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NOTE TO THE STUDENTS

Co-curricular activities are considered a vital and integral component of the LHS. You are encouraged to join and become actively involved in one or more of these activities. They can be a means by which you could realize further personal growth and educational enrichment.

This handbook contains a description of the clubs and activities offered at LHS. Hopefully, you will use it as a reference to assist you in selecting those co-curricular areas you wish to join. An updated list of class sponsors and meeting dates/times may be found in the LHS Main Office or online at the Lafayette Website

CLASS OFFICERS

Each class elects officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian) in the fall to represent them throughout the current school year. Class officers should maintain a C average, be responsible and willing to represent their class in a variety of ways, including fundraising activities. For more information, contact your class sponsor.

FRESHMAN CLASS (Ms. Anderson)

Freshman Class officers work hard as leaders of the class to motivate others in various fundraising activities and to promote a sense of Ram Pride at pep rallies, in recognition of student achievement, and at any class activity. They try to be a shining symbol of what Lafayette High School stands both academically and in the community at large. The Freshman Class raises money for activities held during the junior and senior year (proms and class trips and activities). While class officers are elected, we strive for TOTAL class involvement. Class officers meet as needed throughout the year based on upcoming activities and events. Some of these events/activities include: Building the homecoming float, creating class games for the lunchroom, coming up with fundraising ideas for class events, and creating events that promote RAMPRIDE!

SOPHOMORE CLASS (Mr. Wilhide)

Sophomore Class Officers are responsible for advising and overseeing the activities of the Sophomore class. The Sophomore Officers also raises funds for class activities and contributes to school-wide activities such as spirit week, dances and any other extracurricular activity, from sophomore year to graduation. Leaders of the Sophomore class are to establish class goals on



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class unity, spirit, funds, and events. These officers are to promote and monitor these goals to keep the class on task. Officers are to encourage students to appreciate and value their classmates, school, and community and organize activities in support of each. Officers are responsible for organizing and attending all class meetings.

JUNIOR CLASS (Mrs. Reese)

Junior Class Officer is an opportunity for 11th grade students to actively represent the grade level during school-sponsored events and to promote unity of the class as well as school spirit. The officers are elected to office during the Fall semester of each school year. Once elected, these students assist in the coordination of activities; specifically accomplish Homecoming Week activities, the annual Junior/Senior Prom, the Senior Gift, and to provide funds towards Senior class expenses. Officers will also, coordinate various Community Service projects and fundraising activities for the benefit of the class.

SENIOR CLASS (Mrs. Boyer)

Senior Class officers are the heartbeat, and the voice of the senior class. Working closely with their advisor, they are responsible for ensuring that their classmates have an unforgettable senior year. This includes being responsible for making decisions involving their classmates as it pertains to **Pep Rallies, Senior Float in The Parade, the Prom, Senior Picnic, and Graduation**. The senior class officers play an active role in communicating with their advisor & classmates, planning with their advisor & classmates, and ensure the success of each event.

STUDENT CLUBS

ATHLETIC TRAINING CLUB – Sponsor – Mr. Cooke

This club is made up of students from all grade levels that are interested in a possible career in athletic training, physical therapy, or a similar field. Students take part in the day-to-day activities in the athletic training room and help out on the sidelines during games. The club members learn about prevention, recognition, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries, as well as simple taping and first aid. Meetings are the First Monday of each month.

Requirements: Students interested in joining this club must be in good academic standing and able to assist in athletic training services at least 5 hours/week.

BENEVOLENCE & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – Sponsor – Mrs. DiPaola & Ms. Matney



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To spread kindness throughout Lafayette and the community through service projects.

DECA – Sponsor – Mr. Alston

DECA is an association of marketing students in both high school and college. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. It provides a unique opportunity for students to compete against their peers in various marketing and finance categories at the district, state and international level. Members plan, organize and participate in at least 1 community service event, 1 fundraiser event, and 1 marketing event per year and go to various professional conferences and training seminars throughout the year. Student's must be currently enrolled in or previously taken either a marketing or finance course at Lafayette in order to become a member. Seniors in DECA who meet eligibility requirements have the opportunity to receive a DECA stole/cord for graduation.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS – Sponsor – Mrs. DiPaola

The Dungeons and Dragons Club is a space where like-minded people with a passion for creativity and fantasy can work together, create a story, and play D&D. D&D Club is open to people of all experience levels, including people with no experience at all. The D&D Club meets weekly on Wednesdays up until the week before Spring Break.

