes, he will regain his eligibility at the end of the day the next Friday after progress reports are posted.
- **Example 2:** Student Suzy Que passed all of her classes on the 1st 9 weeks report card with a 95 average. The same student failed one class for the 2nd 9 weeks with a 65. This failing grade makes Suzy Que ineligible to participate in extracurricular clubs and/or activities. ***Even though Suzy Que's semester average is an 80, she lost her eligibility because of the failing grade on her 2nd 9 weeks report card.*** When progress reports come out, if Suzy Que is failing any of her classes on that progress report, she will remain ineligible. Suzy Que will not be able to regain her eligibility until the 3rd 9 weeks report card comes out and she is passing all of her classes.
- For participation in competition, the student must be passing. The coach will check grades on the following:
 - Cross country- Friday before the meet;
 - Basketball- prior to the game;
 - Track and Field Monday prior to the meet on Tuesday.
- If a student is failing three or more classes prior to the event, they will **not** be able to participate. (This includes Seminar class)
- If the student is failing for more than 3 weeks, the student will be placed on academic probation.
 - Academic probation: No practice or game until all grades are passing.
- Behavior: -While on the team-
 - 4 Behavior Correction forms: While the student is on the team, the student will be placed on probation
 - 5 Behavior Correction forms and the student is off the team
 - Any ISS or OSS placement, and the student will be off the team or extracurricular activity.

Physical Examinations

All athletes must undergo a physical examination before tryouts and/or participation and have it on file with the school nurse. All physicals must be no more than one year old and must be kept current throughout the season. The student is responsible for having it on file with the school nurse.

Daily School Attendance

Students must be present the entire school day on the day of the competition to participate. Daily Attendance: To participate in athletic practices and contests, the student must be in attendance for all classes during the school day. There will be five acceptable reasons for not attending classes:

1. An appointment with a health professional
2. Observance of a religious holiday
3. A family emergency
4. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose that has been approved in advance

5. A field trip or other related activity.

Profanity/Taunting

Swearing, abusive language, and taunting will not be permitted at any time. This may result in disciplinary action by the club/team leader, up to and including removal from competition if necessary. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct while participating in club/team activities may also result in school discipline measures in addition to club/team disciplinary actions.

No Smoking or Other Use of Tobacco Products:

Smoking or any other use of tobacco products at any time will not be allowed. Possession and/or use will result in immediate suspension from the club or team. Additional consequences beyond participation in the club/team may be imposed at the administration's discretion.

No Alcohol or Other Drugs

The use or sale of drugs or alcohol will not be allowed. Possession and/or use will result in immediate suspension from the club/team. Additional consequences beyond participation in the club/team may be imposed at the administration's discretion.

ATHLETICS PROCEDURES

Fees: ACA may require club/team fees in accordance with ACA's *Student Fees Policy, PG-3.503*. If a student needs assistance to address the required fee, they may request assistance through the counselor's office. ACA is very cognizant of parent resources and strives to consolidate or ease the burden of fees whenever possible.

Athletics is an ACA club we offer our students to help enrich their education. However, for our students to compete, we join different leagues to help provide a safe, competitive environment. We are members of the Texas Charter School Athletic and Academic League and the Private School League. To help the parents, we offer transportation to the different locations we compete by utilizing contracted bus services. Transportation from the events is the parent's responsibility. To help cover the cost of the transportation and registration fees, we ask that all parents pay a fee of \$100 for the first sport. If the athlete is competing in multiple sports, then each additional sport will cost a fee of \$75.

Other Clubs may have fees throughout the year to be determined and informed by the club/team leader.

Competition Beyond District

Club/team members who are eligible for competitions beyond the district level may be responsible for additional costs. Those will be communicated at the earliest opportunity each season by the club/team leader. Fundraising opportunities will be coordinated with the administration and parents as needed.

Uniforms

To build team rapport, each club/team will have an opportunity to utilize a uniform or club/team shirt. Athletes must wear the ACA uniform to competition. The athlete will purchase the uniforms at cost and will be the athlete's property. The athlete will care for the uniform over the school year. Cross Country and Track and Field uniforms will be the same, so the athletes only need one uniform for those two sports.

Try-outs

Athletics: Coaches may conduct tryouts for participation on a team (Basketball, Track and Field

only). Students must have a completed physical examination form on file with the school nurse before tryouts.

Band: Tryouts occur at the beginning of the school year.

Chess - NA

One-Act Play - Tryouts occur at the beginning of the school year.

Odyssey of the Mind - NA

Crochet Club - All are welcome

National Junior Honor Society - NA

Student Council - Elections held in the first 9 weeks

Youth & Government - District performance determines participation with the State team

Sportsmanship

Any act of unsportsmanlike or inappropriate conduct in practices, games/meets, or program events may lead to immediate disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from the club/ team.

Proper Dress

All team or program members must dress presentably on all road trips. All club/team members must follow the expected dress guidelines of the club/team leader.

