



## **Request for Early Return to Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities**

### **Riverview High School Extracurricular Activities**

Extracurricular activities at Riverview High School are a significant part of the Royal tradition and are intended to help further develop our youth beyond the formal learning that takes place within the classroom. As such, extracurricular activities are a privilege in which students must earn the opportunity to participate. This privilege comes with responsibilities.

Students are expected to represent themselves, the school, and the community in a positive manner in all that they do. They are to be models of exemplary behaviour for their peers and the community.

### **Suspension of Eligibility from Extracurricular Activities**

Students can have their privilege of participating in extracurricular activities suspended for various reasons and for varying durations. Typically, students have their eligibility suspended from extracurricular activities for either poor academic performance or inappropriate behaviour. The decision to suspend a student's eligibility from extracurricular activities will be made by the school administration. Suspensions are carefully considered in balancing the best interests of Riverview High School students as a whole and the individual student.

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In some situations, a student may demonstrate suitable growth in terms of academics or behaviour that may warrant a reconsideration of the duration of suspension from eligibility. To be considered for an early return to eligibility:

1. Parents / guardians must complete a Request for Early Return to Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities Application Form and submit it to the principal.
2. The student must write a letter explaining how he or she has grown and why he or she should be returned to eligibility and submit it to the principal.
3. Meet with a committee of three teachers that are representative of the school, community, and extracurricular.

## **The Process**

The process in order to determine a student's early return to eligibility will follow these steps:

1. Request form from parents / guardians and letter from student received by principal.
2. Principal forms committee of teachers and establishes a meeting date.
3. Committee will review information relating to eligibility for extracurricular activities. (This would include, but not be limited to, academic information, attendance, and behaviour referrals.)
4. Committee meets with:
  - a. Principal & Athletic Director
  - b. Parents / Guardians
  - c. Student (Parents / Guardians may attend with the student.)
5. Committee submits decision to the principal.
6. Principal communicates decision to coaches, athletic director, activity organizer, parents / guardians, and student.

## **Deciding on Early Return to Eligibility**

For an early return to eligibility for extracurricular activities, the committee of teachers will need to determine whether reinstating a student's eligibility meets the following criteria:

1. Returning the student to eligibility will help maintain the integrity and expectations for all students, the school, the team, and the community.
2. The student has learned or grown from the experience and is believed to be trusted to once again be a positive role model for his or her peers and the community.
3. The student will make good decisions so not to put himself / herself or others in unsafe situations in which a coach or staff member may be held liable for his or her actions.

## **Possible Outcomes of the Committee's Decision**

Decisions of the committee may include, but not be limited to:

- Denial of early return to eligibility;
- Reinstatement of eligibility on a certain date earlier than the original end date with conditions;
  - Probationary period of time;
  - Probationary role (e.g. participate in practices but not games); and / or
  - Completion of service to school prior to reinstatement.
- Reinstatement of eligibility on a certain date earlier than the original end date without conditions.

**Only one request for early return to eligibility will be considered per suspension by the school.**

**Please speak with the principal for any additional questions.**