

MINEOLA ISD

EXTRACURRICULAR STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sponsors and coaches of extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics and marching band, may develop and enforce codes of conduct that are more stringent than this policy and may condition membership or participation in the activity on adherence to that code of conduct. Extracurricular codes of conduct may take into consideration conduct that occurs outside of the schools' usual jurisdiction. No provision of an extracurricular code of conduct shall have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex, race, disability, religion, or ethnicity.

The Athletic Director, Principal and Superintendent shall approve such codes before they are communicated to the students. Students shall be informed of any extracurricular code of conduct at the beginning of each school year or, in the case of interscholastic athletics and marching band, at the time the students report for workouts or practice that occur prior to the actual beginning of classes. Students and their parents shall sign and return to the sponsor or coach a statement that they have read the extracurricular code of conduct and consent to it as a condition of participation in the activity.

Extracurricular activity codes of conduct may include disciplinary measures related to participation in the activity, including removal or suspension from participation. If the conduct for which a student is removed or suspended from the activity is also conduct that violates the general code of student conduct and the conduct occurs while the student is not under the school's jurisdiction, the student shall also be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The presence of an extracurricular activity code of conduct shall not limit or restrict the availability of removal of school honors or removal from participation in extracurricular activities as a discipline management technique for conduct that violates the general code of student conduct.

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Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Mineola ISD makes extracurricular activities available as an extension of the regular school program, with one 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 themselves, but also other students and school district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities and while wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies the students to the community or public in any setting as a Mineola ISD student. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Mineola ISD student body at all times and places.

An important goal of the extracurricular program is 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, the Mineola ISD is authorized to set higher standards for participants of extracurricular activities than it would for those students who choose not to participate in extracurricular activities. Therefore, the Extracurricular Code of Conduct extends beyond the Mineola ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline.

A student is not required to take part in extracurricular activities, nor are they required for graduation. Therefore, extracurricular activities are a privilege, and it is recognized that some of the expectations for participants in extracurricular activities will exceed the expectations for the general student body.

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct will include all students, grades 7-12 participating in extracurricular activities, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, three hundred sixty five days a year.

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

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 a student 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. Students removed for disciplinary reasons or those who quit must wait until the conclusion of the previous activity. A notification must be sent to the Athletic Director.

Students involved in outside organizations are committed to the school program over outside programs, such as YMCA, club teams or select teams. Any involvement in outside activities that interfere with or affect performance in school activities without permission of the activity supervisor could be reason for dismissal from team.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities that involve competition between school 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. Mineola ISD participants will be noted for clean, tough competitive play. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability.

Students should arrive for practices, meetings, and events on time and be prepared.

Students are responsible for use of all equipment and its return to the school in the best possible condition.

Students on school trips must travel to and from events with the team or group. Exceptions may be requested in writing prior to the event through the activity supervisor. All paper work will be initiated through the activity sponsor (acceptable request; church, school, or emergency)

Students who cannot be present for a practice, meeting, or event will be responsible for calling the activity supervisor before their practice, meeting, or event takes place. Missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made-up; however unexcused absences will incur disciplinary action plus a make-up. Excessive unexcused absences (4) will lead to removal from the activity. Extended excused absences will be adjusted at the discretion of the activity supervisor.

Practice may not always fall on school days. Failure to practice on these days will lead to disciplinary actions. Activities on Sundays are prohibited by U.I.L. except injury treatment.

Injured or ill students, who are unable to participate, but are able to attend practice, meetings or events are required to dress appropriately and follow directions of activity supervisor. All injuries must be reported to their activity sponsor and athletic trainer.

Students are required to show respect at all times to coaches, sponsors, and school personnel.

Student athletes will not wear hairstyles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves, or those that interfere with safety or performance of a particular activity. Spiked hair, multi-colored hair, dreadlocks, artificially colored hair or any hairstyle that is disruptive is not allowed. Male athletes will not wear earrings. The activity supervisor's decision of grooming and dress code will be final and unappealable. A copy of each activities grooming and dress code additional guidelines must be approved by a District Supervisor (Athletic Director for athletes and Principal for all others).

