



## Rochester City School District

### PARENT'S CONSENT TO PUPIL PARTICIPATION IN CLUBS, GAMES AND COMPETITIVE SPORTS

I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby permit him/her to engage in club activities, after-school games, athletics and competitive sports, as conducted by the public schools and at my risk. If, at any time, I deem that the continuance of this permission is inadvisable, I must notify the school principal in writing. I have read the policy of the City School District concerning accidents printed below on this form and agree to allow my child to participate under these conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Parent or Guardian Signature

The Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act) amended New York State Education Law by creating a new Article 2 – *Dignity for All Students*. The intent of the Dignity Act is to provide all public school students with an environment free from discrimination and harassment, including bullying, taunting or intimidation, as well as to foster civility in public schools.

#### **POLICY OF ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS TO PUPILS OCCURRING IN SCHOOL OR ON SCHOOL PROPERTY:**

1. **MINOR INJURIES.** Treatment of cuts, bruises, abrasions, etc., is in general rendered by the Community Health Nurse (C.H.N.) of the BOCES I School Health Services. In the absence of the nurse, treatment is rendered by the Health or Physical Education teacher, school staff or other available person.
2. **MAJOR INJURIES.** Send injured pupil to hospital nearest to the school by ambulance or taxi cab. Pending its arrival, first aid is rendered by C.H.N. or other available person.
3. **CONCUSSIONS:** New York State Law (Effective July 1, 2012) requires students who have suffered or are believed to have suffered a concussion to be removed from the activity immediately. Students are prohibited from returning to play until they have been without symptoms for 24 hours. Student-athletes must also obtain both written authorization from a doctor clearing them for activity and also approval from the school's medical director. After being symptom free for 24 hours and being released from a Physician's care, the student-athlete must successfully complete a 6-step Return to Play (RTP) protocol.
4. **TREATMENT AT HOSPITAL.** On arrival at the hospital, medical treatment is rendered by hospital staff. Supervision of the case by the City School District ceases.
5. **NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS.** Wherever possible, the parent is notified of an injury to a child, but necessary medical attention is not delayed on this account.
6. **PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES IN CASE OF INJURY.** Every City School District student is covered by a School Accident Insurance Policy issued by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which provides minimal coverage in case of injury. **NOTE** that in cases of injury, it is the **parent's** health coverage, if any, which must first be applied to cover medical costs. Only after the parent's health insurance benefits are exhausted does the School Accident Policy apply and then only up to the policy limits. Parents may be responsible for medical costs beyond the policy limits or which are not reimbursable under the School Accident Policy.

#### **POLICY OF ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSENT TO USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS/IMAGES**

1. All photographs taken of teams and individual athletes can be used for the school yearbook, school social media accounts and school advertisements.

*This parent permission form must be signed by the parent/guardian and the student and filed with the school athletic director. The athletic director then submits the student's name to the nurse for a physical.*

ELIGIBILITY RULES

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE:

1. If you are a bona fide student of the high school represented and taking at least four subjects including Physical Education;
2. If you are in grades 9-12 and under the age of 19. (If the age of 19 is reached on or after July 1, you may participate during that school year.) [Students in grades 7-8 may participate in the modified sports program or in the high school interscholastic program if they meet the requirement of the Selective/Classification process.];
3. If your parent/guardian approves, you have taken an athletic physical from a physician of your parent/guardian’s choice or a physical offered by the City School District, and you receive final clearance through the school nurse;
4. If you enrolled during the first 15 school days of the semester;
5. Transfer: (a) A student who transfers, with a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months), shall become eligible after starting regular attendance in the second school. A residence change must involve a move from one school district to another. Furthermore, when a student moves from one public school district to another public school district, for athletic eligibility the student must enroll in the public school district of his/her parent’s residency.  
 (b) A student who transfers without a corresponding change in residence of his/her parents (or other persons with whom the student has resided for at least six months) is ineligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic contest in a particular sport for a period of one (1) year if the student participated in that sport during the one (1) year period immediately preceding his/her transfer;
6. For eight consecutive semesters, beginning with the semester in which you entered grade 9. [Under the Selective/Classification process, a student in grade 7 may be eligible for six consecutive seasons and a student in grade 8 may be eligible for five consecutive seasons in one sport.];
7. To participate on only one team during a sports season;
8. If you have not violated the all-star game rule restrictions of N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A.;
9. If you have not practiced or played with a college team;
10. If you are an amateur, never having used your athletic skills for financial gain, and if you have never competed under an assumed name;
11. If you maintain a C average in all subjects, maintain a 90% daily class attendance, and demonstrate good citizenship;
12. No student shall be excluded from competition solely by gender. In the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, power volleyball where the height of the net is set at less than eight feet and wrestling, the fitness of a given student to participate in mixed competition shall be determined by a review panel;
13. Students with handicapping conditions who are otherwise qualified are eligible to participate.

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Student Signature

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Parent or Guardian Signature