

# Piedmont High School



Club

Handbook

2023-2024

## Introduction

### **PIEDMONT ACADEMICS CHARACTER ENGAGEMENT**

*The mission of Piedmont High School is to provide the opportunity for students to develop intellectually, emotionally, socially and ethically. We strive to ensure that all of our students are actively engaged in learning and are respectful and responsible problem solvers, enabling them to become productive members of the community, equipped to deal with the challenges of the 21st century.*

The purpose of extracurricular activities is to provide educational opportunities for students in various areas of interest. This is directly aligned with Piedmont's mission. Through participation in extracurricular activities, students develop leadership and cooperation skills, as well as the ability to work with a team. They can explore potential career options, take part in community service and volunteer opportunities, and contribute to school and community improvement projects. Membership in one or more extracurricular activities, while a student at Piedmont High School, helps create a well-rounded student that is prepared for life beyond our doors.

In order to achieve the mission stated above, each club advisor and all club members should strive to uphold the highest of standards while representing Piedmont High School. The Code of Conduct applies to all club events on and off campus.

#### **Important Dates:**

Club Participation Permission Form	October 1, 2023
Club Membership Form	October 1, 2023
Club Information Form	October 1, 2023
Action Plan/Events Calendar	October 1, 2023

## Starting a New Club

Piedmont High School offers many opportunities for students to become involved in clubs and other extra-curricular activities. Students may, however, decide to form a new club on campus in order to meet their particular goals. In order for a new club to be established, the following procedures must be adhered to:

1. **Acquire sponsorship from a staff member.** Every club must have a faculty member who is willing to serve as the advisor/sponsor for the club.
2. **Recruit members.** Each club must have no less than 3 members in order to be recognized as a club.
3. **Develop the club's vision.** The club's vision must be aligned with the mission of Piedmont High School.
4. **Present the club's vision to administration for approval.** Once the club has a faculty advisor, members, and a vision, the vision must be presented to Piedmont High School's Site-based Leadership Team for approval. This should be done before the club participates in any events on or off campus. Mrs. Conklin will notify the faculty advisor within one week of this presentation.
5. **Submit the club's documents to administration.** The documents below should be submitted to Mrs. Conklin no later than 10 school days following the notification of the club approval.
  - Club Information Form
  - Action Plan/Events Calendar

***No new club should be similar in theme, ideals, or purpose of any club already established at Piedmont High School.***

## School Beautification

We will conduct a school wide cleanup one time per semester. It is the expectation that each club participate in this process. The dates and times for each cleanup will be determined at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

## Clubs

This may not be a complete list of clubs on campus. If your club is not included, please let Mrs. Conklin know.

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Advisor(s)</b>	<b>Emails</b>
American Sign Language (ASL) Club	Ami Anderson	Ami.Anderson@ucps.k12.nc.us Tricia.Crowley@ucps.k12.nc.us Laura.Pickard@ucps.k12.nc.us
Art Club	Scott Meier/Joshua Cornwell	FRANK.MEIER@ucps.k12.nc.us Joshua.Cornwell@ucps.k12.nc.us
Battle of the Books	Carren Heartley	carren.heartley@ucps.k12.nc.us
BETA	Lerlean Cotten	Lerlean.Cotten@ucps.k12.nc.us
Book Club	Marissa Hertzfeld	Marissa.Hertzfeld@ucps.k12.nc.us
Break The Silence	Andy Fisher/Janet Smith/Erica Henderson	ANDY.FISHER@ucps.k12.nc.us JANET.SMITH@ucps.k12.nc.us Erica.Henderson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Chess Club	John Queen	john.queen@ucps.k12.nc.us
Drama Club	Marissa Hertzfeld	Marissa.Hertzfeld@ucps.k12.nc.us
FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America)	Erica Floyd	Erica.Floyd@ucps.k12.nc.us
FFA (Future Farmers of America)	Laura Gardner	Laura.Gardner@ucps.k12.nc.us
Financial Freedom Club	Brian Pitoniak	brian.pitoniak@ucps.k12.nc.us
FUEL-- FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) YCI (Youth Commission International)	Marie Coggin/Vicki Braswell	marie.coggin@ucps.k12.nc.us Vicki.Braswell@ucps.k12.nc.us
Gaming Club	Amanda Starnes Erica Henderson	amandar.starnes@ucps.k12.nc.us Erica.Henderson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Health Occupations Club	Julie Plyler	Julie.Plyler@ucps.k12.nc.us

