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### Haynes Bridge School Clubs/Activities Permission Form

Haynes Bridge Comic/Graphic Novel Club  
(name of club/activity)

Description of club/activity:

Who can join: Any student

This club meets at the following time(s) *\*clubs will not meet when school is not in session.*

Students are expected to be picked up by \_\_\_\_\_. ***\*students who are picked up late will lose the privilege of participating in the activity after the second warning.***

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend and participate the  
(print student's name)

activities associated with \_\_\_\_\_ at Haynes Bridge Middle School.  
(name of club/activity)

I will drop my student off/pick my student up on time. I understand that I am responsible for transportation, and/or allow my student to walk home. I understand that all activities will be supervised by a staff member and conducted on school property.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (work)

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (relationship)

Student Allergies/ Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs or Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that participation in clubs is a privilege and that my first priority is to focus on my academics. If my grades begin to slip below passing, I may be asked to leave the club until my grades have improved. I also understand that any misconduct on my part will result in removal from the club, and severe misconduct will result in disciplinary action by the school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(student signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your time and interest in the Haynes Bridge Comic and Graphic Novel Club for your son or daughter. This club will read comics during club time and discuss comics read during the class and at home. Students will be allowed to bring comics from home to share when desired. The school staff, club members or school district will not be responsible for these comics brought into the school.

Most comics read will be of the Marvel and DC variety, titles such as Spiderman, Batman and Superman. Many comics have a rating system to inform parents of the content included in the story. Here is a brief outline of the system.

### **How Does Marvel Comics Rate Their Books?**

According to Marvel's editor in chief, Axel Alonso, "Not all comics are intended for kids—which is why we label our comics for their intended audience. That said, most of our content is PG-rated material aimed at a multiplex audience."

Here are the specific ratings you'll find on a Marvel comic:

- **All Ages.** These comics are rated by default, meaning they don't have any rating at all on the cover. That signals the content has been judged appropriate for children, teens, and adults alike.
- **A** Appropriate for age 9 and up. These are typically the flagship comics from Marvel, such as Fantastic Four or Amazing Spider-Man. Books with this rating will be typically absent of profanity or adult content, but will be full of action and might include words that many younger children won't understand (i.e. "invulnerable").
- **T+** Suggested for Teens and Up. Comics with this rating are comparable to a PG-13 movie rating. According to Bill Rosemann of Marvel Comics, "In these titles you can generally find the violence and language turned up a notch. Recommended for our teen and adult readers." These are books like Punisher, Elektra, and Marvel Knights.
- **Parental Advisory.** Comics with this rating are intended for adults only, and could contain profanity, partial nudity, and graphic violence. Consider this the "R" rating you'd see on a comparable movie.
- **Max: Explicit Content.** Basically the NC-17 of comics.

### **How Are DC Comics Rated?**

- **E – Everyone.** Cartoon violence and comic mischief at best. Typically suitable for children (or for the young at heart!).
- **T – Teen.** This is DC Comics' version of a PG-13 rating, and will likely include action-style violence and mild profanity.
- **T+ – Teen Plus.** A unique rating that falls somewhere in between "T" and "Mature." Typically targeting readers ages 16 and up, these books will likely contain some profanity and suggestive themes, but no nudity.
- **Mature.** Intended for readers 18 and older. May contain nudity, intense violence, extensive profanity, and sexual themes.

No comic read or discussed during the club will include any comic above the Teen rating and will not include T+. Feel free to contact me with any questions about anything concerning the club or the content used. Upon request any reading material we use provided staff may be provided for you to see.

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My signature below signifies that I approve of my child \_\_\_\_\_ participating in the Haynes Bridge Middle Comic/Graphic Novel Club.

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Parent signature