



**WHITEHOUSE INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EXTRACURRICULAR STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT  
2020-2021**

## **Student Code of Conduct**

### **Extracurricular Activities**

The term “extracurricular activities” means any non-curricular event and/or membership or participation in groups, clubs, and organizations recognized by the school district and sponsored by the district or a campus. All University Interscholastic League (UIL) and non-UIL activities and student organizations, such as student council and National Honor Society are extracurricular. Extracurricular activities also include, but are not limited to, public performances, contests, and club events. All extracurricular activity participants, including elected and appointed officers of all campus organizations, are subject to the provisions of this *Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct*.

### **Jurisdiction**

Student participation in extracurricular activities is encouraged. Whitehouse 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 students to the community or public in any setting as Whitehouse ISD students. For this reason, their behavior must be exemplary and reflect the finest attributes of the total Whitehouse 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, Whitehouse ISD 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 Student Code of Conduct* extends beyond the *Whitehouse ISD Student Code of Conduct* not only in types of behavior prohibited, but also in corresponding consequences and jurisdiction for imposing discipline. This *Extracurricular Student Code of Conduct* will be enforced with all students 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 *Whitehouse ISD Code of Student 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 Student Code of Conduct* and be subject to discipline by a coach or sponsor without having violated the *Whitehouse ISD Code of Student Conduct*.

## **School District Authority and Jurisdiction**

### **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.
- 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. Praise your opponents and play beyond your ability.
- Students cannot be present for a practice (including workouts), meeting, or event shall contact the coach, sponsor, or director as soon as they are aware that they will be absent. Missed practices, meetings, or workouts will be made up; however, participants that are absent more than two times in a semester will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Injured or ill students, who are unable to participate, but are able to attend practices (including workouts), meetings, or events 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 shall refrain from wearing hairstyles or hair colors that draw attention to themselves.
- Students shall follow the rules promulgated in the Whitehouse ISD Code of Student Conduct. Failure to do so will result in additional disciplinary measures related to the student's participation in extracurricular activities as determined by the coach or sponsor.

### **Procedures**

The 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);

- Athletic Director, High School Band Director, or UIL Academic Coordinator and/or an appropriate administrator; and/or
- The appropriate school counselor to provide counseling, support, and guidance in dealing with issues associated with alcohol, drugs, mood-altering chemicals, and other prohibited activities.

Nothing in the *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* limits the authority of a coach or sponsor to impose reasonable sanctions, including extra workouts, for students who breach team or organization conduct expectations but do not engage in prohibited conduct.

## **Prohibited Conduct**

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

- Any action(s) listed in the general conduct violations contained in the *Whitehouse ISD Code of Student Conduct*.

## **Disciplinary Action:**

Coaches and sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in administering punishment for *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion. Violation of any of the prohibited conduct rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

Prohibited conduct consequences include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Parent/student/sponsor conference
- Corporal punishment
- Suspension from a team or organization for a specified time
- Expulsion from a team or organization for a specified time
- Removal from office in the case of a student office holder who commits an offense.

The principal will not ordinarily interfere in a coach or sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline but has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his or her assessment of the situation.

## **Expellable Conduct**

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

- Engaging in any misconduct that may result in mandatory or discretionary placement in DAEP or any misconduct that requires expulsion according to the *Whitehouse ISD Code of Student Conduct*.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION: Coaches and sponsors will review all the facts and circumstances surrounding a particular violation and impose appropriate disciplinary action. Coaches and sponsors will strive for consistency in administering punishment for *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct* violations, but will also exercise sound professional discretion.

**Violation of any of the expellable conduct rules by a student participating in extracurricular activities will be subject to immediate removal from all extracurricular activities for a designated time period.**

The principal will not ordinarily interfere in a coach or sponsor's judgment regarding appropriate discipline but has the authority to increase or decrease the punishment based on his or her assessment of the situation.

### **Acknowledgement**

A condition to participating in any extracurricular activity is to sign an acknowledgement that the student has read and understands the *Extracurricular Code of Student Conduct*. The student's parent or guardian must also sign an acknowledgement. The acknowledgement states the signing party understands the consequences from engaging in prohibited and/or expellable conduct.

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