

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Providence recognizes the unique gifts and talents of all students and offers an array of student activities to encourage personal and social fulfillment. We encourage all students to become involved in our student activities and ask our parents to support these programs in any way they are able. These programs are extracurricular in that they are school-related but do not receive any academic credit, nor do they take place within the academic day. Yet, they are an extremely important part of the Providence experience and help students develop leadership, teamwork, and social skills needed for a rewarding and successful life. We invite students to talk with moderators and coaches to find out more information on any student activity in which they have an interest.

General Guidelines and Requirements

In order to participate in any student activity program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be passing in a total of six (6) full-credit subjects or the equivalent in the preceding grading period
Note: All subjects earn full-credit except Driver's Education
- Be present during third and fourth blocks on the day of the activity. Exceptions may be made in the case of verified medical appointments, etc.
- Be in good behavioral standing as to cumulative demerits and suspensions. A student may not have accumulated four (4) demerits during the current school year and be eligible to participate.
- Be in good standing as to attendance. A student may not participate if they have accumulated more than twelve (12) absences in the current semester. Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances as determined by administration.

In addition, to be eligible as a candidate for a student leadership position students must meet these requirements:

- Maintain a minimum of a 2.00 GPA
- Complete all application procedures and meet all application deadlines
- In addition to the above guidelines any student wishing to apply for a student leadership position is expected to be in good standing in regards to attendance and behavior.

The National Honor Society holds even higher standards for admission into and retention in their organization:

- Maintain a minimum of a 3.5 GPA
- Character is an important aspect of admission to the National Honors Society. Students are expected to be in good standing in regards to attendance and behavior.
- Be enrolled in and currently passing a minimum of two year-long Honors English, Honors World Language, Honors History, Honors Math, and Honors Science classes during the year of induction
- Provide two (2) examples of service completed and two (2) examples of leadership demonstrated of which one (1) of the service and leadership must be in the year of induction and letters of recommendation attesting to these

The administration reserves the right to dismiss a student from a student activity if the requirements are not met and maintained.

Other Guidelines for Student Activities include the following:

- All activities must end by 10:00 on a week night and 11:00 on a weekend, unless special permission is given by the administration in advance
- School dances and mixers are open only to Providence students. The Junior-Senior Prom is the only exception to this policy whereby students from other schools may attend, if the school approves them and considers them to be in good standing, and if they are of junior or above standing and below the age of twenty-one (21).
- The moderator/coach (or other designated adult) must be present for all activities and may limit the students present at any activity to only those immediately involved. If no moderator/coach is present, then students must leave the campus. Note: Moderators and coaches must provide direct supervision for students before, during, and after the activity. Under no circumstances may students go unattended including waiting for parents to drop off or pick up their son or daughter. Students may not arrive for an activity more than 15 minutes early unless special arrangements have been made by the moderator.
- Student activities that are sponsored by national or state organizations must comply with the organizations by-laws, unless special permission is given by the principal in advance. This includes the IHSAA handbook for athletics.
- Any student activity that involves a school-related event on or off campus must have approval of the administration. This is done by completing and turning in the Activity Approval Application not less than one week of the event. Athletic events are approved through the Athletic Office. Please note that events that will use Providence facilities must be placed on the calendar not less than two weeks ahead of the event.
- Providence does not allow 15 passenger vans to be used in the transporting of students to school or school-related activities.
- Financial matters must be conducted in the following manner:
 - All funds will be kept in the group's school account. Both the Financial Director's office and the treasurer of each group should keep records of income and expenses which should be compared several times a year.
 - When funds are needed, the group's treasurer should present a "Request for Funds" slip signed by the organization's moderator and presented to the business officer by Wednesday of the week the funds are needed. Students may also be reimbursed for purchases made on behalf of the school by having their moderator complete a school purchase order.
 - All fundraising by Providence student activity programs must be approved by the Principal.

The administration reserves the right to terminate a student activity or members of an activity if students involved in the organization do not present themselves in a manner conducive to the mission and philosophy of the school. This encompasses such things as the language used, clothing worn, substance abuse policies, and actions taken by those involved in the activity. Special attention to these items should be given when students are representing Providence or wearing clothes/uniforms that designate them as Providence students while in public.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Academics

Book Club	This group reads selected books and meets regularly for discussion. Eligible: grades 9-12
Math Team	The team meets regularly to practice and prepare for local Math competitions. Eligible: grades 9-12; ability-level required
National Honor Society	A national organization that seeks to serve the school and community as well as honor students who have shown superior achievement. Eligible: grades 8 and 11-12; based upon excellence in four areas: scholarship, leadership, service, and character; see previous requirements in this section; Tutoring responsibilities required in 11-12
Quick Recall Team	The team meets regularly to practice and prepare for local Quick Recall competitions. Hosts a Quick Recall competition for the local Catholic junior high students. Eligible: grades 9-12; ability-level required
Science Olympiad	The team meets regularly to prepare for local Science Olympiad Competitions. Eligible: grades 9-12
Academic Olympic Team	Quick Recall teams for grades 7-8.
World Language Clubs	Students with a high interest in world languages beyond the classroom meet regularly to learn more about other customs and cultures. Eligible: grades 9-12

Leadership

SADD	Students Against Destructive Decisions Eligible: grades 9-12
Student	A student public relations organization to promote the school and help Ambassadors with recruitment efforts. Eligible: grades 10-12; application process; leadership skills necessary
Student Executive Advisory Council	The student organization that acts as liaison between the students and administration Eligible: Comprised of junior and senior house leaders
House System	The house system has several goals; it is designed to encourage more leadership and allow students to have input on extra-curricular activities that take place at Providence. It is a way to encourage relationship building across classes by older students mentoring younger students. Finally, the house system allows for more opportunity for students to take on leadership roles within student government and house committees.

Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers	These students participate in the distribution of Holy Communion during daily and all school masses. They are involved in the planning, preparation, set-up, and clean-up of school liturgies. Eligible: Seniors only; application and training workshop required; must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and be regularly attending Sunday Mass.
Lector Ministers	These students read the readings and petitions at daily Mass, morning prayer services, and all school Masses. They also assist with morning prayer over the PA. Eligible: grades 9-12; training workshop required.
Servers	These students serve as altar servers at school liturgies. Eligible: grades 9-12; some serving experience preferred, but not required.
Music Ministry	Singing group that provides music for school liturgies and other prayer experiences. Includes both vocal and instrumental. Involved in the planning of school liturgies. Eligible: grades 9-12; audition required Student Lectors These students read the readings and petitions at school liturgies and in some cases in their parishes. Involved in the planning of school liturgies. Eligible: grades 10-12; training workshop required
Usher Ministers	These students help prepare the liturgies through set-ups and taking part in the liturgy itself as ministers of hospitality. Eligible: grades 9-12

Visual and Performing Arts

Popcorn Players	Acting/improvisational company that performs during the holiday season. Eligible: grades 11-12; audition required
Providence Players	Theatre group that performs an annual fall show and spring musical production. Eligible: grades 9-12; audition required
Providence Singers	Show choir that performs Holiday music Eligible: grades 9-12; audition required
St. Genesius Society	Performing arts honor society for theatre. Eligible: grades 9-12; Providence performing arts participation
Art Club	Students with a high interest in art meet regularly to discuss, create, and display their talents. Eligible: grades 9-12
Jr. High Play	Theatre group that performs annually.

Mass Media

Yearbook	Responsible for the writing, photography, editing, and publishing of the school junior and senior high yearbooks. Eligible: grades 7-12
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Athletics

Providence is a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA). It is the responsibility of parents and students to know, understand, and abide by all IHSAA regulations, particularly those referring to undue influence. These regulations can be found on the IHSAA web site, and the athletic director and coaches are responsible for ensuring that they, their assistant coaches, players, parents, and boosters abide by these rules. Failure to comply with IHSAA rules and regulations will have devastating consequences for the athletes, coaches, and the school. Providence follows all IHSAA guidelines concerning transfers both in and out of Providence. Students and parents should expect limited eligibility in that hardship must be fully documented and fall under specific IHSAA rules and regulations. Providence does not retain students for the sole purpose of improving the students ability to participate in extracurricular athletic programs. Questions of eligibility and additional information on our sports teams should be made to the Providence Athletic Department. The following athletic teams are available:

Boys: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track, Wrestling

Girls: Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Dance Team, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track, Volleyball

Athletic Jackets

Any student who earns a Varsity Letter may purchase a Jacket through the Athletic Department Secretary. Student athletes who would like to order patches for their jackets for any type of athletic award received may do so for a cost of \$10.00 per patch. Examples of these include sectional and regional wins, etc. Any athlete who participates on a team that advances to a state tournament will receive a patch at no charge.