

# Bay City Independent School District Extracurricular Code of Conduct

## 1. Extracurricular Activities: General Provisions

### What is an Extracurricular Activity?

- < Any University Interscholastic League (UIL), School District, or campus-sponsored or related public performances, events, contests, demonstrations, displays, club activities, athletics, whether on- or off-campus;
- < Any elected offices and honors (such as student counsel and homecoming queen);
- < All co-curricular activities, which are those held in conjunction with a credit-bearing class, but that may take place outside of school and outside of the school day (such as band and choir);
- < All national organizations (such as National Honor Society or Future Farmers of America); and
- < Any activity held in conjunction with another activity that is considered to be an extracurricular activity (such as a meeting, practice, or fundraiser).

### Why are Extracurricular Activities Important?

- < They promote self-discipline, responsibility, leadership, teamwork, self-confidence, commitment, and student wellness.
- < They enhance and enrich curricular educational offerings.
- < They offer participants the opportunity to be leaders and role models on campus and in the community.
- < They enable participants to represent the School District in a positive manner.

## 2. Jurisdiction

### Who is Subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct?

Any student who participates in one or more extracurricular activities is subject to the Extracurricular Code of Conduct (ECC). A student is subject to the ECC from the time he/she is selected for, elected to, or otherwise joins an extracurricular activity and continues to be subject to the ECC from that point forward unless or until the student no longer participates in extracurricular activities.

### When Does the Extracurricular Code of Conduct Apply?

The privilege of representing the School District carries with it a greater responsibility to conduct oneself with respect and dignity, and to serve as a role model for all students. Consequently, extracurricular activity participants are expected to comply with the ECC at all times, regardless of location. This includes both on and off-campus conduct as well as evenings, weekends, holidays, and summer vacation.

## 3. Conduct Expectations

## What is Expected of Extracurricular Activity Participants?

Participants in extracurricular activities are representatives of the School District, and must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the School District at all times. Specifically, they must:

- < Maintain an average of 70% or better in all academic courses, except as provided in District policy FM (Legal);
- < Be punctual and prepared for all games, practices, meetings, performances, camps, and/or other scheduled events related to an extracurricular activity;
- < Treat all school property with respect and ensure that school property is returned upon request and in good condition (excluding reasonable wear and tear);
- < Abide by the District's dress and grooming standards for students as well as any dress and grooming standards applicable to the specific extracurricular activity;
- < Comply with UIL rules, including those related to random steroid testing, if applicable;
- < Be courteous and respectful toward all fellow participants, school faculty and staff members, spectators, parents, and officials, whether from Bay City ISD or from any other school district;
- < Provide 24 hours advance written notice to the coach or sponsor of an activity if they are unable to attend a game, practice, meeting, performance, and/or other scheduled event related to the extracurricular activity;
- < Comply with all rules and guidelines in the ECC and those established for a specific extracurricular activity in which the student participates; and
- < Comply with and adhere to the behavioral standards identified in the District's Student Code of Conduct.

## 4. Prohibited Conduct

### What Conduct is Prohibited for Extracurricular Activity Participants?

#### Category A Violations:

- < Sells, gives, delivers to another person or possesses, uses or is under the influence of any amount of: marijuana or a controlled substance, a dangerous drug,
- < Possessing or selling look-alike drugs or items attempted to be passed off as drugs or contraband
- < Sells, gives, uses or delivers to another person, possession of or is under the influence of alcohol
- < Offense relating to abusive substances,
- < Offense of public lewdness or indecent exposure, Offense of serious sexual contact
- < Offense of retaliation
- < Terrorist threat
- < Physical contact with an employee with the implied intent to intimidate or cause harm
- < Off campus conduct in which the student received deferred prosecution for a Title V 30 felony
- < Engaging in delinquent misconduct
- < Persistent misconduct
- < Gang-related behavior including pledging to become a member, solicits another student to join, clothing, drawings, signs

#### Category B Violations:

- < fails to give identification of name when asked by district employee
- < Trespassing on school grounds
- < Disrupting activities, school process, or classes
- < Disrupting transportation
- < Personal hazing and or organization hazing
- < Stealing from students' staff, or the school
- < Criminal mischief
- < Possessing or displaying inappropriate materials including but not limited to gang symbols, paraphernalia, or drawings,
- < Offensive gesture towards an employee,
- < Abusive indecent, profane, or vulgar language which implies intent to harm
- < Gross insubordination,
- < Abusive indecent, threatening, profane, or vulgar language directed towards an employee
- < Non-minor sexual harassment
- < Possession and/or concealment of a weapon
- < Perjury or lying as a witness during a school investigation
- < Engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct
- < Behavior that is illegal
- < Accessing exhibiting, displaying or possessing offensive or obscene material including, but not limited to, pornographic material, videos, magazines, vulgar song lyrics, or material from the internet,

**Note:** Category A Violations will result in mandatory placement in DAEP is defined as those offenses that require placement by state law and those offenses designated by the Board of Education as to require mandatory placement.

