

Royse City Independent School District EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

I. Extracurricular Activities

The term “extracurricular activities” means, without limitation, all interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, drill team, academic clubs, special interest clubs, musical performances, dramatic productions, student government, and any other activity or group that participates in contests, competitions, or community service projects on behalf of, or as a representative of the District. The term includes any non-curricular event and membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees and the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct*.

II. Jurisdiction

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Royse City ISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with this important difference: participation in the regular curriculum is a right afforded to each student, while participation in the extracurricular program is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct. Students engaging in extracurricular activities represent not only themselves, but also other students and the school district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies the student to the community or public in any setting as Royse City ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Royse City ISD student body at all times and places.

Important goals of the extracurricular program are to give students direction in developing self-discipline, responsibility, pride, loyalty, leadership, teamwork, respect for authority, and healthy living habits.

Because participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right, RCISD 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 Student Conduct* extends beyond the *Royse City ISD 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, the Code will prevail. This *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* will be enforced with all students grades 7-12 participating in extracurricular activities:

- regardless of whether school is in session;
- regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
- regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- regardless of whether the extracurricular activity is in-season; and
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

It is possible that a student who violates the *Royse City ISD 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 *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the *Royse City ISD Student Code of Conduct*.

III. Conduct Expectations

The following conduct is expected of all participants. Failure to meet these expectations can result in disciplinary action by the coach or sponsor:

- Student Commitment to a team or organization is expected for the entire season or activity. Students are encouraged to participate in more than one extracurricular activity; however students may not quit one sport or organization in order to participate in another while the sport or club that he or she quit is still active, unless the sponsors/coaches from BOTH activities agree to the change.
- Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involve competition among schools and school districts will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. This includes behavior toward visiting teams or hosting teams as well as the opponent’s fans. RCISD participants will be noted for clean, tough, competitive play. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability.
- Students should arrive to practices (including workouts), meetings, and events on time and be prepared.
- Students who cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event should call the coach, sponsor, team captain, or club president as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. Missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made-up; however, disciplinary action may still be taken if a participant is absent more than two times in a semester.
- Injured or ill students who are unable to participate, but are able to attend a practice (including workouts), meeting or event are required to dress appropriately and sit or stand with the rest of the group.
- Students are required to show respect at all times to coaches and sponsors.

- Students will follow the dress code in the *Student Handbook*. They shall refrain from wearing hair styles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves. Male students participating in are encouraged to be clean shaven. Coaches may require students to follow stricter guidelines.
- Students should follow the rules promulgated in the *RCISD Student Code of Conduct*. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.

IV. Prohibited Conduct

Royse City ISD students who participate in extracurricular activities are prohibited at all times from:

- possessing, smoking, selling, or using tobacco products;
- possessing or using drug paraphernalia;
- possessing, selling, or delivering to another person look-alike drugs or items represented to be drugs or contraband of any kind
- possessing, selling, giving, delivering to another person, using or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, or any dangerous drug (it is a defense if the student possesses or is under the influence of a prescription drug for which the student has a legal prescription in their name and for which the student has followed the instructions on the label);
- engaging in conduct that contains the elements of an offense relating to glue, aerosol paint, or volatile, mood-altering chemicals;
- engaging in serious misbehavior, as that term is defined in the *RCISD Student Code of Conduct*;
- attending any event at which underage drinking or smoking is occurring (students will be allowed a slight concession for an amount of time long enough to determine that a violation is occurring and to leave the premises);
- riding in a vehicle containing alcohol unless a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult is present and aware of the presence of the alcohol;
- stealing;
- conduct that causes injury or harm to persons or property;
- any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations from law enforcement officers [excluding traffic violations and similar class C misdemeanors];
- inappropriate touching including "making out" in public places, sexual gestures, or exposing parts of the body that are ordinarily covered up in public;
- inappropriate behavior in public places.

V. Procedures

The superintendent, principal, athletic director, other involved administrator, coach and/or sponsor will determine whether an *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* violation has occurred.

Upon determination of an *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* violation, the following individuals will be notified:

- the student and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s); and/or
- the appropriate principal and school counselor. The school counselor may provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood-altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities.

I have read the Royse City ISD *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* **and** the *Royse City ISD Notice* concerning drug testing of students participating in extracurricular activities, and agree to adhere to these rules as a condition for my voluntary participation in Royse City ISD extracurricular activities. I understand that failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures related to my extracurricular participation.

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I have read the Royse City ISD *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* **and** the *Royse City ISD Notice* concerning drug testing of students participating in extracurricular activities, and understand requirements for my child's voluntary participation in Royse City ISD extracurricular activities. I understand the consequences that my child will face if he or she fails to adhere to these rules and agree to such terms.

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