



BISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct

Extracurricular Programs in the Boerne Independent School District are intended to be a strong and integral part of the overall education process. These programs supplement and enrich the required academic workload by providing invaluable experiences in teamwork, sportsmanship, sacrifice, and discipline. Participation is strongly encouraged in order that students may realize a well-rounded high school experience.

Extracurricular Programs are the most recognizable groups in a school. This makes it extremely important that they understand their position as role models for complete honesty, strong character, unquestionable integrity, and good judgment. Extracurricular Programs are not a **RIGHT** guaranteed for all. They are a **PRIVILEGE** and therefore must be monitored as such.

Participants in the Extracurricular Programs will not be allowed to act in any manner that brings embarrassment to their team, their program, their school, or their community. If and when such behavior occurs, the student's sponsor is authorized to require disciplinary consequences. Serious or repeated violations can result in suspension or in removal from the team or program.

The intention of this policy is to encourage participants to demonstrate responsibility for their actions and judgment.

I affirm that I have read and received a copy of the BISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

DATE



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Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, BISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in these activities. Therefore, this Extracurricular

Code of Conduct extends beyond the BISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. In case of a conflict between this Code and the activity or sport-specific campus handbook, this Code will prevail.

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct will be enforced with all students grades 6th – 12th participating in extracurricular activities regardless of:

- Whether school is in session.
- Whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs.
- Whether the extracurricular activity is in-season.
- Where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the BISD Student Code of Conduct will incur consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and from his or her coach or sponsor for the same particular violation. It is also possible that a student participating in extracurricular activities could violate the BISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the BISD Student Code of Conduct.

General Expectations for Student Conduct

In order to promote safety and a positive educational experience for all students, the district expects students who participate in extracurricular activities to adhere to seven basic standards of conduct:

1. Exercise self-control, self-respect, and self-discipline.
2. Demonstrate a positive attitude.
3. Be courteous and respectful toward all fellow participants, school faculty and staff members, spectators, parents, and officials, whether from Boerne ISD or from any other school district.
4. Respect school property.
5. Support the learning process.
6. Adhere to rules, and
7. Promote a safe environment.

The Extracurricular Code of Conduct cannot address each and every possible act of student misbehavior. To that end, the district retains discretion to address student misconduct that is inconsistent with these seven standards even if the conduct in question is not specifically included in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

Loss of Privilege (Deferred Adjudication, Probation, Felony or Class A Misdemeanor):

A student in grades 6 through 12 will lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities during any period of deferred adjudication or probation. A student in grades 6 through 12 shall lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities during any period they are:

- Under indictment for a felony; or

- Awaiting a final determination of guilt or innocence in connection with either a felony or any offense punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor, whether the felony or offense was committed on or off campus.

Loss of Privilege (Selling or Delivering): Selling or delivering marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, abusable glue, aerosol paint, or any other mood-changing, mind altering, or behavior-affecting drug is strictly prohibited and will result in a student's elimination from further participation in all extracurricular activities for:

- First offense, one calendar year
- Second offense, remainder of the student's school career.

Loss of Privilege (Suspension, DAEP, and Expulsion): A student in grades 6 through 12 shall lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities during any period of suspension, placement in Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), or Expulsion.

Loss of Privilege (Possession or Use of Prohibited Items): A student in grades 6 through 12 who consumes, uses, or possess alcohol or other illegal drugs in any form including tobacco, electronic cigarettes or other vaping devices and/or paraphernalia, shall lose the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities for:

- First offense: The student shall be suspended from competition in extracurricular activities for 21 calendar days if the offense occurs during the season for that activity. The student shall not be permitted to participate in practices or other activities associated with the extracurricular activity. If the offense occurs out of season, 21 hours of community service must be performed within 30 days in order to establish eligibility for next season. No in season participation shall begin until all community service hours have been completed. If the 21-hour community service requirement is not satisfactorily fulfilled, the student shall be suspended from competition for 21 calendar days when the season begins. The authenticity of the community service shall be verified by the campus administration.
- Second offense: The student shall be suspended from participating in extracurricular activities for 42 calendar days from the date the penalty is imposed. In addition, the student must perform 30 hours of community service during that suspension period.
- Third offense: The student shall be excluded from participation in all extracurricular activities for one calendar year with subsequent reinstatement subject to approval by the principal.

It is the intent of this policy that all penalties, sanctions, suspensions, and removals shall be imposed only upon notice and after due process has been afforded the student. Nothing in this policy shall exclude or limit a coach, director or sponsor from documenting and addressing breaches of sportsmanship and team rules by imposing disciplinary consequences that are determined within each program. Repeated such violations may lead to dismissal from the program.