Injuries

Important to note that as a member of a club/team, the club/team member can be injured, perhaps seriously. Injuries can occur due to direct participation in activities or events or as a bystander simply being near an activity/event. Be sure to report all injuries to your club/team leader, no matter how minor they may seem. For concussions, please review the concussion oversight protocol.

Travel

Buses will be provided by the School District for athletics personnel to games/meets held off campus. The team members shall travel to and from school-sponsored competitions on the bus or in vehicles authorized by the School District. Drivers must be adults authorized by the Superintendent or Principal. Club/team members are encouraged to return with the club/team when ACA provides transportation. Club/team members may return with parents or other adults delegated by the parent as long as they have parental consent, are signed out, and have spoken to the teacher/director. Any other travel arrangements must be made with the Principal in writing or in person. Advanced notice should be given at least three days before the event.

Practice/Game/Event Pick Up

A parent/guardian must pick up all students promptly after all games, practices, or events. Again, club/team members leaving with anyone other than a parent/guardian need to sign out with the club/team leader, parent liaison, or volunteer coach. Violations of this rule may result in suspensions or dismissal from the club/team. Please be respectful of the club/team leader's time and pick up your club/team member on time. Club/team members who are picked up late three times in a season will be suspended or dismissed from the club/team.

Practice/Game/Meet Attendance

Regular and prompt attendance at all practices, games, and events is imperative. Absences will be excused for illness, other school-sponsored events, or at the coach/team leader's discretion. Three unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the team program.

Weather

In the event of severe weather or pending severe weather, a decision will be made by 1:00 pm to postpone or cancel an event based on available forecasts. A decision will be made by our staff and through email lists. Should severe weather be present during an event, the game/meet officials will decide based on the department's weather safety guidelines.

Parent Liaisons and Volunteer Coaches

Parent liaisons and volunteer coaches are a welcome addition to our programs. They serve an essential role and perform more efficiently when they work under the supervision or guidance of the head coach and/or club/team leader. All parent liaisons and volunteer coaches must be approved volunteers cleared through the ACA Administration. Club/team leaders must notify the athletic director or school principal of potential volunteers assisting the team. **(Volunteer Applications must be turned in by September 15 in the fall and January in the spring to participate in any volunteer opportunities.)**

Social Media

All club/team members will refrain from posing, submitting, sending, or publishing inappropriate, slanderous, derogatory, sexually suggestive, sexually explicit, or any form of negative comments, photos, texts, etc., to any electronic, public, or private entity, which includes but is not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, personal email accounts, personal web pages, personal or private chat rooms, personal texting/cell phone accounts, etc. Sending inappropriate (as determined by Arlington Classics Academy) photos, comments, etc., will not be tolerated regardless of who the intended recipient may be. Once sent, the coach or club/team leader, in conjunction with the administration, will determine appropriate consequences.

PRACTICE AND CONTEST EXPECTATIONS

During Practice

1. Be on time- All participants must be on time for all practices. If a student needs individual attention from the club/team leader, he/she should be at practice 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
2. Attendance (Practice & Competition) - club/team members must attend all weekly practices and contests. If an absence is expected, a note or email from a parent/guardian will be supplied to the club/team leader before the planned absence. When a club/team member is involved in other programs outside the school, adjusting the schedule to accommodate the middle school practice and game schedule will be necessary. If a club/team member misses three practices, the club/team member will be removed from the roster. Practices held on non-school days/vacations are not mandatory.
3. Respect Others- Never criticize the abilities of other club/team members.

During Competition

1. Be on time- club/team members must be on time for the competition. Parents must

notify club/team leaders of missed warm-ups or late arrival times with a valid excuse for the club/team member to participate that day.

2. Be in Uniform- club/team members must be in complete uniform, or he/she will not participate.

3. Proper attire- neat in appearance- is required for all contests, home and away. Attire worn during practice and contests will be consistent with the Middle School dress policy.

Bus Behavior

1. Only electronic devices with headphones are acceptable
2. Remain seated
3. Keep the bus clean and litter-free
4. No changing of clothes on the bus
5. No excessively loud singing or noise-making

Failure to adhere to these rules or to follow directions given by the club/team leader or the bus driver will result in a suspension of travel privileges for the next away contest. Further infractions will result in suspension from such privileges for the remaining away contests. In such a situation, it would be necessary for the parent/guardian to supply transportation personally.

DISCIPLINE ACTIONS

Improper conduct, as determined by the club/team leader and/or principal, shall result in disciplinary action up to and including removal/suspension from the team or activity (in addition to any discipline imposed under applicable Board policies or school rules). The club/team leader and/or principal are always expected to ensure all policies and school rules are followed and use their best judgment in applying penalties for violations. The club/team leader shall consult the principal before suspending a student from a club/team.

