

Mid-West School District

SOAR Excellence Program – Students Owning and Reaching Excellence

*****Applications will be accepted until the interim of the third marking period. *****

The **SOAR Excellence Program (Students Owning and Reaching Excellence)** encourages and rewards students who are meeting high academic and behavior expectations. By meeting the criteria listed below, **Seniors and Juniors with a 1st period study hall are permitted to arrive at school by 8:35 am (Activity Schedule by 8:30 am); those with a last period supervised study are permitted to leave school starting at 2:15 pm, the start of Supervised Study and during an Activity Schedule. Please remember to take into consideration start times for employment, appointments, and/or mandatory special events/assemblies in case of ineligibility to SOAR. Students are expected to stay in the building for school-wide assemblies and pep-rallies during SOAR periods. Also, if there is a 2-hour delay, SOAR will begin at the start of Supervised Study, regardless if you have an 8th period PM Study Hall.**

Academic Performance:

- Ongoing grade of “**C**” or above in all classes.
- **100% completion** of homework, make-up work, tests, quizzes, and assignments for **ALL** marking periods including the Fitness Center and Band/Vocal Lessons.
- Proficient in at least one Keystone Exams – Algebra, Biology, and Literature and
 - Basic or higher in the other exams
 - Must have a total combined score of 4452 points or higher if three exams are completed.
 - If exempted from an exam, must have a score of 2939 or higher on two exams.

Discipline:

- No more than **two (2)** discipline referrals/incidents **per marking period**.
- No ISS **per marking period**, if ISS should be a consequence, then the student will be ineligible for 9 weeks.
- No OSS consequences – OSS will eliminate a student from eligibility for the remainder of the school year.

Attendance:

- No more than **two (2)** unexcused absences **per marking period**.
- No more than **two (2)** tardy to class or **two (2)** tardy to school **per marking period**.

Other:

- All student obligations must be met (financial and otherwise).

Monitoring Benchmarks:

- Interim date for each marking period
- End of marking period
- Random checks, if warranted, may occur between monitoring benchmarks.
- SOAR can be revoked at any time if criteria is no longer met (***student will be notified***)
- SOAR can be restored when criteria is met again (***student’s responsible for notifying office***)

Process:

- Students submit an application with signed parent permission.
- Students are notified of eligibility upon receipt of signed permission form, verification of eligibility, verbal confirmation by a parent, and meeting with a Principal.
- Students are required to sign in upon arrival to school by **8:35 am (Activity Schedule by 8:30 am)** and sign out in the office starting at **2:15 pm, the start of Supervised Study and during an Activity Schedule**.
- ***Once signed out, students must leave school property and are not permitted to return during the regular school day.***
- Transportation is not provided by the school district; it is suggested that parents set clear rules for their daughter/son regarding transportation involving other students.

Seniors who participated in SOAR as a junior, may start SOAR at the beginning of their senior year under the following conditions:

- Submit a new SOAR application by the last day of school of their junior year.
- Eligibility to start SOAR at the beginning of the new school year will be based on the final grades and other criteria from the previous school year.
- Students will be notified by email over the summer of approval or denial to SOAR.
- A meeting will be held with the building principal on the first day of school during Supervised Study. SOAR will begin on the second day of school for eligible seniors.
- If any criteria for eligibility is changed, the changes will be applied during the new school year.

****We understand the rules and procedures of the SOAR Excellence Program for Seniors and Juniors and we agree to honor all such rules and procedures. ****

_____	_____	_____
Student Name (printed)	Signature of Student	Grade
_____	_____	_____
Parent Name (printed)	Signature of Parent	Date

Transportation arrangements (*check all that apply*): Student will transport self Parent/Guardian will transport

Student is permitted to ride with another student: _____ (*name of other student*)

Student is permitted to transport another student: _____ (*name of other student*)

Once verbal parent permission is received, there will be a meeting with a Principal regarding the requirements of SOAR and the expectations for arrival and early dismissal times.

I have reviewed the requirements and the expectations for arrival and early dismissal times in order to participate in the SOAR Excellence Program.

_____	_____
Signature of Student	Date
_____	_____
Signature of Principal/Assistant Principal	Date

Office use only: Parent Confirmation: _____ Initials: _____ Date: _____ ID: _____ Period: _____ Duration: _____