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EXTRA CURRICULAR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The KRHS District Board of Education believes individual students will benefit through opportunities to grow physically and intellectually through their experience in self-discipline and their contribution to team effort made possible through competitive inter-school and intramural team and individual sports activities, and co-curricular participation. Student participation shall not be at the expense of academic achievement.

The Cougar Schedule will be utilized for students/staff on Blue and Silver days. Students will report to their announced period class for attendance and then be dismissed to their first, second, and/or third block locations for activity meetings as scheduled and as appropriate. Students who do not have a meeting scheduled or do not participate in activities MUST remain in their announced period class until dismissal.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY – ACADEMIC/ATHLETIC

Participation shall not be at the expense of academic achievement.

A. Credits Required

1. To be eligible for athletic/extracurricular participation during first semester or fall season (August – January) of the 10th grade or higher, or the second year of attendance in secondary school or beyond, a pupil must have passed seven courses required by Kittatinny. All courses are included in this determination.
2. To be eligible for athletic/extracurricular participation during second semester (February 1 to June 30) of 9th grade or higher, a pupil must have passed the equivalent of seven courses required by Kittatinny at the close of the preceding semester (January 31). Full-year courses shall be equated as one-half of total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during immediately preceding semester.

B. If a pupil does not meet the academic requirements as outlined in category A for any semester, the pupil will immediately be denied participation in athletic teams, and extracurricular activities for semester, e.g., Yearbook, Cheerleaders, Color Guard, Marching Band, Debate Team, Ski Club, National Honor Society, Student Council, Class Officer, Tapestry, drama productions, etc. The above list is representative of clubs and activities and should not be construed to be final in listing. Eligibility to participate will be reinstated at the end of non-participating semester, **providing** the academic standards are met.

- C. The head coach or the activity advisor, working in conjunction with the Director of Athletics and/or Guidance Department, will check lists of non-eligible students and inform students of their ineligibility.
- D. Academic eligibility requirements for participation in athletic and other extracurricular activities affect all the students in the school. (Classified students can be exempt from said policy only if their IEP designates such.)
- E. Eligibility is determined by grades received in each semester and in the final yearly grades.
- F. A student who is eligible at the beginning of the season shall be allowed to finish that sport.

- G. Summer school work to make up course deficiencies can be applied toward the reinstatement of eligibility.
- H. Suspension from school prohibits the participation in and attendance at activities of the school during the time of the suspension - inclusive of all athletic events and practices and extra-curricular activities and rehearsals/ practices.**
- I. Arrival: Students who enter school later than 11:00 a.m. are prohibited from participating in school sponsored extracurricular activities later that day or evening. Exceptions to the designated time of arrival may be granted for unusual circumstances by the Assistant Principal and/or Principal.
- J. In addition to complying with all local requirements, students participating in the interscholastic program must also meet all eligibility requirements of the N. J. Interscholastic Athletic Association.

STUDENT COUNCIL

High School

The primary function of the Kittatinny Regional High School Student Council is to provide a viable form of student representation in the entire spectrum of decision-making and implementation processes that underline the operation of this high school. The extent of involvement of Student Council in these matters will be determined by the willingness of Student Council to participate, and by the quality of Student Council's commitment to assuming a share of the implementation responsibilities that accompany the decision-making process.

In plain language, the High School Administration extends to Student Council an open-ended invitation to explore any and every facet of the high school operation. The only conditions that are placed on this invitation are that all proposals be accompanied by a rationale and that the Student Council be prepared to accept the responsibility for the outcome of any of its initiatives.

Membership in Student Council is open for all High School students through their teachers of English. Each English class will elect one representative and one alternate. In addition, there are eight member-at-large positions available (2 students representing each grade level) on a sign-up basis. These are all voting positions. Any High School student may request a pass from the advisor to attend any meeting in a non-voting capacity, and may be admitted to attend any meeting **AT THE ADVISOR'S DISCRETION ONLY.**

The Student Council meets during the school day on a rotating period schedule approximately every three weeks.

Junior High

The Junior High Student Council is a service organization designed and created to serve students, faculty, parents and local community of the Kittatinny Regional High School district. Students are selected to the Student Council through their social studies class. Students may become members-at-large if not elected.

Activities are planned, organized and carried out through the mutual efforts of students, advisor and committee representatives. Administration fully supports the efforts of the Council and provides guidelines to assist in the successful completion of its endeavors. However, the final decision on all Council activities rests with Administration.

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IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION STILL RETAINS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THUS, THE OVERALL AUTHORITY, FOR ALL AND ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCILS.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY?

The National Honor Society has been established to create enthusiasm for community services, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in Kittatinny students. The KRHS faculty/administration are responsible for recognizing and developing these students.

Unlike other activities at KRHS, a student may not join the National Honor Society. Students must be selected for membership based on their achievements.

To be considered eligible for consideration of selection to National Honor Society at KRHS, a cumulative scholastic grade point average of 3.5000 is required. The GPA is the same for juniors and seniors. Note: Grade point average is not rounded up.