International Club	Laura Nicholson	laura.nicholson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Journalism Club	Stacy Vickers/Kim Widenhouse	stacy.vickers@ucps.k12.nc.us Kimberly.StanleyWidenhouse@ucps.k12.nc.us
Jungle on the Move	Aaron Braswell	Aaron.Braswell@ucps.k12.nc.us
National Honor Society	Emmy Craig/Kelly Lepsig	Emmy.Craig@ucps.k12.nc.us Kelly.Lepsig@ucps.k12.nc.us
Panther Global Trivia Team	Brian Pitoniak	brian.pitoniak@ucps.k12.nc.us
Piedmont Athletic Leadership Students (PALS)	Kim Cantey	KIM.CANTEY@ucps.k12.nc.us
Piedmont Leo Club	Brian Pitoniak	brian.pitoniak@ucps.k12.nc.us
Raiders - JROTC	Chadrick Richardson	chadrick.richardson@ucps.k12.nc.us
Robotics Club	Elaine Weidenhammer/Colleen Staton	elaine.weidenhammer@ucps.k12.nc.us colleen.staton@ucps.k12.nc.us
Skills USA	Chad Baucom Richard Webb Erica Floyd	Anthony.Baucom@ucps.k12.nc.us Richard.Webb@ucps.k12.nc.us Erica.Floyd@ucps.k12.nc.us
Student Government	Annette Harris/Britney Forbis/Garrison Batchelor	ANNETTE.HARRIS@ucps.k12.nc.us britney.forbis@ucps.k12.nc.us garrison.batchelor@ucps.k12.nc.us
Teacher Cadet	Andy Fisher	ANDY.FISHER@ucps.k12.nc.us
Unified Champion Schools	Kim Cantey	KIM.CANTEY@ucps.k12.nc.us

## **UCPS EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES GUIDELINES**

1. Any student who is charged with a felony or a Class I misdemeanor or is petitioned for an offense that would be a felony or a Class I misdemeanor if committed by an adult, will be removed from all current teams and/or activities for a minimum of twenty (20) school days, and will remain ineligible until such time as the courts render the findings in the case. Pleas of “No Contest” or as part of a deferred prosecution or “Prayer for Judgment Continued” (PJC) will be considered convictions for purposes of these guidelines. In the case of co-curricular activities, the student will attend class and complete work related to the class, but cannot represent the school in any manner during an extra-curricular component of the class. If there are mitigating circumstances, the student may request a review of the evidence surrounding the charge by the Superintendent or his designee. The student is ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities until a final decision is rendered by the Superintendent or his designee.

2. Any student athlete who is convicted of a felony or is adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult is barred from participation in interscholastic athletics for the remainder of his/her high school career per NCHSAA guidelines. Students involved in other extracurricular or co-curricular activities who are found guilty of a felony or are adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult are not eligible to represent the school in such activities for the remainder of their high school careers. Students found guilty of a Class I misdemeanor or are adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult are not eligible to participate in teams and/or activities for the remainder of the school year. These guidelines also apply to middle school students; however, eligibility is restored once the student first enters ninth grade per NCHSAA guidelines.

3. Any student charged with a Class II or III misdemeanor or is petitioned for an offense that would be a Class II or III misdemeanor if committed by an adult that takes place on school grounds, during a school sponsored event, or in the course of representing the school will be removed from all current teams and/or activities for a minimum of twenty (20) school days, and will remain ineligible until such time as the courts render findings in the case. Pleas of “No Contest” or as part of a deferred prosecution or “Prayer for Judgment Continued” (PJC) will be considered convictions for purposes of these guidelines. In the case of co-curricular activities, the student will attend class and complete work related to the class, but cannot represent the school in any manner during an extra-curricular component of the class. If there are mitigating circumstances, the student may request a review of the evidence surrounding the charge by the principal. Students found guilty of a Class II or III misdemeanors or are adjudicated delinquent for an offense that would be a Class II or III misdemeanor if committed by an adult are eligible to participate in teams and/or activities for the remainder of the semester.