EQUITY STUDENT COUNCIL – Sponsor – Ms. Rutherford

The mission of Lafayette's Equity Student Council is to recognize, value, and celebrate individual differences (included but not limited to race, background, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender and/or disabilities) within our community. Through leadership and advocacy, we are committed to combatting prejudice, bias, and/or discriminations through education and brave discussions.

FAMILY CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA) – Sponsor – Ms. Lanham

FCCLA's mission is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communications, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

FCCLA Goals

- To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
- To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.
- To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.



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- To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
- To promote greater understanding between youth and adults.
- To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.
- To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
- To promote Family and Consumer Sciences education and related occupations.

FORENSICS – Sponsor – Mrs. McCorry and Mrs. Barrett

Participating in forensics teaches students to think quickly, to support opinions through research and logical thinking, to speak confidently in front of an audience, and to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Lafayette HS Forensics Team competes in invitational tournaments, Tidewater Forensic League tournaments and Virginia High School League contests. Forensics events include dramatic and humorous interpretation, poetry, prose, oratory, storytelling, impromptu, and extemporaneous speaking. Many college graduates and professionals attribute their success to having participated in high school forensics.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) – Mr. Alston

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a nonprofit education association made up of students preparing for business or business related fields. It is the largest business career student organization in the world. FBLA's mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Through region and state-based competitions at the Leadership Conferences, students can compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills.

GENDERS & SEXUALITY ALLIANCE (GSA)– Sponsor –

The GSA Club, through education and advocacy, is an organization where students of all sexual orientations and gender identities can feel safe and supported at Lafayette. GSA shall strive to empower and train the LGBTQ youth to be advocates for safer schools and healthier communities.

KEY CLUB – Sponsor – Mr. Ekstrom

The Key Club is a service organization for high school students who work to develop initiative, leadership and good citizenship skills in its members by organizing activities to benefit the community. The Key Club is sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club, which is composed of leading business and professional people of the community. The Key Club is the largest service organization of its kind with over 130,000 members in approximately 3,800 clubs around the world.



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MOCK TRAIL – Sponsor – Ms. Consoli

Students explore fundamental concepts related to access to justice through unique and authentic learning opportunities. One of these opportunities is the Virginia High School Mock Trial Competition. The LHS Mock Trial team must analyze law-related curriculum and a court case modified for secondary education students. Mock trial, which is a model of project-based learning, is a state and national educational competition that requires students not to win a case on its merits, but instead deliver the best solution to a mock trial problem. Teams from all over the United States and abroad compete yearly at a national championship.

The Virginia Law Related Education Institute has partnered with the Center for Legal and Court Technology at the College of William and Mary Law School, and is affiliated with the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS – Sponsor – Mr. Johnson

Model United Nations is a simulation of the real United Nations, wherein students take on the role of diplomats and assemble in committee to investigate, debate, and propose solutions to world issues. Students have the opportunity to role play on a wide number of committees as the representative of many different countries and ministries. Model United Nations helps students learn how to communicate, collaborate, and argue effectively, which are essential skills in any career field. Students are able to travel to two conferences yearly, where they will meet and interact with peers from up and down the East Coast. Model UN is a great way bolster your college application or your resume, while making new friends and having a great time!

PEP CLUB – Sponsor – Ms. Young

The motto of the Lafayette Pep Club is "Rams on the Warpath." The Pep Club works to promote school spirit and to recognize all participants in every sport/academic activity recognized by the VHSL! Members attend/support sporting events, One-Act plays, Forensics meets, and Debates; make signs displayed at sporting events, and encourage students to become a part of RamNation. Anyone can come, sit and/or stand in the student section, and join fall, winter, or spring! Yearly t-shirts are optional.