## 5. Prohibited Conduct Continued

### What Conduct is Prohibited for Extracurricular Activity Participants?

#### Category C Violations:

- < Gambling
- < Cutting class
- < Harassing
- < Possessing matches or lighters
- < Using items that disrupt the school process
- < Violating cafeteria rules
- < Violating required school attendance laws
- < Attempting physical contact with another student with the implied intent to intimidate or cause harm
- < Selling or soliciting for sale unauthorized merchandise
- < Engaging in any misbehavior that gives school officials reasonable cause to believe that such conduct will substantially disrupt the school program or incite violence
- < Failing to comply with directives given by school personnel Forging or writing parent's or staff's name
- < Giving false information to a staff member
- < Violating traffic rules
- < Persisting in Class D misconduct

#### Category D Violations:

- < Inappropriate language
- < Unwilling or lazy attitude, poor work ethic
- < Disrespect to the teaching, administrative, or coaching staff
- < Disrespect to a game official
- < Display of temper
- < Not responsive to a coach or Sponsors request
- < Argumentative attitude
- < Habitual disregard for rules
- < Negative effect on team morale
- < Unsportsmanlike behavior

**Note:** Students placed in DAEP are ineligible to participate in or attend extracurricular activities pursuant to Texas Education Code § 37.006(g).

**Note:** The standards of the ECC are independent of the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of these standards of behavior that are also violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in a student being disciplined under both standards.

## 6. Consequences – Option 1

### Category A Violations:

#### First Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation for the duration of DAEP placement, and will be placed on a behavior contract for the Remainder of the school year.

#### Second Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation for the remainder of the school year and will be placed on a behavior contract for and will be placed on a behavioral contract for the entire following school year.

#### Third Offense:

The student's participation in **all** extracurricular activities will be revoked for the remainder of the time the student attends that campus.

### Category B Violations:

#### First Offenses:

The student will be suspended from participation for six school weeks and will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of the school year.

#### Second Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation from **all** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. If the violation occurs within 3 school weeks of the end of the current school year, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of the next semester, including any extracurricular activities or events during the summer months.

#### Third Offense:

The student's participation in **all** extracurricular activities will be revoked for the remainder of the time the student attends that campus.

**Definition: "weeks"** means school weeks, but also includes any non-school weeks in which an extracurricular competition or event occurs, such as camps during the summer or on school holidays.

**Definition: "suspension"** means that the student will not be permitted to participate in any competition, contest, scrimmage, performance, or election associated with an extracurricular activity. The student may continue to participate in practices.

**Note:** An extracurricular activity participant starts each school year with a clean slate, unless he or she had participation in extracurricular activities revoked during the previous school year, in which case that revocation continues from year to year. In addition, any consequences that were assessed during the prior school year for which the student owes additional suspension or behavior contract time must still be completed. For example, a student who was suspended from participation for 4 school weeks during the last week of school may have an additional 3 weeks of suspension to complete with the next school year.

## 7. Consequences – Option 1

### Category C Violations:

#### First Offense:

The student will receive a verbal warning and reprimand and will be directed to refrain from future violations.

#### Second Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation for one school weeks and will be placed on a behavior contract for six school weeks.

#### Third Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation for one school weeks and will be placed on a behavior contract for six school weeks.

#### Forth Offense

The student will be suspended from participation from **all** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. If the violation occurs within 3 school weeks of the end of the current school year, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of the next semester, including any extracurricular activities or events during the summer months.

#### Fourth Offense:

The student's participation in **all** extracurricular activities will be revoked for the remainder of the time the student attends that campus.

**Definition: “weeks”** means school weeks, but also includes any non-school weeks in which an extracurricular competition or event occurs, such as camps during the summer or on school holidays.

### Category D Violations:

#### First and Second Offense:

The student will receive a verbal warning and reprimand and will be directed to refrain from future violations.

#### Third and Forth Offenses:

The student will be suspended from participation for one school week and will be placed on a behavior contract for six school weeks.

#### Fifth Offense:

The student will be suspended from participation for six school weeks and will be placed on a behavior contract for the remainder of the school year.

#### Sixth Offense

The student will be suspended from participation from **all** extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school year. If the violation occurs within 3 school weeks of the end of the current school year, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of the next semester, including any extracurricular activities or events during the summer months.

#### Seventh Offense:

The student's participation in **all** extracurricular activities will be revoked for the remainder of the time the student attends that campus.

**Definition: “suspension”** means that the student will not be permitted to participate in any competition, contest, scrimmage, performance, or election associated with an extracurricular activity. The student may continue to participate in practices.

<p><b>Who Determines that a Violation of the ECC has Occurred?</b></p>	<p><b>How Will Parents be Notified that a Violation of the ECC has Occurred?</b></p>
<p><b>6. Procedures</b></p>	
<p>a violation of the ECC has occurred and will assess the appropriate consequence.</p> <p><b>How will Consequences be Assessed for Different Violations of the ECC?</b></p> <p>Consequences for violating the District's ECC are assessed based on the severity of the violation and the commission of prior ECC violations.</p> <p><b>Is a Student Entitled to Participate in Extracurricular Activities?</b></p> <p>No. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right. As such, a student's participation may be revoked at the District's discretion.</p>	<p><i>suspension from participation</i> in extracurricular activities. The activity sponsor or coach will contact the student and the student's parent via telephone or face-to-face conference within 5 school days from the time the activity sponsor or coach learns of such a violation. At this time, the activity sponsor or coach will inform the parent and student that a violation of the ECC has occurred, discuss with them the applicable consequences, and give the student an opportunity to respond to the allegations.</p> <p><b>What if a Parent Does Not Agree with the Decision?</b></p> <p>All appeals will be addressed through the District's complaint process, contained in policies FNG (Legal) and (Local). A decision of the Bay City ISD Board of Trustees regarding an extracurricular activity complaint is final and is not appealable.</p>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_