

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, WAIVER OF LIABILITY REGARDING VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS AND BAND**

**Randolph County School System  
School Year 2021-22**

On behalf of myself and on behalf of my minor child who is enrolled in the Randolph County School System (RCSS), as his/her parent and/or legal guardian, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns fully acknowledge, understand, and agree to the following:

- a. COVID-19 and related infections and conditions are extremely contagious and inherently present a risk to those individuals who participate in athletics and band, which risks are unavoidable. The global COVID-19 pandemic and community spread of COVID-19 in North Carolina likewise inherently present a risk to students as well as members of their household.
- b. It is my duty to fully inform my minor child of the numerous risks and potential dangers associated with COVID-19 and related conditions, including SUFFERING SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH AND EXPOSING OTHERS (including members of my child's household) TO COVID-19 or other infectious disease.
- c. My child's PERSONAL SAFETY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.
- d. My child's participation in RCSS athletics and/or band is completely voluntary, and I believe and have determined that I am willing to and assume the risk of my child participating in these activities, including specifically the known risk and danger associated with COVID-19 and related conditions.
- e. I hereby release and hold harmless the Randolph County Board of Education, its board members, officers, Superintendent, administrators, employees, volunteers, and sponsors (the "Releasees") from legal liability and any and all actions, suits, damages, claims or judgments for damages or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs), that may result from any personal injury, illness, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, or any other claim demand, action or right of actions of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, whether related to COVID-19 or otherwise regardless of fault, whether arising from the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- f. I agree that this Release and Waiver of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law, and that if any portion of it is held invalid by an appropriate court of competent jurisdiction, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
- g. I understand and agree that I will abide by all applicable requirements of the County of Randolph and the State of North Carolina, with respect to any ordinance, order, or other law regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, whenever issued.
- h. I represent and warrant that I have read Health and Safety Procedures issued by RCSS and will abide by those procedures. I understand that these procedures require that my child not attend any events if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, that my child may be sent home in the event of even mild symptoms, and that practices may cease temporarily in the event of a positive case. These health and safety protocols are subject to change.
- i. I further understand that I must notify RCSS if my child or a member of my child's household test positive for COVID-19 and that RCSS may share this information with government agencies, RCSS staff, and individuals potentially exposed to COVID-19.
- j. I understand that cloth face coverings may not be worn by all other participants in athletics or band and that my child may interact with unvaccinated individuals who are not wearing a cloth face covering.
- k. I have received notice of what is considered to be a high-risk factor for the COVID-19 virus. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to assess my own risk factors and make a decision regarding whether I can safely enter RCSS facilities or allow my child to participate in RCSS athletics or band.
- l. I have read and voluntarily signed this Agreement, and further agree that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.
- m. I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child listed below.

Name of Participant Child \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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