PRINCIPAL'S LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Sponsor – Mr. Rice

Our Purpose: To establish a strong relationship between students and administration through the implementation of a council comprised of **20 students** representing an equal distribution of students in **grades 9-12**. The council is formed with the purpose of addressing school-wide concerns and working with administration on possible resolutions. The council acts as a liaison between the student body and the principal and is focused on improving the atmosphere and experience at Lafayette High School.



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Expectations: Members of the council are expected to attend all scheduled meetings and participate in volunteer events throughout the school year. Students selected for the council will act as role models for the student body and should set a positive example of leadership, service, and academic excellence.

RAMBASSADORS – Sponsor – Ms. Denny

Rambassadors is a club that provides Juniors and Seniors an opportunity to mentor incoming freshman throughout their first year at LHS. The upper classmen are trained over the summer to lead freshman orientation and personally escort their "Rammies" around from station to station. It provides incoming freshman the opportunity to have a familiar face on the first day of school and provide a smooth transition into high school.

STUDENT COUNCIL ASSOCIATION (SCA) – Sponsor – Ms. West

SCA officers are selected during annual elections. Officers of the SCA are required to maintain a 2.5 grade point average and should be positive role models for the student body. The Student Council has a highly active and functional role. Its purpose is not to govern the students, but to serve as a liaison between the student body and the administration. Additionally, the Council seeks to foster and strengthen school spirit and pride.

The Lafayette High School Student Council is an organization that is comprised of student leaders who represent their fellow students and school. Throughout the year these Student Council members contribute positively back to their school and community in a variety of ways. Leadership skills and training are also a significant part of the Lafayette High School Student Council. The LHS Student Council Association also has a separate council for students.

SPIKEBALL CLUB – Sponsor – Mr. Hunt

Our goal is to educate and introduce underclassmen to newer games that bring people together. To be a member you must attend the rules and regulations seminar, have a spikeball and athletic background, attend meetings, and have a recommendation from a teacher or friend.

TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA) – Sponsor – Mr. Hunt

TSA is a club that helps students gain an understanding of technology to assume successful adult roles in life. TSA competes in events at the regional, state, and national conferences. A student must have taken or be enrolled in a tech-ed or CTE course. Conferences are mandatory as well as attending at least 80% of all meetings. TSA meets Fridays during AEP and some Thursdays after school.



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STUDENT GROUPS

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor – Mrs. Swinson

American Sign Language Honor Society is a safe learning environment that helps develop student communication skills using ASL and promotes positive relationships among the hearing and deaf. The society also creates an understanding about the history of deaf culture and ASL while advancing the knowledge of current issues within the American Deaf community to honor and celebrate diversity and authenticity. Students that exceed level 2 can join. The ASLHS recognizes the outstanding achievements of students studying ASL, and we encourage the use of the language along with lifelong learning and language enjoyment.

EDUCATORS RISING – Sponsor – Mr. Johnson

The Educators Rising (formerly Future Educators Association or FEA), a division of Phi Delta Kappa International (PDK), is a professional organization that supports students who are interested in education-related careers. Through affiliation with local chapters that are registered with the international office, prospective educators have access to scholarship opportunities, as well as age appropriate materials and activities, including a national conference, that help them gain a realistic understanding of the role of the teacher. As the only national pre-collegiate program for prospective teachers, Educators Rising helps students develop the strong leadership traits that are found in high-quality educators.

FRENCH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor - Madame Moore

This student organization encourages the study of French, to promote high standards of scholarship, to reward scholastic achievements, to create enthusiasm for and an understanding of francophone culture civilization, to promote and perpetuate international friendship, and to reward efforts toward furthering solidarity in the French speaking world. Students are eligible to for membership after the first quarter of their 3rd year of French (block scheduling) and must have obtained and maintain an A- average in all French classes. Selected members will work to complete community and individual service projects such as tutoring and volunteering, promote the French language and culture, and support the French program at Lafayette High School. Students have the opportunity to earn scholarships, compete in a National French Exam, and attend local Francophone events.



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GERMAN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor – TBD

The aim of this organization is to stimulate interest in the study of German, to promote high standards of scholarship, to reward scholastic achievements, to create enthusiasm for and an understanding of German culture civilization and to provide tutoring to other students in the German program as needed.

INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY – Sponsor – Mrs. McCorry

The International Thespian Society (ITS) is the Educational Theatre Association's student honorary organization. The mission of ITS is to honor student achievement in the theatre arts. Actors and technicians gain membership into the society by earning points through participation in productions, club activities, service projects, who has demonstrated commitment and excellence in our school's theatre program. Founded in 1929, ITS is an honorary organization for high school theatre students located at more than 4,900 affiliated secondary schools across America and abroad. ITS membership encourages theatre students to practice their craft and to grow as a person. The skills that they learn from a quality theatre arts education is creativity, self-confidence, leadership, communication, and interpersonal skills, as well as specific theatre skills, which will benefit them in their school days and beyond. Lafayette HS Thespian Troupe # 4159 has continued being a strong organization since the original charter was established at LHS in 1989.

MU ALPHA THETA – Sponsor – Mrs. Liwanag and Mrs. Hanks

This national mathematics organization is open to students who have completed at least Algebra II/Trig or Trig/Functions and received only A's and/or B's in any math class taken and maintained at least a 3.5 average for all math classes taken. Induction is held twice a year, and students must apply for membership.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsors – Mrs. Bahl-Moore

National Art Honor Society is an organization that seniors and juniors that have taken 2 art classes, maintain a 3.0 in all art classes, and maintain at least 2.5 with their overall GPA can apply to be a member. Our group focus is community service through art. We volunteer within the school of community. Members are expected to stay in good standing will all classes, complete 20 hours of community service, and assist with our large annual art show. Meetings will generally happen during AEP. If students meet all criteria, they can graduate with the National Art Honor Society Honors Cord.

NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsors – Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Williams

NEHS exists to use one's literary gifts to serve the school and larger community. We honor students for high achievement in English language arts, encourage interest in the English



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language arts, promote exemplary character and good fellowship, and serve society by fostering literacy through service projects and activities (adapted from NEHS, 2017).

NATIONAL LATIN HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor – Ms. Kim

The National Honor Society is an organization that aims to recognize students for their outstanding achievements in specific subjects in high school. Selection for the Latin National Honor Society is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership in the Society requires some service to the community, school, or other organizations. Time spent working on these projects contributes to the monthly service hour requirement. Students must also have a 3.5 GPA and be enrolled in Latin III or higher. See Ms. Kim for more information on becoming a member.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY (N.H.S.) Sponsor – Mrs. Moore

The National Honor Society is a student organization that serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character at Lafayette High School. Membership is both an honor and a commitment, challenging our students to make a positive difference today as well as to promote leadership and character values for tomorrow. In order to be nominated for membership, students must have obtained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater by the end of the third marking period of their junior year. Eligible members complete an application, and then are selected by a committee of faculty members who take into account the students' leadership, character, and service. N.H.S members are required to participate in a group service project, complete individual community service hours, participate in the member meetings and the induction ceremony, as well as to maintain the high standard of the four points of the organization (scholarship, leadership, service and character). Officers are elected who run and maintain the organization under the supervision and leadership of the advisor.

SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor – Mr. Beard

The purpose of the Science National Honor Society is to encourage participation in and recognition of scientific and intellectual thought. The SNHS aims to advance the students' knowledge of classical and modern science, to communicate with the scientific community, and to aid the civic community with its comprehension of science. Membership in SNHS is an honor bestowed upon juniors and seniors who have taken at least one honors science class prior to the eleventh grade. Additionally, they must have taken or be enrolled in an AP science class, Governor's School, or college science class. Members must have and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average in all science courses.



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SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor – Ms. DiPaola

For Spanish Honor Society eligibility, students must be in grade 10 or higher, be currently taking Spanish 4 or higher, and have an A average in Spanish 1-4. Students must complete initial paperwork and pay an initiation fee. Students are expected to attend meetings, participate in the community service activities, and tutor lower level Spanish students or English Language Learners throughout the semester.

TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY – Sponsor – Ms. Dart

QUILL & SCROLL – Sponsor – TBD

Quill & Scroll is an international honor society for high school journalists which honors the best work done by student journalists around the world. Membership widens a student's horizon, increases journalistic perspective and gives the prestige of membership in an honorary scholastic society. Requirements for joining this organization are as follows: Recommendation by a journalism/yearbook teacher, exemplary work in either a Mass Media or Journalism course, a B average or higher, and student must be at least a sophomore. Members are eligible to receive a membership pin and graduation cords.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

BAND – This student activity is a curriculum-based program – Students should speak with their counselors about registering for these courses

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ORCHESTRA – This student activity is a curriculum based program – Students should speak with their counselors about registering for these courses

SCHOLASTIC BOWL (Varsity and Junior Varsity) (Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Hanks)

Also known as the Scholastic Bowl, student teams test their knowledge of Science, Math, History and Literature as Varsity and Junior Varsity teams compete against other high schools in the Bay Rivers District. The season runs from November through January and regular meetings are held to prepare for competition.



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Qualifications:

Students must meet VHSL standards for competition and must be willing to devote after-school hours to research and practice

THEATRE- This student activity allows students to work in a variety of performance settings, including traditional and black box. Guest artists enhance student experiences and allow for individual talent development in drama, comedy, and musical theatre. Several performances throughout the year allow students to showcase their talents to a wide audience. LHS Theatre participates in One Act competition with VTA (Virginia Theatre Association) and VHSL (Virginia High School League) in the fall. Other productions include, winter play, spring musical and end of the year, Thespian Class Showcase of Class One Acts. Technical Theatre provides students with opportunities to engage actively in live stage production work with sound, lighting, set design and construction, costume design, and theatre/stage management.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

LITERARY MAGAZINE – Sponsor – Ms. Nuckols

Literary Magazine is an afterschool Virginia High School League activity that develops a magazine of art work and literature throughout the year from the student body. Students develop an overall theme for the magazine, collect submissions, and create a layout InDesign software for publication. Goals are to produce a magazine that the public will enjoy, showcase the many talents of our student body, and submit our publication to the Virginia High School League Literary Arts Magazine review. All LHS students are eligible to participate. Literary Magazine meetings are held weekly on Tuesdays.

NEWSPAPER – Sponsor – Ms. Wathen

The Lafayette Ledger is an online publication where students plan, report, write, edit, and produce the school newspaper. This journalism course introduces students to the exciting world of the media, covering photojournalism as well as print media. In their study of journalism, students will learn the basic skills of composition, captioning & presentation in photojournalism, and writing stories that follow the standards for sound story structure, good lead writing, accurate source citation, interview skills, collaborating, and editing with other staff writers. Drawing from breaking news and community news as well as campus events and student body interests, students pursue topics that ignite their passions, learn to pitch articles, write ongoing columns, and entertain while educating their readers. In addition, through ad sales and fund raisers which are necessary to pay our costs, students learn about the commercial side of the world of media, and hone self-presentation skills as they represent the paper and our school community in the world of local merchants and patrons. Students will



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have use of computer-aided online publishing tools and website host for our publication, and learn about website design as part of writing and publishing their work.

The overall purpose, role, and goal of *The Lafayette Ledger* is to:

1. Inform and entertain readers through accurate and factual reports where information has been thoroughly gathered and information has been completely verified;
2. Serve as a hands-on learning tool for the present newspaper staff as they have the responsibility of providing information in clear, meaningful, and journalistic way;
3. Be accurate, fair, and impartial in its coverage of issues that affect the school community;
4. Cover the total school population s effectively and accurately as possible;
5. Strive to report all issues in a legal, objective, accurate, and ethical manner, according to the Canons of Professional Journalism developed by the Society for Professional Journalist. The Canons of Professional Journalism include a code of ethics concerning accuracy, responsibility, integrity, conflict of interest, impartiality, and fair play, freedom of the press, independence, sensationalism, personal privacy, obstruction of justice, credibility and advertising.

YEARBOOK – Sponsor – Mrs. Turner

The yearbook is produced through a course titled Mass Media, which allows students in grades 10-12 to “acquire and apply communication and technical skills in a real world setting through work on production of the school yearbook. Students will use and strengthen their creative and critical thinking skills as well as use their knowledge of grammar and writing skills to produce the yearbook. Students will work independently and as part of an organized production staff.”

