

Marin School of the Arts

Student Rules

Being an MSA student carries certain responsibilities and expectations. It is expected that if you are in the program because you are motivated, honest, willing to try and willing to take a challenge. As an MSA student, you are also a Novato High student and required to follow the same rules and regulations as set out in the Novato High Student/Parent Handbook, which you will receive from Novato High in their packets to you this summer. Marin School of the Arts wants to emphasize that it is your responsibility to participate in community service

Community Service

MSA depends on the volunteer help of both students and parents to help run our program. Colleges look very favorably on students who have participated in some kind of community service during their high school years. We are asking all our students to complete 25 hours a year in their first three years in addition to the Community Service High School project they are required to complete in their senior year. An easy way to get community service credit is to participate in the MSA Bridge Program as a tutor, teacher or aide for underprivileged elementary and middle school students. Last year, MSA started the Bridge Program at Lynwood Elementary School and this year the program is expanding to Hamilton, Loma Verde Elementary Schools and San Jose Middle Schools. The School District was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Carlos Santana Foundation "Milagro" to support these programs. This is an opportunity for our students to be a leader, teacher, assistant or tutor. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to give back to the community.

Discipline

Failure to follow the standard rules of Novato High as set out in their Handbook could result in a student being asked to leave the MSA program.

Field Trips

MSA supports field trips for its students as a means of enrichment, education and fun. But the privilege of participating in field trips comes with specific student responsibilities. Failure to follow the district rules of conduct on field trips could mean the loss of field trips for the entire school. It is important that all students follow the rules so that we can continue to participate in these activities.

- All parent drivers must obtain district approval prior to the field trip. (Forms will be available at the MSA Orientation).
- Students may not drive themselves to/from any field trip.
- There is zero tolerance for alcohol and drug use on a school field trip. In such an event, it will immediately become a police issue at the site of the violation. First time offenders are suspended for 5 days and second time offenders will be recommended for expulsion.(See page 17 of the Handbook and board policy)

Grades

Novato Unified School District policy (series 500, ex 5117.1A, point 2) states that Inter-district students earning below a 2.0 Grade Point Average are prohibited from attending Novato High School and Marin School of the Arts.

Now, as of August 2008, all MSA students will need to earn a:

- Final semester GPA of 2.0 or higher and at least a grade of C- in your MSA focus area to remain in the program.

All students applying for admission will need at least a 2.0 GPA in their final semester to be eligible for admission.

If a student needs help in any class, students are encouraged to contact their teachers, counselors and the MSA office so we can develop a plan to assist you. The earlier you do so, the more time available to not allow your grades to slip too far.

Please sign the attached document to confirm that both you and your student have read and understood these rules.

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I hereby confirm that I have read the Student Rules to the Marin School of the Arts and agree to abide by them during my attendance at the Marin School of the Arts.

Student Name:..... Signature:.....

Parent Name:..... Signature:.....

Date:.....