4. Mitigating circumstances may include:

- Having no history of disciplinary problems;
- Having a significant amount of time pass since the student's last disciplinary problem;
- Being a passive participant or playing a minor role in the offense;
- Reasonably believing that the conduct was legal;
- Reacting under strong provocation;
- Aiding in the discovery of another offender;
- Making a full and truthful statement admitting guilt at an early stage in the investigation of the offense;
- Displaying an appropriate attitude and giving respectful cooperation during the investigation and discipline process; or mitigating circumstances do NOT exist solely because of demonstrated prowess in a sport or activity of the potential of scholarships or grants in aid.

5. A second unrelated felony or misdemeanor charge or a juvenile petition for an offense that would be a felony or misdemeanor if committed by an adult, will automatically result in removal from all teams and/or activities for the duration of the school year.

6. Any student suspended out of school six (6) days (for a single offense) for high schools on block schedule or ten (10) days (for a single offense) for high schools on traditional schedule will receive a ten (10) school-day suspension from any extracurricular activity. Any middle school student suspended out of school for ten (10) days for a single offense will receive a ten (10) school-day suspension from any extracurricular activity. Per middle school sports guidelines, a second out-of-school suspension during the sports season will result in the student being removed from the team/squad for the remainder of the season.

7. National and state organizations, school clubs, and athletic teams with rules or by-laws that prescribe stricter consequences for student misconduct will supersede the above guidelines.

8. It is expected that all athletic teams will have team rules that address the off campus behavior of students/athletes regarding drugs and alcohol. These rules should outline consistent consequences that limit and/or prohibit participation by students/athletes involved in such activities.

9. Students who are found not guilty will be eligible for reinstatement to the team or activity immediately. Pleas of "No Contest" or as part of a deferred prosecution or "Prayer for Judgment Continued" (PJC) will be considered convictions for purposes of these guidelines, and students must serve the 30 day suspension from activities.

10. Students involved in co-curricular activities with a required extra-curricular component, such as band, chorus, vocational clubs, etc., will be given alternative

assignments to avoid a negative impact on their academic standing in such classes.

11. Principals are asked to communicate and collaborate in dealing with such situations. This is especially important in charges and arrests involving more than one school. All schools are expected to follow these guidelines.

12. Students charged with crimes during the summer months shall be subject to these guidelines beginning the first day of the school year if the charges are still pending at that point.

13. Affected students and their parents will be informed in writing regarding all decisions and actions taken relative to these guidelines.

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*Piedmont Academics Character Engagement*

**CLUB PARTICIPATION PERMISSION FORM**

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate  
in the above-named club at Piedmont High School.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Contact Number

***Please return this form to your club  
advisor.***





## ***PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL CLUB INFORMATION***

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Advisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mission Statement:** (Please describe the purpose of the club and how it supports Piedmont's mission.)

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**Meeting Days and Time:**

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**Meeting Location:**

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**Membership Dues/Requirements:**

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**Names of Club Officers and Job Titles:** (If applicable)

Student Name	Job Title

# Action Plan 2023-2024

Name of Club/Organization:

Advisor:

<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
Projects:          Goals:          Due Date/Date of Event:	Projects:          Goals:          Due Date/Date of Event:
<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
Projects:          Goals:          Due Date/Date of Event:	Projects:          Goals:          Due Date/Date of Event:

<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
Projects:  Goals:  Due Date/Date of Event:	Projects:  Goals:  Due Date/Date of Event:
<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
Projects:  Goals:  Due Date/Date of Event:	Projects:  Goals:  Due Date/Date of Event:
<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Projects:  Goals:  Due Date/Date of Event:	Projects:  Goals:  Due Date/Date of Event: