



Unity Christian High School

Permission to Participate in School Activities

(August 14, 2023)

As part of the regular school program, there are numerous activities at Unity Christian High School (UCHS) that involve students leaving the school grounds under the supervision of staff members. Transportation will usually be by staff and by parent volunteer drivers. It is our practice to inform parents of trips planned for their child(ren), and we also require parental permission before we can do such activities. However, we want to avoid excessive paper work. Many times students forget to return signed permission forms and we are in the unpleasant situation of having to either exclude them from the outing or disturb parents at home or work.

Since we encourage and expect full participation by all our students in all our school activities, we are going to assume that you, as parents, will consent to allow your child(ren) to participate in all normal school activities and excursions unless we are told otherwise. Therefore, we ask you to sign a blanket permission form covering the normal school-sponsored activities in which your child(ren) could be participating.

These activities could include:

- Phys Ed classes, sports practices, or intramural sports conducted at a local park or community centre
- School sports teams competing at other schools during the after school hours
- Trips to a local arena for pleasure skating
- Educational outings such as the Science Centre, Simcoe County Museum, etc.
- Class retreats (which could include overnight stays), local service projects and career day activities

You would still be advised of all necessary details, including the cost if any, regarding these activities, but you will **only need to reply if you refuse your child permission** to participate. Notification that you do not want your child to participate in a school activity must be received in writing or by phone at least 24 hours in advance of that activity, otherwise your child will be expected to fully participate. The details will be provided for information purposes only.

NOTE: Consent signatures of student and parents to participate in general school activities are required on a following page in this document.

Permission to Participate in Sporting Activities / Athletics

(August 14, 2023)

As part of the regular school program, there are numerous sporting activities at Unity Christian High School that involve students participating in intramural programs, physical education classes, school sports teams and other physical activities. It is important that parents and students realize that any sporting activity has an inherent risk which cannot be eliminated entirely.

Through the training of coaches and careful instruction of students, and through following sound practices of health and safety (OPHEA safety guidelines are used), the school attempts to minimize these risks, but the possibility of injuries occurring from sporting activities must be accepted by the student and the family. By learning and using proper technique and fundamentals, maintaining good physical conditioning, being alert at all times and attending all training and practice sessions, and by following instructions and obeying the rules of games, each student can also minimize their exposure to sporting risks.

Participation in sporting activities at Unity is predicated upon students and parents acknowledging, understanding, and accepting the physical risks of a wide variety of injuries, including, but not limited to, bruises, sprains, fractures, ligament and/or cartilage damage, concussions, and temporary or permanent, partial or complete, impairment in the use of limbs, brain damage, paralysis, or even death. Please note that UCHS does not provide any accidental death, disability, dismemberment nor medical expense insurance on behalf of the students participating in school activities. Parents may want to consider secondary health coverage for their child(ren).

When injuries occur, it is the policy of UCHS to provide immediate assistance to injured persons, either by administering first aid or by alerting emergency health personnel. Parents and guardians are contacted immediately to alert them to the existence of an injury and to place the injured student in the care of the parent/guardian. In cases of emergency, when parents and/or guardians cannot be contacted, parents' consent to the school's teaching staff and/or administration to authorize the administration of medical treatment deemed by any qualified medical practitioner to be necessary for the health and welfare of the student, including the administration of an anesthetic and the performance of any necessary medical procedure.

Students and parents accept the inherent risks involved in participating in sporting activities through their consent to participate given in this blanket permission document.

If more information is required about specific sporting activities, students and parents can communicate directly with physical education staff, coaches, and the school's administration. Any sporting activities that a parent does not wish their child to participate in should be communicated in writing to the Principal.

Behaviour and Expectations

Students are expected to behave in the same manner as they would if they were in school during a regular school day when away for sports activities. School regulations, behaviour policies, etc. apply. I understand that should the conduct of my son/daughter become detrimental to the moral tone of the activity, or to the safety and welfare of others, I will be contacted and my son/daughter could, at the discretion of the Teacher-in-Charge, be returned home (if the offense occurs off Unity property) under supervision and at my expense.

Parents are responsible for making sure the athlete is picked up from practices and games. Athletes are to be picked up from the location of the game unless prior arrangements have been made for the athlete to be brought back to UCHS. As a general rule, athletes will be brought to the game by transportation which has been arranged by UCHS, which depends on parents and coaches to drive.

We play our games at other schools and need parents to drive to those games. It is important that all parents do what they can to share in this responsibility. The teams depend on parents to drive them to league games as well as all day tournaments throughout the year.

The school's insurance does not cover parent drivers or their vehicles. As a volunteer you are required to have a valid Ontario Driver's License and proper liability coverage on your vehicle at all times. **All volunteers are recommended to notify their insurance company that they occasionally drive for the school and that they may be reimbursed for travel.**

When a team is participating in an overnight trip, accommodations and food costs are the responsibility of the player. The adult drivers will also need to provide for their own accommodations and food. These costs are subsidized by the Athletic Fund when possible.

The coaches hand out schedules for games and practices. Unfortunately there are times when the events have to be moved and we will try to inform you as early as possible of any changes. We do also try to maintain and keep up to date, the Athletic Calendar, which is found on the school website.

NOTE: Consent signatures of student and parents to participate in, and assume the risks of, sports participation at UCHS are required on a following page in this document.

Off-Campus Student Agreement

(August 14, 2023)

Leaving the school property during hours when a student is the responsibility of the school is a privilege, not a right. This privilege is granted to all students who agree to abide by the code of conduct described below.

Students who wish the privilege of leaving the school grounds during school hours must agree to the following code of conduct:

- I agree to conduct myself in a fashion that brings credit to UCHS and to myself and my family. I will deal with everyone I meet with courtesy and respect.
- I will respect the rules and regulations (whether published or simply commonly accepted) governing all who enter a restaurant or other local establishment, and I will not trespass on private property.
- I agree that I will return to school property on time for my normal classes and activities.
- I understand that if I violate any of these expectations, or if there is any cause in my behaviour to create a complaint from local businesses or establishments, I will forfeit the privilege of leaving the school grounds for a period of time determined by the Principal.

NOTE: Consent signatures of student and parents to agree to the off-campus agreement are required on a following page in this document.



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2023-2024

Unity Christian High School **Blanket Permission and Agreement Form**

We, the undersigned agree to the following:

- Permission to Participate in School Activities
- Permission to Participate in Sporting Activities/ Athletics
- Off Campus Student Agreement

Parent Signature(s): _____

Student Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION DETAILS SHEET

- PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW TO ENSURE WE HAVE ACCURATE FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION

Family Name: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email address(es): _____

Father's Cell # _____ Mother's Cell # _____

Best Number to Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Please fill out and return immediately as field trips, retreats and service trips are scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 7th.