Yearbook is a VHSL academic group and a VHSL application process is required to join. Students who complete 2 semesters of the Mass Media course and maintain a B average or higher will receive an academic letter. It is STRONGLY recommended that Mass Media students take the course for an entire year to see the production of the yearbook through to the end. Students in Mass Media are expected to acquire advertisements for the yearbook by visiting businesses, and students may be required to fundraise during the course of the year. Students who take the class for two years may be eligible for editor positions during their second year in the course. Yearbook staff members may be asked to attend events after school for interviews and photographs.



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Have you ever had a great idea for a club and just did not know how to start one?

Here at Lafayette High School, you can get one started by following these guidelines:

- ✓ Ask students if they might be interested in your club.
- ✓ Find a faculty sponsor for your club. Explain your idea to this teacher.
- ✓ Then do the paperwork included in this booklet and turn it into the SCA Sponsor.

It is that simple!





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Lafayette SCA/Inter-Club Council: Club Origination Form

Directions: Complete the documentation required on this form. Return completed information to the SCA/Inter-Club Council sponsor along with the Club Constitution. Each spring the SCA Vice President will meet with club Vice Presidents for a yearly up-date. The formation of any club at Lafayette High School requires additionally the approval of the principal of the school and school system.

Name of Club: _____

Faculty Sponsor of Club: _____

Philosophy of Club: _____

Goals of Club: _____

Proposed meeting dates for the year: _____

Meeting Location: _____

Dues (if applicable): \$ _____ per month/year (circle one)

Requirements for membership (for instance, Spanish Honor Society = taking a Spanish Class, attending X number of meetings, etc.):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Interest in this organization (at least 10 students and parental permission slips included):

Name	Grade	Name	Grade	Name	Grade
1.		5.		9.	
2.		6.		10.	
3.		7.		11.	
4.		8.		12.	

Comments:

SCA Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Lafayette High School After-School Club Participation Permission Form

My child, _____, has my permission to participate in _____
_____ for the _____ school year.

I understand the philosophy and goals of this club and the requirements expected for membership. Participation may require after-school meetings and activities.

Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Please designate your preferred telephone number by checking one of the above boxes.

TRANSPORTATION: (Please pick ONE)

When available, my child will ride the activity bus home.

I will ALWAYS pick up my child.

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

For your child's protection, the health records kept by the school nurse may need to be shared with other school staff helping with this after-school activity. After-school clubs rely on the health records kept by the school nurse. For children who need Epi-pens®, inhalers, diabetes management supplies, etc. or who have potentially life threatening conditions, please make sure the school nurse has updated records and all medications/supplies for your child.

Even though the school nurse will be alerted of any serious health conditions, along with the club sponsor, it is your responsibility as a parent/guardian to make sure your child has any medical supplies, such as Epi pens®, diabetes maintenance supplies and inhalers that he/she may need after school. The school nurse is not available after school hours and therefore is not available during club meetings or events.

Please return this form to the school prior to the after-school club's first meeting.



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Sample Club Constitution

Article I: Official name and purpose of the club or organization

1.1 The name of the organization will be the (name of club) of Lafayette High School.

1.2 This organization will have its purpose, (identify specific purpose of club) as directly approved by the sponsor and the school principal.

Article II: Membership requirements

All students enrolled in Lafayette High School are eligible for membership.

Article III: Meetings

Meetings will be held (state day and time, such as Wednesday at lunch) unless a special meeting is called.

Article IV: Club Officers

1.1 Officers

The club shall consist of the following:

- President
- Vice-president
- Treasurer
- Secretary

1.2 Duties

The club president will have the following duties:

- To preside over meetings of the club.
- To call special meetings of the club.
- To plan and prepare an agenda for the club meetings.

The club vice president will have the following duties:

- To serve as club president if the president becomes unable to fulfill his or her duties either temporarily or permanently.
- To support the club president.

The club treasurer will have the following duties:

- To maintain complete and accurate record of all club receipts and disbursements.
- To oversee club fund-raising efforts.
- To supervise the preparation of the club budget.



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The club secretary will have the following duties:

- To maintain accurate minutes of each meeting.
- To carry out all correspondence for the club.

Article V: Elections

The club will hold the election of officers once a year. The voting will take place by secret ballot. Names of the officers will be recorded with the student council.