Students should follow the rules found in the Mineola ISD 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. Failure to comply with the code of conduct could lead to disciplinary action or removal from all extracurricular activities. A list of disciplinary actions for violation of these rules must be given to the Athletic Director or District Wide Supervisor.

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

1. Any conduct resulting in arrest and /or citations other than traffic violations from law enforcement officers.
2. Persistent misbehavior (list not inclusive) ISS, AEP, discipline referrals, using profanity, lewd or vulgar language, obscene gestures, fighting, hazing, vandalism, or damaging school property of any school district. Any violation of the persistent misbehaviors may result in removal from the activity by a district wide supervisor. Discipline for persistent misbehavior will be handled by the activity sponsor and approved through the District Wide Supervisor.

Any violation of these rules will lead to removal from all extracurricular activities for one full calendar year.

1. Being caught in possession of an illegal drug. (Marijuana, Crack, Etc.)
2. Possession or using any illegal weapon.
3. Stealing at school or at a school related activity.

Alternative School Placement: If a student is removed from an activity for more than five days because of a disciplinary reason, the activity sponsor will establish re-entry requirements. A copy of re-entry requirements will be sent to the Athletic Director.

Any Excessive Failure of Classes: Any student that has excessive failures for a continued length of time will have a parent conference and be placed on probation for six weeks. If substantial improvement is not made during this time the student will be removed from that extracurricular activity (put in off season) and cannot join another activity until the previous activity is completed. Once the student has passed all classes he/she may go through a re-entry program to be reinstated to the activity.

Removal From Activity: In certain cases students removed from extracurricular activities will have the opportunity to go through a voluntary re-entry program to regain eligibility. The length of time missed will determine the amount of time spent in the re-entry program.

In-School Suspensions: Extracurricular participants placed in SAC will adhere to the same guidelines as "No Pass No Play". They will practice before or after school and will also have a workout to do during their normal athletic period but will not be able to participate in outside competition until completing their SAC assignment. Any athlete that does not show up on these days for practice will be given an unexcused absence and an appropriate make-up.

MONITORING GUIDELINES

The high school and junior high Principals are directly responsible to ensure that these guidelines in all activities, except athletics, are strictly adhered to. The District Athletic Director is responsible to ensure that these guidelines in athletic activities are strictly adhered to. Consistency throughout the district is imperative. No variance will be allowed.

The supervisor of the activity along with the coaches, sponsors, and all other district employees will be responsible to watch for violations of the above rules. A student can be found to have violated these rules

only on the basis of credible reports from school district personnel, or law enforcement agencies. The Principal and or Athletic Director will determine credibility of the report. Criminal charges that have been filed against the student will automatically be considered credible. The student will have the opportunity to respond to the report in an informal, oral conference with the Principal or Athletic Director. Suspension decisions shall be based upon a complete investigation by school officials under the guidelines set herein and under the supervision of the Superintendent.

No student will be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity until the acknowledgement of rules and these guidelines have been signed and returned to the sponsor or coach by the student and the parent or guardian.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Students suspended from extracurricular activities under this policy shall not miss any academic class related to any extracurricular activity.

PROCEDURES

Any student removed from participation in all extracurricular activities under this policy shall be given:

1. The reason(s) for the removal.
2. The time provisions of the removal.
3. The procedures for re-entering the program.
4. Information on availability of counseling, as appropriate.
5. The process to appeal the removal.

THE ABOVE PROCEDURES WILL BE IN WRITING AND A COPY WILL BE GIVEN, OR MAILED TO THE PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS

Please read the above guidelines sign and return this acknowledgement to the appropriate sponsor or coach of the activity in which you are participating.

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I have read and understand the above guidelines regarding the MISD Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct.

(Students Signature)

(Date)

(Parent / Guardian Signature)

(Date)