



2025 – 2026 Extracurricular Code of Conduct

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Waxahachie ISD Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct

Extracurricular Activities

Sponsors, coaches, and program directors of extracurricular and co-curricular activities 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 school's usual jurisdiction. No provision of an extracurricular code of conduct shall have the effect of discriminating based on sex, race, disability, religion, or ethnicity.

Such codes must be approved by the principal and the Superintendent before being communicated to students. Students shall be informed of any extracurricular code of conduct at the beginning of each school year or at the time they report for workouts or practice that occur prior to the start of classes. Students and their parents shall sign, either digitally or in-person, a statement indicating 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 also violates the general Student Code of Conduct and occurs while the student is not under the school's jurisdiction, the student shall still be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Waxahachie 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 extracurricular programs is a privilege that carries additional expectations for acceptable conduct.

Students engaging in extracurricular activities represent themselves, other students, and the district when performing, competing, or participating in extracurricular activities. This includes times when wearing uniforms or other clothing that identifies them as a Waxahachie ISD student. Therefore, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the core values of Waxahachie ISD at all times.

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 is a privilege, Waxahachie ISD is authorized to set higher standards for students involved in extracurricular activities. The Extracurricular Code of Conduct extends beyond the Waxahachie ISD Student Code of Conduct not only in the types of behavior it prohibits, but also in the consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline.

This Extracurricular Code of Conduct applies to all students in grades 7-12 who participate in any extracurricular activities, and remains in effect at all times, including outside the school day and school year.

A student may receive consequences from both the appropriate school administrator and the activity supervisor for the same incident. It is also possible that a student could violate this Extracurricular Code and face consequences from the coach or sponsor without having violated the general Student Code of Conduct.

Conduct Expectations

The following expectations apply to all participants. Failure to meet these expectations may 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 multiple extracurricular activities. Students removed for disciplinary reasons must wait until the conclusion of the previous activity before joining another. A notification must be sent to the coach, sponsor, or director.
- Students involved in outside organizations must prioritize school programs over outside teams (e.g., YMCA, club, or select teams). Participation in outside activities without permission from the activity supervisor may result in dismissal from the team.
- Students must always demonstrate good sportsmanship when competing with other schools. This includes behavior toward visiting and host teams, as well as toward opposing fans. WISD participants should be known for clean, tough, competitive play.
- Students must arrive on time and be prepared for practices, meetings, and events.
- Students are responsible for the use and return of all equipment in the best possible condition.
- Students must travel to and from events with the team or group using school transportation. Exceptions must be requested in writing prior to the event through the activity sponsor. Acceptable reasons include church, school obligations, or emergencies. Other circumstances will be considered at the discretion of the coach, sponsor, or director.

- Students who will be absent from a practice, meeting, or event must contact the activity supervisor as soon as possible. Missed practices or workouts must be made up. Unexcused absences may result in make-up work and, if excessive, removal from the activity.
- Practices and competitions may occur on non-school days, including weekends or holidays.
- Injured or ill students who are unable to participate physically but are able to attend must be present, dressed appropriately, and follow the directions of the activity supervisor. All injuries must be reported to the sponsor. Failure to report may result in lack of coverage by school insurance.
- Students must always show respect toward coaches, sponsors, and school personnel.
- Students will not wear hairstyles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves, or those that interfere with safety or performance of a particular activity.
- Students are required to follow the rules outlined in the Waxahachie ISD Student Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary measures, including removal from extracurricular activities.

Prohibited Conduct

Waxahachie ISD students participating in extracurricular activities are always prohibited from:

- Any conduct resulting in arrest and/or citations, excluding minor traffic violations.
- Persistent misbehavior (not a complete list): ISS, AEP, excessive discipline referrals, use of profanity, lewd or vulgar language, obscene gestures, fighting, hazing, vandalism, or damage to school property or the property of other school districts.

Violations of persistent misbehavior may result in removal from the activity by a District-Wide Supervisor. Discipline will be handled by the activity sponsor and approved by the District-Wide Supervisor.

Consequences for Violations:

- **First Offense:** Loss of 10% of current or next scheduled activity.
- **Second Offense:** Loss of 20% of current or next scheduled activity.

- **Third Offense:** Removal from all extracurricular activities for one calendar year.

Any offense not reported by the student before the end of the next school day will result in double disciplinary action.

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

Alternative School Placement

If a student is removed from an activity for more than five days due to disciplinary reasons, the activity sponsor will establish re-entry requirements. A copy of these requirements will be submitted to the director or program leader.

Removal from Activity

In certain cases, students removed from extracurricular activities may be allowed to participate in one voluntary re-entry program to regain eligibility. The required length of participation in the program will depend on the time spent out of the activity. Additional re-entry opportunities are at the discretion of the coach, sponsor, and director.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

Students assigned to ISS may continue to practice before or after school but may not participate in competitions until the ISS assignment is completed.

Random Drug Testing Policy

Please refer to the Waxahachie ISD Random Drug Testing Policy for all expectations and requirements related to drug testing of extracurricular participants.

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

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian/Conservator Signature