



# DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

### **Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend--Student Extra/Co-curricular Participation Guidelines/Consent Form for the 2020-2021 Academic Year**

This student extra/co-curricular participation guidance is part of the plan devised for all of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend's 43 schools to establish safety and health protocols for the in-person (preferred) return of our administrators, teachers, pastoral ministers, counselors, coaches and moderators, staff, and students as we approach and enter into the 2020-2021 school year. Each of the diocese's schools will take reasonable precautions to protect students and adults. Heightened protocols related to cleaning and sanitization are in place. Schools will enforce expectations of proper handwashing, physical distancing, and the sharing of resources to the extent possible. Guidance from IDOE, CDC, and governmental authorities will be employed as best fits our Catholic school communities, as determined by each School's administration (attach or link to your School's Safety).

Specific to extra/co-curricular activities, some of which begin before the start of the academic school year, certain modifications to prior, standard practices are necessary to account for the impact of Coronavirus-19 (Covid-19) related restrictions put into place beginning last March. Diocesan schools are relying on the cooperation and assistance of the parents/guardians of students to facilitate compliance with those modifications. We all want our schools and school activities to be as safe as reasonably possible for all involved.

### **For your student to participate in extra/co-curricular activities, each parent/guardian with custodial rights must acknowledge and agree to the following criteria for participation:**

1. My child is enrolled or being enrolled in **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School** for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. If my child intends to participate in any sports activity for the School which is sanctioned by the Diocese, Indiana High School Athletic Association ("IHSAA"), I understand and agree that my child's eligibility to participate in that sport activity is subject to, among other things, compliance with the terms of the IHSAA Guidance Regarding Pre-Participation Physical Examinations And Consent Forms for the 2020-21 School Year, a copy of which is attached. If my child's IHSAA participation eligibility for the 2020-21 school year is based upon valid IHSAA physical and consent forms presented for the 2019-20 school year, I attest that the information concerning my consent and my child's health provided in the forms submitted for the 2019-20 school year remains accurate.
3. Regardless of the extra/co-curricular activity in which my child participates, I attest that my child is in good physical health and does not have any physical condition which could adversely affect my child's

ability or the ability of other students, to participate in extra/co-curricular activities. I agree that this attestation is ongoing and that I will immediately notify the School if I become aware of my child having or incurring a physical condition that could make my child's participation, or continued participation, unsafe for my child or other participating students.

4. I understand that the School will make every reasonable effort to provide a safe environment, including specific measures to guard against the spread of contagion such as Covid-19. I accept that no matter the precautions taken by the School, there is no way to fully assure that such measures will be successful in preventing injury, exposure to contagion, or illness. I understand that by allowing my child to participate in extra/co-curricular activities, there is some assumed risk of injury, exposure to contagion, or illness on behalf of students and their parents.

5. I will provide my student with the necessary equipment, resources, and supports needed for participation. An administrator, teacher, coach, or moderator will communicate the required materials needed to participate. I will reinforce to my child the need to maintain all conventional protocols related to his/her health and safety and that of others.

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this signed form to the Athletic Director for all sports no later than July 6, 2020 and/or the first date of participation for the student on campus. Extra-curricular groups should turn form into the designated Staff Director/Advisor.**