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# **Rhode Island School for the Deaf**

STUDENT – PARENT ACADEMIC EVENT PARTICIPATION INFORMATION  
AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM



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**Philosophy**

Interscholastic competitions supplement and support the academic mission of the school and assist students in their growth and development. Academic competition promotes the importance of teamwork, effort, goals, and commitment. While competitive, winning is not the primary measure of success. Sportsmanship, respect for participants, and dignity in the face of adversity are more important than the outcome of the contest. All participants can and are expected to demonstrate effort, dedication, and fair play.

**Student Eligibility Requirements**

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate.

1. All participants are required to have a valid annual medical evaluation.
2. Students must achieve a minimum 2.0 grade point average for the most recently completed marking period, with no more than one failing grade. Academic eligibility is determined on the date report cards are issued, and remains until the next report card is issued.
3. Grades recorded as I (Incomplete) shall be considered passing until changed. Incomplete grades must be made up within two weeks after the close of the marking period.
4. Students must attend all of their scheduled classes in order to participate in a practice or contest on that day. If the director grants an excused absence in advance for a prescheduled activity, or an unforeseen emergency, the student may participate on that day.
5. In addition to other infractions, a student may be suspended or removed from a team for unexcused absences or chronic tardiness to classes or team practices.
6. A student may not participate when he/she is serving an in-school or out-of-school suspension. The student becomes eligible to participate on the next school day following the suspension.
7. Students and their parents must sign the school *Student-Parent Academic Event Participation Contract and Parent Permission* form.

**Participation Standards**

Participation in interscholastic academic competition is a privilege. Accordingly, students must meet certain standards in order to earn the privilege of participation. At a minimum, the following standards are required of all student participants.

1. Exhibit public behavior that will reflect positively on the team, school, and community.
2. Exhibit responsible, respectful, and trustworthy behavior to teammates and the coach/ advisor.
3. Exert efforts to maintain a high level of academic achievement.
4. Comply with all team, and school rules, regulations, and policies.
5. Exhibit appropriate behavior at all team and school-related activities.

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6. Respect and comply with decisions made by the coach/ advisor.
7. Display good sportsmanship at all times.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent and Student:** Review this contract carefully, complete information as requested, affix signatures, and return the completed contract/permission form to the school.

**Stipulations**

The student and his or her parent/guardian have received and read the *Student-Parent Academic Event Participation Information*. Based on this information, the student and parent/guardian understand and stipulate to the following:

1. I/We understand the eligibility regulations required for participation.
2. I/We affirm that the student has satisfied all of the eligibility requirements.
3. I/We will follow appropriate procedures in communicating concerns to coaches/advisors.
4. I/We affirm that the student will abide by all team and participation standards.
5. I/We understand that travel may be involved to compete at Regional and National levels.

**Permission to Participate**

I/We hereby authorize and consent to our child's participation in interscholastic academic events

I, \_\_\_\_\_, and I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent's name printed) (student's name printed)

have carefully reviewed the *Student-Parent Academic Event Participation Information* and the *Student-Parent Academic Event Participation Contract and Parent Permission Form*. I/We understand the conditions for participation in the Rhode Island School for the Deaf (RISD) interscholastic academic events. I/We understand and conform to all of the statements in the Stipulations portion of the Contract.

Please affix signatures below and return to the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
of Parent or Legal Guardian      Date      Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian      Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student      Date

*\*When parents are divorced and have legal joint custody, the signatures of both custodial parents are required.*