

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.

POLICY ON PARENTAL RIGHTS AND STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Northwest Christian Schools (NWCS) encourages enrolled students to participate in co-curricular activities of all kinds as part of the overall educational and developmental experience provided by the school. Once a student has signed-up and expressed formal commitment to participate in any program including arts, athletics, clubs, etc., it is expected that the student attend all events related to that activity including meetings, rehearsals, practices, competitions, concerts, etc.

Participant and player involvement will be managed by the director, lead, or coach of any NWCS affiliated club, team, or program. However, NWCS also grants parents the right to "opt out" of any specific program or event (including practices, rehearsals, games, performances, etc.) for a variety of reasons including:

SCHEDULE CONFLICT: Parents reserve the right to remove or withhold participation of their student due to a schedule conflict that, in the minds of the parent, is a higher priority than their student's participation in said co-curricular activity. Parents will provide prior notification in a reasonable amount of time to the coach or program director to communicate their student's absence from involvement of a specific event or for a designated timeframe.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Parents reserve the right to remove or withhold participation of their student due to an underlying health condition their child is experiencing. Additionally, parents can remove or withhold their student from participating in an activity if there is concern about potential injury to their student as a direct result of participating in a specific activity. Such decisions can be made immediately prior to an event or at any time during the event (i.e. athletic activity) and must be communicated by the parent directly to the coach.

RELIGIOUS PURPOSES: As a religious organization, Northwest Christian Schools acknowledges our school community's values, morals, and understanding of sexuality and gender may differ from those of other schools and students. NWCS recognizes parents as the ultimate authority in our students' lives. Therefore, parents reserve the right to remove or withhold participation in a specific activity if their student's participation would be counter to their own religious beliefs. Such decisions can be made immediately prior to an event and must be communicated by the parent directly to the coach or via a previously submitted "Activity Opt-Out" form. If a student is 18-years or older, they can also make the decision to opt-out of an event or competition on their own accord.
