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Statement of Cooperation: Athletics & Performing Arts

The following articles represent the cooperative venture between the Performing Arts Department and the Department of Athletics. Both departments firmly believe that we exist to serve students needs and provide meaningful and memorable experiences for them. Therefore, we believe in cooperating with each other in terms of solving practice and performance conflicts so that students may experience as many activities as possible with as little conflict as possible.

Solving Conflicts Through Communication

Leave nothing to question. Make sure all facts are presented. Whenever there is doubt as to a situation, communicate with each other. Do not let the student interpret. Work together so that all parties will know exactly what needs to be decided.

Coaches and directors are to exchange practice and competition schedules and dates.

Teachers and coaches will check with their students and team to identify those who will have conflicts between activities.

Inform (communicate with) coach or teacher immediately upon recognition of conflict.

Practice Conflicts: Alternate or split time in cases of a practice conflict.

Competition / Performance Conflicts: As a general rule, competitions take priority over practice. If there are conflicts between competitions, the student chooses one course and the next time they are to attend the activity not chosen the first time. Students cannot be penalized for missing a competition due to a conflict between Athletics and Performing Arts.

Experience has shown that teachers and coaches must explain to their students that there are certain expectations placed on them by their choices. If the student feels they cannot meet both sets of expectations, he/she may have to make a decision as to which activity they wish to continue with.

It must be recognized by all parties that students need to learn to organize and prioritize activities and responsibilities in their lives. They need to be part of the decision process as to what they want to do. However, students are not to be put in the middle and their emotions are not to be played with. *Under no circumstances are students to be threatened with a loss of grade or being kept out of competition because he/she chose one activity over another.*

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