



**Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Contract for**

Student Participation in Interscholastic Competitions or Performances

_____ **Senior High School**

Student Name (Print or Type) _____

Student ID Number _____

Team/Performing Group _____

A student who participates in interscholastic competitions and/or performance groups should demonstrate high standards of ethics and promote the development of good character and other life skills. A model student participant should exhibit a high degree of decorum demonstrating respect for self, family, and all people regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, gender or physical condition. As a representative of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), I commit to adhering to the following values and team rules.

Core Values

CITIZENSHIP

I will:

- Comply with school, classroom and interscholastic competition rules.
- Respect all laws and rules of society.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Demonstrate behavior that is fair, civil, polite and courteous.
- Abide by and understand the rules of the competition in which I am participating.

COOPERATION

I will:

- Resolve conflicts with peers in an appropriate and lawful manner.
- Adhere to the school dress code.
- Accept responsibility for my own behavior.
- Support classmates and team members in their lawful endeavors.
- Demonstrate school pride in an appropriate manner.
- Cooperate with administrators, teachers, coaches, and sponsors.

COMPASSION

I will:

- Provide support to people who are in need of assistance.
- Demonstrate kindness to peers and adults.
- Assist teachers, coaches, and sponsors in making my school environment a positive place in which to learn.
- Support community outreach programs and charities when possible.
- Make contributions of time and energy that enrich the school environment.

HONESTY and RESPONSIBILITY

I will:

- Tell the truth.
- Live and compete honorably.
- Report any inappropriate or illegal act to an administrator, teacher, coach, or sponsor.
- Complete all work independently.
- Return lost property to the owner.
- Attend school and all classes regularly and on time.

INTEGRITY

I will:

- Express beliefs and feelings without regard to social pressure and do what's right even when it is unpopular or personally costly.
- Help fellow classmates and teammates.
- Support school activities and interscholastic programs.
- Exercise self-control.
- Engage in healthy life-style practices.

EXCELLENCE

I will:

- Put forth maximum effort and complete all academic assignments.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00.
- Maintain an average conduct grade of at least 2.00 in each semester.
- Commit to being a student first and to getting the best education I can.

FAIRNESS and RESPECT

I will:

- Participate in activities that are safe, respectful and lawful.
- Treat all adults (administrators, teachers, coaches, and sponsors) and peers (teammates) with respect.
- Treat all people the same regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, age or disability.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of competition judges or game officials.

Team/Performing Group Rules

All interscholastic athletics and school activities are meant to contribute to the overall academic excellence achieved by a student participant. The following rules and consequences are seen as the basic conditions that must be met by a student who wishes to represent his or her school through interscholastic competitions or performances:

- 1) A student must maintain a cumulative 2.00 GPA or higher as specified by s. 1003.43(1) *Florida Statutes*.
- 2) A student must receive a minimum 2.00 in conduct each semester.
- 3) If a student is assigned to Indoor Suspension/School Center for Specialized Instruction (SCSI), he or she will be unable to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances on the day(s) on which he or she is assigned. If the assignment to SCSI takes place on/or includes a Friday, the student will be unable to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances on the weekend.
- 4) A student who is serving an Outdoor Suspension cannot practice or participate in interscholastic competitions or performances and may be subject to further sanctions or penalties.
- 5) A student who has a total of eleven (11) cumulative days of suspension will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
- 6) A student who has ten (10) or more cumulative absences will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
- 7) A student who has twenty (20) or more cumulative tardies will not be allowed to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances for the remainder of the school year.
- 8) A student must be reported as present for the school day in order to participate in interscholastic competitions or performances, including practices.
- 9) A student who participates in interscholastic competitions or performances and has not performed at grade level as defined by the Florida Department of Education will attend two (2) hours per week of academic tutoring. Failure to attend required tutoring will result in a seven (7) calendar day suspension from interscholastic competitions or performances.
- 10) Any student who is arrested for conduct occurring on or off school grounds will be prohibited from participating in all interscholastic competitions or performances for a minimum of ten (10) days, including practices.

I have read and understand the requirements of the Contract for Student Participation in Interscholastic Competitions or Performances. I understand that participation in interscholastic competitions or performances is a privilege and not a right. I understand that I am expected to perform according to this contract and the team/performing group rules. I understand that there may be sanctions or penalties, which may include suspension or dismissal from the team/performing group.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____