



Dear Parent,

Greetings from Pike's Peak FCA! We are so glad that you have allowed your student to be a part of what God is doing on our local campuses. In this letter we would like to detail what we require of our student leaders.

For those of you who are new to having your child involved in Pike's Peak FCA as a student leader, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Ryan Carter, the Pike's Peak Area FCA Director. FCA radically changed my life while I was a cadet at the Air Force Academy from '00-'04. I received Jesus, grew in relationship with Him, and received a call to serve Him. In February of 2007 I came on staff with FCA and I haven't looked back. My partner, Drew Powell, graduated from USAFA as well and came on staff in 2007. God is doing wonderful things in our city! **I'd like to congratulate you that your student has been chosen to be a leader in his/her school's FCA. He/She will have a life changing year growing with God and serving in the community.**

I need to make you aware of attendance standards that we are implementing with our student leaders.

1) Attendance Requirements:

a. There are 3 regular meetings that your student is required to attend

- i. School FCA Huddle (weekly – time/place different depending on school)
- ii. School FCA Leadership Meeting (weekly – time /place different depending on school)
- iii. City-wide FCA Leadership Locker room (LLR)– every Monday from July 11-Aug 8, and every other Sunday from Aug 14-Dec 4.

b. Your student must maintain 80% attendance for EACH meeting

- i. Example: There are 10 LLR meetings this semester...the first 2 can be missed for any reason, but if they miss a 3rd meeting they will drop below the standard.
- ii. Example: Your student has 100% attendance at FCA Huddles, but 60% at LLR...this **does not** average out. Each category must have an 80% or above attendance.
- iii. Exceptions: On a case-by-case basis we may make exceptions. This would happen if every absence was justified. Such absences might be: sports practice/game, family emergency/vacation, etc. Excused absences do not include: homework, social events, etc. Also, I understand summers are already planned.

c. Consequences

- i. The first time a student drops below the attendance standard (missed a number of meetings that will make it impossible to get to 80% by the end of the semester, see ex

- 1.b.i. above) they will sit down for a discussion with Drew Powell or me. At this point, if they want to step down from leadership they can. Otherwise, they will be given a spiritually edifying, 2hr assignment (ie. memorize a chapter of the bible), and required to present some topic to the LLR group.
- ii. If there is a second infraction the leader will again meet with Drew Powell or me. If they wish to remain an FCA leader, they will be put on a 4 week restorative probation starting the day they meet with Drew or me. This will mean they are not allowed to attend *any* FCA event for 4 weeks. They will be required to read a spiritual book and complete a book report on it. They will be given scripture assignments to complete that emphasize the importance of leadership, commitment, and accountability, and they will also complete journaling assignments. At the end of the probation they will present what they've learned to LLR and their school FCA huddle.
1. Example of a second infraction: the 3rd LLR meeting is missed (from ex 1.b.i above) and then they miss a 4th LLR. OR after the 3rd LLR is missed the student drops below the 80% average in FCA Huddle attendance or School Leadership Meeting.

I'm certain these standards will enhance FCA's ministry to athletes and students in our city. NO team can be effective if it doesn't practice together consistently. The stakes of this "game" are life and death, and we will be sharper than ever to glorify God this school year. I know there will be times that this is hard on our leaders, but the victory in the end will be more than worth it! We will look back and rejoice at what God has done in us and our community!

Finally, in the Spirit of team, we will have matching FCA team gear this year for our leaders. The cost to your student will be \$30.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this letter or any other FCA matter. I am more excited than ever for the move of God in this school year.

Please return this signed letter by mail or with your student. Include a check for \$30 for your student's team gear. Checks can be made payable to "FCA".

I understand the commitment and attendance standards that my student is undertaking in his/her role as an FCA student leader. I will do my best to help my child uphold these standards. In the case of 1 or more infractions, I will support FCA in the restorative process described above.

Parent name (printed): _____ parent signature: _____ Date: _____

In Christ,
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