



PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM FOR ATHLETIC TRAVEL

Student Name: _____

School: _____

BACKGROUND

My child is participating in athletics that may require travel to and from a competition site. I understand and acknowledge that the Guilford County Board of Education ("Board") is the legal entity that operates Guilford County Schools ("GCS" or "District").

BOARD POLICY

Board of Education Policy JH includes the following statement regarding travel: *All students will be required to travel to and from events with the coach or sponsor and the team unless the coach or sponsor receives information directly from the parent or guardian that the student has permission to travel by other means.*

CONDUCT DURING ACTIVITY

I understand that my child's participation in athletics is a privilege, and not a right. I acknowledge that I have spoken with my child about my child's need to comply with the specific rules and requirements established for athletic travel; all District policies and procedures; rules of conduct set forth in the Student Code of Conduct; and state and federal regulations and laws. I understand that all District rules and policies apply to my child as well as all other students.

TRANSPORTATION TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, PERMISSION AND WAIVER

I understand that athletics may involve the transport of student-athletes to and from an athletic event by activity bus. I also understand that private drivers, which may include my child (pending my written permission below), or the parent of another student participating in athletics, may be used to transport students to and from athletic competition. The owner of the vehicle must carry bodily injury insurance. The District's insurance does not cover damages arising from, or related to, the operation of any private vehicle, failure to follow the directed driving route, or any personal negligence related to athletic travel. Any damages/harm resulting from a parent/guardian/or other designated driver (including student-drivers) operating a motor vehicle in relation to athletic travel, is hereby waived.

My initials next to any or all statements below acknowledge my acceptance of all responsibility and grant permission for my child to travel to and from athletic practices and/or contests using transportation arranged by me (the parent):

_____ - _____ athletic competition/practices on _____ only.
(List specific sport) (month/day/year)

_____ - All _____ athletic competition/practices during the 2020-21 school year.
(List specific sport)

I will make transportation arrangements for my child to and from athletic competition/practices for the events marked above.

I understand I can withdraw this permission at any time by submitting notice of my withdrawal of permission, in writing and signed by me, to the school athletic director prior to an athletic event. Once my permission is withdrawn, I will need to sign a new consent form before my child will be able to travel to an athletic event.¹

I understand I have the right to refuse to sign this form and allow my child to be transported by district provided transportation only.³

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PERSONAL LIABILITY AND WAIVER

I understand this travel may expose my child to some risks and I assume any such risk that may arise therefrom. I accept full responsibility for all medical expenses for any injuries that might occur to my child by reason of his/her participation.

By signing this form I hereby release GCS, its Board, its Board members, administrators, directors, officers, coaches, teachers, employees, agents, assistants, and volunteers ("released parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, complaints, suits or other forms of liability arising from: (a) my child's failure to comply with local, state, and federal laws, District policies or procedures, and/or the Code of Conduct; (b) any damage or injury caused by my child; or (c) a parent/guardian/or other designated driver's operation of a motor vehicle in relation to athletic travel. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the released parties from the released claims, including any and all related costs, attorney fees, liabilities, settlements, and/or judgments.

SIGNATURE

I confirm that I have carefully read this **CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM** and agree to its terms knowingly and voluntarily. I also confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child or I am a student 18 years or older.²

Printed Name of Student's Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Student's Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Student (If 18 years of age or older)

Date

¹School and/or district administration reserve the right to void this permission and discontinue this practice at any time with reasonable notice.

²This completed form should be submitted to the team coach and a copy given to the school athletic director.

³Unless the privilege is suspended by school administration, a student-athlete can use district provided transportation for travel to and from any and all athletic events in which she/he is participating, even if the parent or legal guardian has indicated they will make arrangements to travel by other means. Since the number of passengers permitted on a bus is limited, families are asked to notify the team coach at least 24 hours in advance if the student will ride the team bus instead of using alternative transportation.