



## **AVPA (ATHLETIC & VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS) PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

### **I. ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCEPTANCE TO THE AVPA PROGRAM**

Any person who is a member of:

1. a provincial or national team, recognized by an accrediting body, the BWC or Whitecaps Academies or;
2. a performing company or troupe that is a recognized provincial or national institution, or;
3. a professional team, company, troupe or cast is eligible for acceptance into the AVPA Program if participation in the activity:
  - is on a rigorous schedule that will have an impact upon academic performance, or;
  - will affect regular attendance, or;
  - occurs during school hours, or;
  - requires absence from school in blocks of time.

### **II. APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE**

A. Applications must be submitted to the AVPA Vice-Principal of Burnaby Central. Students participating in the Burnaby Winter Club and WhiteCaps Academies do not need to apply for the AVPA Program and will be automatically forwarded into the appropriate AVPA Program Level.

B. The Application process for the AVPA Program can found on the Burnaby Central website.

- i) Fill out the Online AVPA Student Application Form
- ii) Submit a letter from the applicant's Parent/Guardian explaining intent of application (Submit via email to the AVPA Vice Principal).
- iii) Letter of reference on letterhead verifying their level of performance and identifying the organization and its accrediting body and including any other information, such as hours spent training (Submit via email to the AVPA Vice Principal).

C. Participants **must renew annually** but require only a letter verifying continuation of the previous levels of involvement in years subsequent to their initial acceptance, submitted to the AVPA Vice Principal.

D. Applicants who wish to change the criteria under which they are accepted into the program must submit a new AVPA Application Form and other documentation.

E. Students will be notified of the results of their application by the Burnaby Central front office.

### **III. LEVELS OF BENEFITS**

**A. Level A:** Students will be awarded AVPA block/s in their schedule- depending upon the need for the program. No credits will be given in place of these blocks. Students are expected to be off campus during these blocks of time.

**B. Level B:** Students will be awarded AVPA block/s in their schedule- depending upon the need for the program. Students will be enrolled in one OFF TIMETABLE course (usually Physical & Health Education). The teacher will reach out to the student to relay expectations to make up any ministry-mandated required curricular content, and student will be awarded credit for one 4-credit course. No letter grade will be assigned for P.E. until the end of the school year but completion of the requirements will be noted.

\* The addition of a potential second course credit is only offered to those who train with a Nationally approved training program/facility.

### **IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

#### **A. Notification of Teachers**

1. Participants should introduce themselves to their teachers at the beginning of a course.
2. Participants must notify the front office, as well as their teachers of any absences and must request extensions prior to the absence or due date or test date.

#### **B. Expectations and Behaviour**

1. Participant is aware all regular graduation requirements must be met.
2. Participant's behaviour should be exemplary both in class and around the school. Participants behaviour must be acceptable to each subject teacher and to other teachers, administrator, aides, custodians, secretaries and other staff in and around the school.
3. Participants are expected to attend classes regularly and not to miss classes without a legitimate excuse.
4. Participants are expected to arrive at classes on time.
5. Participants are expected to abide by all other school rules and policies.

### **VI. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- A. Any student who fails to comply with V.A.2 on an ongoing basis may need to have consultations with their Counsellor, Administrator, Parent/Guardian, and Coach.
- B. Any student whose behaviour, absence or tardiness is unacceptable to a teacher on an ongoing basis may need to have consultations with the Counsellor, Administrator, Parent/Guardian, and Coach.
- C. Any student who abuses the program by falsifying absences or the need for extensions, will be taken out of from the program.
- D. Any student whose status under Section I.A changes, and who fails to notify the Coordinator immediately, will be taken out of the program.
- E. Any student who falsifies an application will be taken out of from the program.
- F. Any student taken out of the program may reapply, but the student's conduct will be a major factor in the decision whether to allow the student to participate in the program.