

Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy MS/HS 141
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HS Athletic Policies

Rationale

Student athletes represent the good name of RKA and must be relied upon to compose themselves in any number of potentially tense, high profile, and dangerous situations. The administration sees our athletes as role models and examples of the school- both within the school building and when teams travel for games and matches. Playing on a team is a privilege, an honor, AND comes with many responsibilities.

Although PSAL has established rules for many of the following categories, we at RKA hold ourselves to a higher standard. The policies outlined below stand *in addition* to the policies established by PSAL.

Academics

PSAL has established that at the minimum, to be eligible to play, students must earn 5 credits plus pass Physical Education in the preceding term. At least 3 of those credits must be in major subjects (ELA, Math, SS, Science, Foreign Language and Core Art/Music classes needed for graduation). Students must also earn 10 credits (6 of which must be in major subjects) plus 2 credits in physical education in the 2 preceding terms.

RKA also includes the following eligibility criteria.

- Students in grade 12 who are in jeopardy of graduating must pass **all** classes needed for graduation in any given marking period during the athletic season (most likely this means any and all classes in which the student is enrolled).
- Students in grade 12 who are on-track for graduation must pass a minimum of 70% of enrolled classes and all classes need for graduation in any given marking period during the athletic season.

Student behavior

RKA student athletes will not be allowed to play on varsity sports teams if they have had more than 2 Principal's suspensions or have had 1 Superintendent's suspension in the current school year.

Attendance

Students must maintain a 90% daily attendance rate. This is indicated on the student's marking period report cards. Athletes must be in attendance for the entire day in order to play in a PSAL game. This will be verified through the use of a Daily Attendance Sheet which students will be responsible for having signed by each teacher on game days. To participate in practice, students may not be more than 30 minutes late to school.

Students may not have more than 5 class absences per marking during the evaluation period and each marking period during the season. All documentation for an explained absence must be submitted within 24 hours. Parental excuse notes are not valid. An official PSAL Review Request must be submitted for any student with more than 3 explained school absences. The student must be inactivated pending the review.

Athletes may not be dismissed early on game days to change into uniforms, warm-up or practice without authorization of the principal (written pass). Students may not be unsupervised in the locker room, gym, weight room, cafeteria, auditorium, or any other space while waiting for a game or practice.

Fundraising

Athletes occasionally need to fundraise to support the needs of the team. Athletes are only permitted to sell school-sanctioned items. A "candy contract" must be on file with the coach. Any students found to be in violation of this policy will have their products confiscated, suspended for a game, or become ineligible to play on the team.

Equipment and Uniforms

Students must secure all athletic equipment (bats, gloves, balls, shoes, clubs, bags) immediately upon entry into the school building. Equipment must be locked in an AP's, coach's, or dean's office.

Uniforms are not to be worn without permission of the principal (this includes jerseys, pants/ shorts associated with the sport, hats, etc.). Logo warm ups or shirts are allowed. All school uniforms must be returned to the school at the end of the student's season.

Items not covered above

The principal and the athletic director reserve the right to make policies and decisions as needed in order to best benefit the general student body of the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy.

As a candidate for the _____ team, I agree to abide by the policies established above.

Candidate's Name

Candidate's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Coach's Signature

Date