

Rationale

This policy governs all student activities not normally conducted during regular school hours or part of a classroom activity. It is an extension of the school's mission statement: "To the glory of God, by His grace, and on the foundation of His Word, Lacombe Christian School strives to nurture and educate children to be Spirit-filled disciples of Christ and responsible, discerning citizens in society."

A. Purpose of Extra-curricular Activities

The purpose for students at L.C.S. to be involved in extra-curricular activities is to first of all, allow students to experience opportunities that encourage the use of their God-given talents and abilities outside of the classroom. These activities also aid in the development of several key areas: character, patience, work ethic, a team spirit rather than an individual attitude, Christian leadership, competition, humility, and sportsmanship. During extra-curricular activities, L.C.S. desires students not only to be a reflection of our school, but also of the One who created them.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17)

B. Extra-curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities at Lacombe Christian School may include the following: cross-country running, volleyball, basketball, badminton, track and field, hockey, drama troupe, band, computer club, choir, student council, and other school clubs.

C. Responsibilities of Students

Participating in an extra-curricular activity at L.C.S. is a privilege, not a right. Participation in an extra-curricular activity also comes with responsibility on the part of the student. Students at L.C.S. will participate in extra-curricular activities when they meet the following requirements:

1. Students must maintain a satisfactory level of achievement and effort in all subjects.
2. Students must consistently complete assignments and homework.
3. Students will demonstrate Christian leadership and behaviour during the year.
4. Students will not smoke, consume alcohol, and/or use illicit drugs while representing the school.

Failure to meet these requirements may result in the suspension of the student from the extra-curricular activity. These decisions will be made by the principal, teachers, coaches, and athletic director. A time of re-evaluation will follow a suspension.

D. Responsibilities of Supervisors

1. Supervisors must be adults. If Senior High students express an interest in supervising, they will be placed in a mentoring position with an adult.
2. All supervisors must be approved by administration.
3. Supervisors must read and agree with the Extra-curricular Policy.
4. Supervisors need to model and communicate Christian behaviour both at home and away.
5. Supervisors will be responsible for monitoring student behaviour and taking appropriate action.
6. Supervisors must remain in communication and consultation with the Athletics Director (sports teams only) or Administration.

E. Selection of Teams and Clubs

Extra-curricular activities at L.C.S. will strive to include all students that wish to participate and have met all the requirements. Everyone will be welcome regardless of ability or lack of resources.

Students at the Junior High level will be introduced to the concept of try-outs and selections.

"A" Teams

These teams will be selected on the basis of ability, commitment, and effort. The best possible team will be formed regardless of grade level. During league play, the emphasis will be on development. The emphasis during playoffs and tournaments will be excellence in play and attitude. The coaches will look for opportunities to play everyone as much as possible, while maintaining the highest level of skilled play.

"B" Teams

"B" teams are for everyone not included on the "A" level teams. L.C.S. will provide as many teams for the "B" level as possible, dependent on the number of coaches available. The focus of a "B" level team is to develop player participation by learning and refining skills, rules, and strategies of the game. Equal playing time will occur at all times, including tournaments and playoffs.

Clubs

A selection process may be used for the various clubs or programs at L.C.S. As the need arises, tryouts or auditions will be used to select students for various activities, especially in performing arts.

F. Fees/Travel

Fees will be charged for each program or activity in order to cover costs that are incurred.

SUBJECT: Extra-curricular Participation Policy

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Appendix 1: Student Contract for extracurricular participation at Lacombe Christian School:

Responsibilities of Students

Participation in an extra-curricular activity at L.C.S. is a privilege, not a right. The privilege to participate also comes with responsibility on your part. You will be allowed to participate in extra-curricular activities by signing the following agreement:

1. I will maintain a satisfactory level of achievement and effort in all of my subjects.
2. I will consistently complete my assignments and homework.
3. I will demonstrate Christian leadership and behaviour during the year.
4. I will not smoke, consume alcohol, or use illicit drugs while representing the school.
5. I will attend all practices, games, and activities. My team-mates and peers are counting on me to be there. If I cannot make it because of a legitimate reason, I will notify the supervisor as soon as possible.
6. During the activity, I am under the supervision of a coach, parent, or another adult. I will remain with the group or team, and may only leave with a parent and only with permission from the supervisor.

I realize that failure to live up to these responsibilities may result in my suspension or removal from the extra-curricular activity I am involved in. If I am suspended from an activity, a probationary period will follow.

FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS ONLY

Child/Children: _____
List names

_____ Family Name - please print

List names

Signed: _____
Parent or Guardian

Date: _____

If your son or daughter is on a sports team at LCS, their team picture will be added to our website in the sport section. Any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact Martin Folkerts, Principal.