



Kunming International Academy

EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES for Secondary Extracurricular Activities

All students interested in participating in any KIA-sponsored extracurricular activity are required to read and agree to the following expectations and policies. Some activities may also have additional specific expectations and policies.

Philosophy of KIA's Extracurricular Activities: Kunming International Academy supports a comprehensive school activities program intended to enhance the physical, social, emotional, spiritual, artistic, and intellectual growth of students and offer opportunities for developing qualities of leadership, character, service, and cultural appreciation. Students are urged to maintain a careful balance of academic and extracurricular activities.

Academic Expectations

Students involved in KIA-sponsored extracurricular activities must:

- maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- maintain a grade average in all courses of 70% or higher
- not have excessive missing or late work in classes

Grade checks will be done on a regular basis. Any student falling below the minimum GPA and/or failing a course will be automatically suspended from participation in extracurricular activities (including practices, rehearsals, etc). Students may obtain a signed form by all teachers to show their academic eligibility if they improve their grades. These students will be allowed to return to their activity on a probationary status. If, at the next 4 week grade check, the student has fallen below the minimum GPA and/or is failing a course, they will be permanently suspended from participation in KIA-sponsored extracurricular activities until the end of the semester.

Attendance Expectations

- Students involved in KIA-sponsored extracurricular activities are expected to maintain acceptable school attendance (as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook). Students with excessive absences may be disqualified from participation in extracurricular activities.
- Below is the policy regarding the total for class tardies as it relates to KIA-sponsored extracurricular activities:
 - 7 class tardies (total) = 1 week suspension from the activity
 - 10 class tardies (total) = 2 weeks suspension from the activity
 - 15 class tardies (total) = suspension from an activity for the remainder of a season (If the 15 tardies are incurred before the activity begins, the student will not be allowed to join).
- Students must be in full-day school attendance on the day of practice, rehearsal, competition, event or performance in order to participate. A student who checks out from school due to illness may not return and participate in extracurricular activities that day. The only exceptions are based on prior approval from the Activities Coordinator and/or Secondary Principal.
- Students are expected to attend practices, rehearsals, meetings, etc as set by the extracurricular faculty advisor.

Behavioral Expectations

Students are expected to follow the KIA Parent/Student Handbook during school and all school-related activities. This includes, but is not limited to, dress code, lifestyle agreement and general standards for student behavior. In the event of a major infraction or habitual minor infractions to the behavioral expectations, the student will be dismissed from the activity.

KIA Extracurricular Policies

All KIA faculty advisors are expected to enforce the following, unless pre-approved by the Activities Coordinator and Secondary Principal and communicated clearly to students, parents and teachers:

- Students will be dismissed from KIA-sponsored extracurricular activities by 8:00 PM (exceptions include scheduled performances, dress rehearsals and sporting events)
- KIA extracurricular activities will not be scheduled on Sundays (exceptions include sports tournaments)
- KIA faculty advisors will distribute a calendar of activities that has been approved by the Activities Coordinator and Secondary Principal to all interested students/parents before commitments are made by the student.
- Students/parents are urged to consider how extracurricular activities may interfere with academic testing, family trips, coursework, etc before deciding upon involvement. Students/parents are also encouraged to consider limiting involvement in activities to avoid academic failure, emotional and physical stress, burnout and/or becoming overextended.
- KIA-sponsored extracurricular activities exist primarily for KIA students. Some activities are open to non-KIA students that apply through KIA's Extension Services Program (ESP). There are fees set for ESP students involved in KIA-sponsored extracurricular activities.
- KIA Activities Coordinator, Secondary Principal and faculty advisors reserve the right to suspend, terminate or deny any student's involvement in an extracurricular activity if necessary.