Those students eligible for consideration because of GPA will be notified over the summer and called together in a special assembly. At this time, they will be given a data sheet, directions for a type-written essay, the deadline for turning in both and a copy of the by-laws. The data sheet enables students to list their leadership and service accomplishments. The typewritten essay enables students to inform the faculty council about what the qualities of a leader are, and how you exemplify those characteristics. Also include what participation in the KRHS Chapter of National Honor Society will mean to you as well as what you can contribute to National Honor Society. The essay will be given careful consideration in the selection process. The data sheet and essay must be turned in to adviser on time. The student will sign a sheet stating that he/she attended the assembly and understands the procedure.

Members of the high school faculty are asked to evaluate each of the candidates with whom they are familiar on the quality of character, using a scale of one (lowest) to four (highest). The elements that help define character, which have been developed by the Faculty Council and are based on information in the **National Honor Society Handbook**, are outlined on a separate sheet.

The scores achieved by candidates through this rating system are added together and that total is divided by the number of the rating sheets on which a candidate is evaluated. An average is thus derived. A minimum of 3.000 in character is required for the candidate to be considered further.

The Faculty Council, which is appointed by the Principal, rates the candidates on leadership and service, using the information provided on the data sheets. The rating scale is one (lowest) to four (highest). These scores are then compiled to obtain an average.

Four numerical averages – scholarship, character, leadership and service – are added together and divided by four to obtain average.

If the overall average is at least 3.25, and the character rating is at least 3.000, the Faculty Council will then consider the candidacy of the individual. This final examination of each eligible candidate by the committee may bring to light additional information about the candidate which may have a bearing on the suitability of the student for National Honor Society membership. Scores are not rounded up. A three-fifths majority is required for selection.

The advisor to the National Honor Society will meet with unsuccessful candidates to address any questions or concerns they might have.

Students and parents are notified of the membership selections and must sign a copy of the by-laws prior to induction. All are then invited to the induction ceremony held in the fall of each year. The ceremony impresses on the members the importance of maintaining standards for which they were selected. **The faculty/administration reserves the right to rescind the membership of any student who shows decline in achievement in any area.** Appeals for non-selection may be made to Principal only in instances where student who has applied believes that an error or discrepancy in the selection process has been violated as per the NHS constitution and by-laws.

PEER LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- A. Students must maintain at least a grade of 70 and be in good discipline standing.
- B. Students will be required to fill out an application, attain three teacher recommendations, and complete an interview process as coordinated by the Peer Leadership Advisors.
- C. Peer Leaders will be evaluated at the end of each semester based on service, academics, and effectiveness as a mentor to his/her assigned student. Based on this evaluation, students will be invited to return to the program for the next semester.
- D. Students selected must be committed to attending a mandatory summer training session, attend monthly meetings on a regular basis, meet with seventh and eighth graders weekly, as well as monthly during Physical Education classes, and attend four junior high activity nights.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND RAISING

Door-to-door fundraising activities are PROHIBITED.

Advisors of clubs, classes, and other student groups which earn funds by selling items or services in the school or community, will request such fundraisers from the Assistant Principal responsible for grade level conducting the fund raiser.

FUNDRAISERS WILL BE APPROVED BY BOTH ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS AND BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO BEING CONDUCTED.

DANCES

Students may be denied participation in extracurricular activities for disciplinary reasons at the discretion of the administration. There will be no admittance to any dance 30 minutes after the start time.

Students who desire to attend dances at KRHS must be enrolled at KRHS and must identify themselves at the door. Kittatinny students who desire to bring a visitor must sign up the visitor's name, address, and telephone number in the Main Office. This should be done at least three days prior to the dance. A Kittatinny student may sign up to two visitors for a dance. Visitors must attend dance with the KRHS student who signed them up and will be checked at the door.

Students who are disrespectful to chaperones or create other discipline problems will not be allowed to attend any future dances. Anyone leaving the school building will not be re-admitted. **STUDENTS MAY NOT GO TO THEIR CARS DURING THE DANCE.**

All 7th/8th grade dances are held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Parents are to discharge and pick up students in rear parking lot near Gymnasium. Junior High students may sign up only one guest. The guests must be approved by Assistant Principal and all paperwork must be submitted for approval a week prior to dance. Only students in good standing at their home school will be permitted to attend, and only students who are in the 7th/8th grades are permitted to attend the Junior High dance.

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SODA MACHINE

Rules Governing the Use of the Soda Machine

- Students are not permitted to use this machine during school hours.
- No soda will be permitted in any part of the school building.

CLASS OFFICERS

Each class from grades 9 through 12 will elect its own officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These representatives will establish committees to undertake projects the class wishes to sponsor. Students in grades 7 and 8 will elect Student Council Executive Officers.

In any activity sponsored by the classes or other activities, i.e., field trips, dances, proms, etc., all school rules are in effect. These rules include all disciplinary action as well as attendance in school all day.

SCHOOL STORE

Students conduct the school store as a service to the other students. School supplies and related items are available online and at the school store during scheduled times. The store is located near the cafeteria.