Consequences

- a. Coach/athlete conference with sport-appropriate conditioning activities
- b. Club/team leader, parent, and club/team member conference to complete a behavior contract and possible suspension from practices and/or competitions.
- c. Removal from the extracurricular club or team

End-of-Season Celebrations

End-of-season celebrations will be coordinated between the parent liaison, club/team leader, and the principal. Celebrations will be club/team-specific and comply with the Extracurricular Recognition Policy - Arlington Classics Academy below.

Extracurricular Recognition Policy - Arlington Classics Academy

Extracurricular Recognitions

At Arlington Classics Academy, we uphold a tradition of excellence, integrity, and character in both the classroom and extracurricular activities. Our extracurricular recognition policy is designed to honor exceptional club/team members who embody the virtues of wisdom, vigilance, courage, and strength. We believe that true achievement lies not only in victory but also in demonstrating these values on and off the playing field or stage.

Therefore, our awards reflect these principles. While we foster opportunities for all our club/team members to grow in wisdom, vigilance, courage, and strength, we believe that recognizing participation through extrinsic awards is counterproductive to the development of these virtues in our students. Therefore, no participation awards or trophies will be provided.

At the close of the club/team's season, coaches may present "special awards" to deserving members of their club/team. The four categories of special awards will align with the virtues of wisdom, vigilance, courage, and strength. Coaches, in collaboration with the principal, may use their discretion to determine which one or more club/team members (though every effort should be made to limit the number to one per category) are to be recognized per category. Coaches are not required to award each category every year.

Wisdom Award (Leadership): The Wisdom Award celebrates the club/team member who demonstrates outstanding leadership through strategic thinking, sportsmanship, and decisive action. This award acknowledges the intellect, foresight, and adept decision-making skills exhibited in both preparation for and participation in competitions. The recipient of this award embodies wisdom by inspiring their peers with a thoughtful and principled approach to leadership, fostering an environment of integrity and excellence both in competition and in the preparation for competition.

Vigilance Award (Academic Excellence): The Vigilance Award acknowledges the club/team member who displays remarkable focus and attention to both their athletic and academic pursuits. This award celebrates the individual who anticipates the obstacles and opportunities of managing a vigorous practice schedule with the demands of an accelerated curriculum. The recipient of this award embodies vigilance, showing a keen sense of awareness and readiness to confront adversity head-on.

Courage Award (Most Improved): The Courage Award acknowledges the club/team member who exhibits extraordinary bravery in tackling new challenges. This award celebrates the individual who confronts fear, embraces challenges, and inspires others with their unwavering determination and fortitude. By committing to the highest standards for themselves, they demonstrate remarkable growth through remarkable effort. The recipient of this award exemplifies courage, demonstrating strength of character and a willingness to take risks in the pursuit of excellence.

Strength Award (Highest Performer): The Strength Award is presented to the club/team member who demonstrates outstanding resilience and determination in both preparation for and participation in athletic competitions. This award celebrates the individual who pushes themselves beyond their perceived limits, overcomes challenges, and serves as a source of inspiration to their teammates. The recipient of this award exemplifies the spirit of competition, showing remarkable strength of will.

These awards are more than just accolades; they symbolize the values we hold dear at Arlington Classics Academy. Recipients of these awards inspire their peers to strive for greatness with integrity and dedication. At Arlington Classics Academy, we celebrate not only extracurricular achievement but also the qualities that define true champions in every facet of their lives.

ARLINGTON CLASSICS EXTRA/CO - CURRICULAR CONTACT INFORMATION - Middle School

Principal - Yolonda Dawson

Assistant Principal - Kalen Dermott

Family and Student Engagement Liaison - Amy Murphree

Principal's Assistant: Melinda Utsumi

Coaches/Directors/Sponsors

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Chris Hagan (Cross Country, Track & Field, and Basketball) – chagan@acaedu.net

Cheryl Congleton (Basketball) – ccongleton@acaedu.net

McKenna Schenck (Choir) mckenna.schenck@acaedu.net

Laura Russell (Band) - laura.russell@acaedu.net

Christopher Nguyen (Robotics): cjchristopher.nguyen@acaedu.net

Matthew Baltensperger (Youth and Government) -matthew.baltensperger@acaedu.net

Chess - Staff member

One-Act Play - Ben Fort [Ben Fort](#)

Odyssey of the Mind -

Crochet Club - [Jennifer Boyd](#)

National Junior Honor Society - [Michele Marrocco](#)

Student Council - [Anjeanette Ramirez](#)

School Nurse [Rhoda Garcia](#)

ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY EXTRACURRICULAR RULES

By signing below, the student and parent/guardian acknowledge that they have read and fully understand the Arlington Classics Academy Extracurricular Procedures and Guidelines. They agree to abide by these expectations and accept the consequences and procedures should a violation occur. They recognize that participation is an earned privilege rather than a right.

Student Acknowledgment	Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment
Printed Name: _____	Printed Name: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____