STUDENT USE OF LIBRARY

The Library is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students coming to the Library from study hall must have a pass from a faculty member. During lunches, students may come to the Library from the cafeteria up until the last ten minutes of their lunch period. **Passes are necessary during lunch periods, and students must remain in the Library until the bell rings.**

All printed material may be borrowed from the Library, including reference books/periodicals. Students are responsible for materials they borrow. It is the student's responsibility to return any Library materials when they are due. Students will be assessed a replacement fee, determined for each item, for lost or damaged items beyond repair.

CLUBS AND SPECIAL ACTIVITY GROUPS

Clubs and special related activities are an integral part of the total program at KRHS. Through such activities, students have the opportunity to explore and develop their special interests as well as extend their knowledge in certain subjects beyond the classroom. A club may or may not be related directly to a subject area, but it must provide a worthwhile experience for its members. Generally, the chief requisite is continued or sustained interest.

As the needs and interests of the student body demand, the number and variety of clubs may change slightly from year to year. Grades 7-12 may join grade appropriate clubs and/or activities.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

High School

- Academic Team
- Book Club
- Cheerleaders
- Chorus
- Class Officers
- CrossAge Training

- Debate Team
- Environmental Club
- Envirothon Team
- Forensics
- French Club
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- High School Band
- High School Musical
- Interact
- Jazz Band
- Kittatinny Day for the Developmentally Disabled (K3D)
- Kittatinny Chronicle
- Kittatinny Players
- Madrigals
- Marching Band
- Math League
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- Peer Leadership
- Robotics
- School Store
- Science League
- Solar Sprints
- Student Council
- Technology Student Association (TSA).
- Teen Arts
- Weight Training
- Yearbook

Junior High

- Chorus
- Class Officers
- Junior Express
- Junior High Band
- Junior High Book Club
- Junior High Musical
- Junior High Tapestry
- Kittatinny Junior Players
- Mock Trial
- Solar Sprints
- Student Council

USER FEES AND POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Athletic Fees

1. All participants in sports will be assessed a onetime annual fee of \$75.00 for Athletics per family which is due prior to the first day of practice for the appropriate season. If the athlete participates in a fall sport the athletic fee is due by August 11, if the first sport of the year is a winter sport then the athletic fee is due by November 17. If spring is the first season of participation, then the athletic fee is due by March 2.
2. Payments are to be made via KRHS website parent portal online payments Family athletic fee. Please remember that this fee is paid for only one child of your family even if you have multiple children playing sports. Payments by check or money order payable to "Kittatinny Regional High School" are still accepted, however the following Athletic Fee Form must be submitted with payment. Students who are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program are entitled to a waiver of this fee upon request, in writing, to the Kittatinny Business Office.
3. If a student is not selected for a sport prior to the first scrimmage/game the athletic fee will be refunded if it is the only sport in which the student plans to participate in during the school year and the only member of the family that is participating in sports. In order to obtain a refund, the parent must request a refund in writing to the

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Kittatinny Business Office immediately and allow for at least one month for this refund to be processed.

4. Parents and students should understand that this fee simply entitles the participant to a place in the activity. It does not guarantee participation time in games etc. nor does it ensure specific positions on a team. Those decisions will remain with the coaches and advisors. Fees collected in this manner are designed to help partially defray the operational cost of offering the programs.

Co-Curricular Activity Fee

1. All participants in co-curricular activities will be assessed a onetime annual fee of \$25.00 per family which is due by August 30. Payment of this onetime annual fee would allow each of your children the opportunity to participate in multiple co-curricular activities offered.

2. Payments are to be made via KRHS website parent portal online payments Family Activity fee. This fee is paid for only one child of your family even if you have multiple children involved in co-curricular activities. Payments made by check or money order payable to "Kittatinny Regional High School" are still accepted, however the following co-curricular activity Fee Form must be submitted with payment. Students who are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program are entitled to a waiver of this fee upon request, in writing, to the Kittatinny Business Office.

Parking Fee

1. All students who wish to park on campus must pay the onetime annual fee of \$50.00 by August 25, 2015. For those students who request parking after February 1, 2016 a prorated fee of \$25 will be assessed and payment is due at that time.

2. Payments are to be made via KRHS website parent portal online payments –Individual Parking fee. Payments by check or money order payable to "Kittatinny Regional High School" are still accepted, however the following Parking Fee Form must be submitted with payment. Students who are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program are entitled to a waiver of this fee upon request, in writing, to the Kittatinny Business Office. The participation fee for clubs, athletics, and co-curricular activities and parking is non-refundable. Any participant who chooses to stop parking on campus, leaves a club, activity or team voluntarily or who is dropped for disciplinary or scholastic deficiencies, is not eligible for a refund. Normal disciplinary measures for parking will still be in effect despite paying the fee. If fees are not paid, the student will be placed on the obligation list. This prevents students and parents from receiving grades and/or diploma.

POSTER CODE

All posters, before being displayed, must be approved by the Assistant Principal.

Posters may be displayed in cafeteria and in corridors. No posters should be taped to the walls or doors. Staple posters to bulletin boards and tack strips.